

December 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our Outside – Robert White:

The weather outside was very un-Christmas like, and the air-conditioning flowed inside as one hundred twenty USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Covenant United Methodist Church early this month for our Ole Fashioned Christmas dance. Although not even a hint of snow or ice anywhere, the red and green holiday attire created a festive atmosphere throughout the hall. Carole Eady again performed her holiday magic on the table center pieces and buffet table to spread joy and good cheer for all.

Our USA Dance 2015 Amateur Senior III Champions, John and Kathy Linn, wowed the crowd during our break with both a Paso Doble and a Jive showcase. We thank them for sharing their talent and time for our enjoyment throughout the year. Many thanks also go out to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment to float the dance music across the floor for everyone's pleasure and to make possible our announcements during the dance. He and Nastasya also spent time, away from the dance floor, behind the camera to provide most of the photos you see in this newsletter. We are also very appreciative of the many dancers who regularly supplement the buffet table with their special recipes for everyone's enjoyment. Yummy, Yummy, Yummy!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of our Board of Directors for all of the support they have given me during the year and the hard work they have so selflessly donated toward making this a very successful year for USA Dance Chapter #2012.

Mark your calendar now for our Snowball Gala the second Saturday of January. We have grand plans to welcome ballroom dancers to the dance floor on the 9th as we usher in a new year of dancing in 2016.

Dance Photos - December Dance



Renewing USA Dance Members

The following USA Dance members renewed their membership since the last newsletter:

Rubye Harden, Linda Westbrook, Kathy Linn, Scott Vitell, Natalie Spruelli, Lindy Ward, and Stephen Albers

Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances will cover most of your special cost over the next year. In addition to the \$3 admission discount, being a member of USA Dance is special and has its unique privileges.

Membership gives you the opportunity to look on the web site anywhere in the US and find locations to dance when you are traveling. It also offers the following products, services, and companies that are participating in the USA Dance Membership Benefits program:

For information on this program, visit our website at <http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exiting-opportunity-for-our-members/>. Then go to <http://usadance.org/extra/membership-value/> and click on the link Members also receive a subscription to the USA Dance magazine, *American Dancer*.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter.

Please renew your membership before the expiration date. Once your expiration date passes, the National Membership Computer pulls your name from the active member file.

If you experience any problems with the online system please let us know promptly so that we may assist before your membership expires. We surely do not want to lose you as a part of our dance family.

Music News

We always strive to provide the best in Ballroom music at our events as well as the highest quality in sound for your dancing pleasure. This is an ongoing process.

A test was performed at our December event employing a second pair of speakers positioned at the far end of the hall. This provided wrap around sound being directed from all four corners of the room to better fill the entire area and present a fullness to the music not experienced previously. This test proved successful and we have now made arrangements to purchase the additional speakers necessary to have this same high quality sound for your future dancing pleasure. We hope you will join us and experience this new level of excellence in sound as we move into the new year.

USA Dance - Memphis - 2016 Board of Directors



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GROUP CLASS TID BITS

Dear Santa:
ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A BRAND NEW PAIR OF DANCING SHOES. WE HAVE BEEN GOOD LITTLE DANCERS ALL YEAR LONG AND HAVE PRACTICED OUR POSTURE, TURNS, CONTRA BODY MOVES AND USE OF THE INSIDE EDGE OF THE BALL OF THE FOOT IN RUMBA. P.S. MAKE OUR FEET DANCE MAGICALLY!

As the season comes to an end and the New Year begins we wish to THANK ALL our Wonderful Instructors who taught during the year and to the Hosts who dedicated their time as volunteers on Sunday evenings. 2015 Instructors beginning in: Jan., Ben Stovall; Feb., Stephanie Korpitz; March, Jeannette Jeffries; April, Benji Smith; June, Jorja Jolly; Sept. Arman Sahakyan; Oct., Desirée McCain; and Nov., Joseph Rukendorfer. Our Hosts were: Lee Boden, Jessica Howard, Mary Ann Waddell and Larry Moore.

2016 Group Classes begin Jan. 10 with Instructor BEN STOVALL teaching Waltz at 6pm and Hustle at 7:15pm. - Berclair Civic Club 743 Novarese at Tutwiler - \$7 per class, no partner needed. SO HUSTLE ON IN 2016!

CU on the LOD in 2016: Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. 901-386-2003

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Twelve dancers are dancing, and taking no rest,
And closely their hands together are press'd;
And soon as a dance has come to a close,
Another begins, and each merrily goes;
As another year of dancing soon comes to a close.
Here's hoping to see you on the dance floor as we reconvene...
in twenty sixteen.

