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February 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

The chill of winter arrived with one hundred twenty-four USA Dance members and their guests at Covenant United Methodist Church for our annual Valentine Ball. The dance floor was covered with a sea of red dresses swirling around the floor in the line-of-dance to the first Foxtrot of the evening. Carole Eady performed romantic Valentine magic with centerpieces on the buffet table and the tables surrounding the dance floor. A special round of applause to everyone who contributed an extraordinary Valentine dish to the buffet table for all to enjoy. Desserts laced with chocolate and some strawberry creations that not only tempted the palate but added pounds around one's middle by just looking at them on display. Our thanks to Tim Hnat, who so skillfully operated our sound equipment, and to our music committee for making an excellent selection of dance music.

Our group class instructor for February, Stephanie Korpitz and her partner Cole Sanner, treated the crowd with a romantic Bolero during our break. Congratulations go out to Diane Evans who won the drawing at the first break for a gift certificate donated by Dance Shoes of Tennessee. She may use this anytime at their website or store. It is our understanding that John and Patsy Wilson, owners of Dance Shoes of Tennessee, will be in attendance at our April dance and will be giving away another gift certificate that evening. We look forward to sharing a dance floor with them.

We will again gather at Covenant United Methodist Church the second Saturday of March for the *wearing o' the green* - for our St. Patrick's Dance event. Come prepared for an evening of great fun on the dance floor and the exceptional fellowship our events offer to everyone. We look forward to you joining us on the 14th.

Dance Photos - February Dance

Stephanie Korpitz & Cole Sanner
And the Winner is
The Music Master At Work

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Leo Koulogianes** who joined the Chapter since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.

Renewing USA Dance Members

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

Linda Nobles, Charles Solis, Marty Alberg, Dian Stanley, Roy Moseley, Susan Johanyak, Gary Johanyak, Jennifer Bostick, Bob Bostick Jr, Susan Fletcher, James Fletcher, Debbie Sterbin, Larry Moore, Sami Yli-Piipari, Karita Yli-Piipari, Niklas Yli-Piipari, and Saray Yli-Piipari

Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances will more than cover your renewal cost over the next year.

The strength of our Chapter is our members. Please renew your membership as soon as you receive your renewal notice. 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.

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GROUP PRIVA LESSO

"The idea is to go where no man my age has gone before. I want to be the 'John Glenn' of Salsa."

Have You Moved?

If you have moved since you joined USA Dance or your last membership renewal, we need your change of address information in order to keep our records up to date. Without an updated address you will not receive your American Dancer magazine or other material mailed to you. You could also miss out on newsletters and other perks of your membership. You may conveniently do this by e-mailing your new address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc. to your Membership Chairman – Robert_b_white@bellsouth.net

Music For Our Dances

We have a Music Committee that commits a significant amount of time each month to select music for our dances, keeping in mind the proper tempo for each of the dance styles as well as selecting numbers with a length appropriate for a social dance. In addition to this, they attempt to include all of the styles danced in this area and mix them in such a way as to build and maintain energy at our events.

Our goal is to play music you enjoy and want to dance to, and if something is played that you have a problem with, we'd like to know about it. Any suggestions you have for songs will be considered for future programs by the committee. A section on our website www.usadancememphis.com under the *Contact Us* tab is devoted to this and we would welcome hearing from you.

Dancing With The Champions

Our DanceSport Champions, John and Kathy Linn, hosted a gathering of dancers a couple of weeks ago in connection with one of the Silent Auction prizes from our Le Bonheur Charity Dance late last year.

In addition to some outstanding Hors d'oeuvres and desserts, the Linn's provided the group with some championship instruction in Nightclub Two-step and Hustle. As always, any occasion where dancers get together, great fellowship breaks out. This gathering was not an exception.

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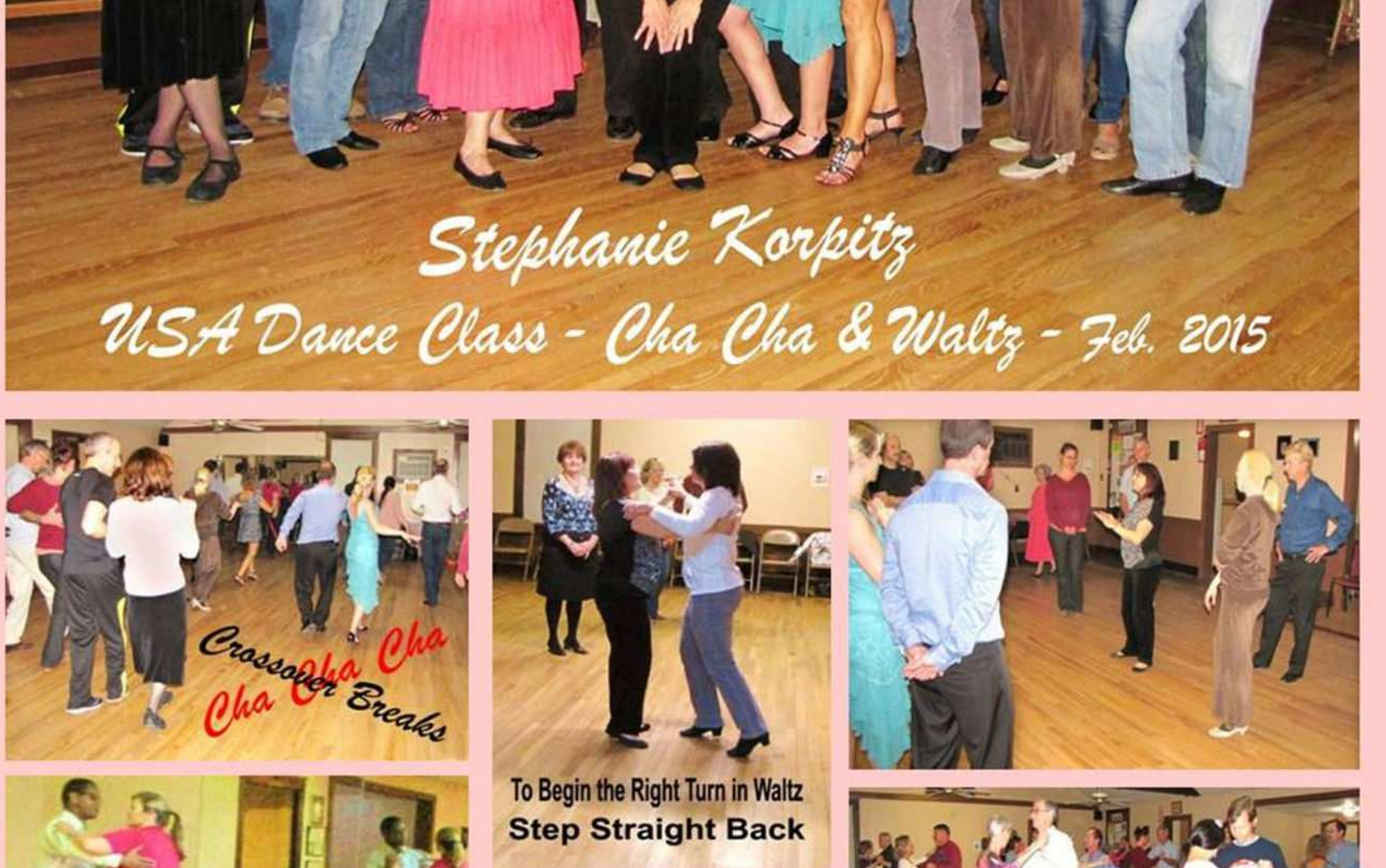
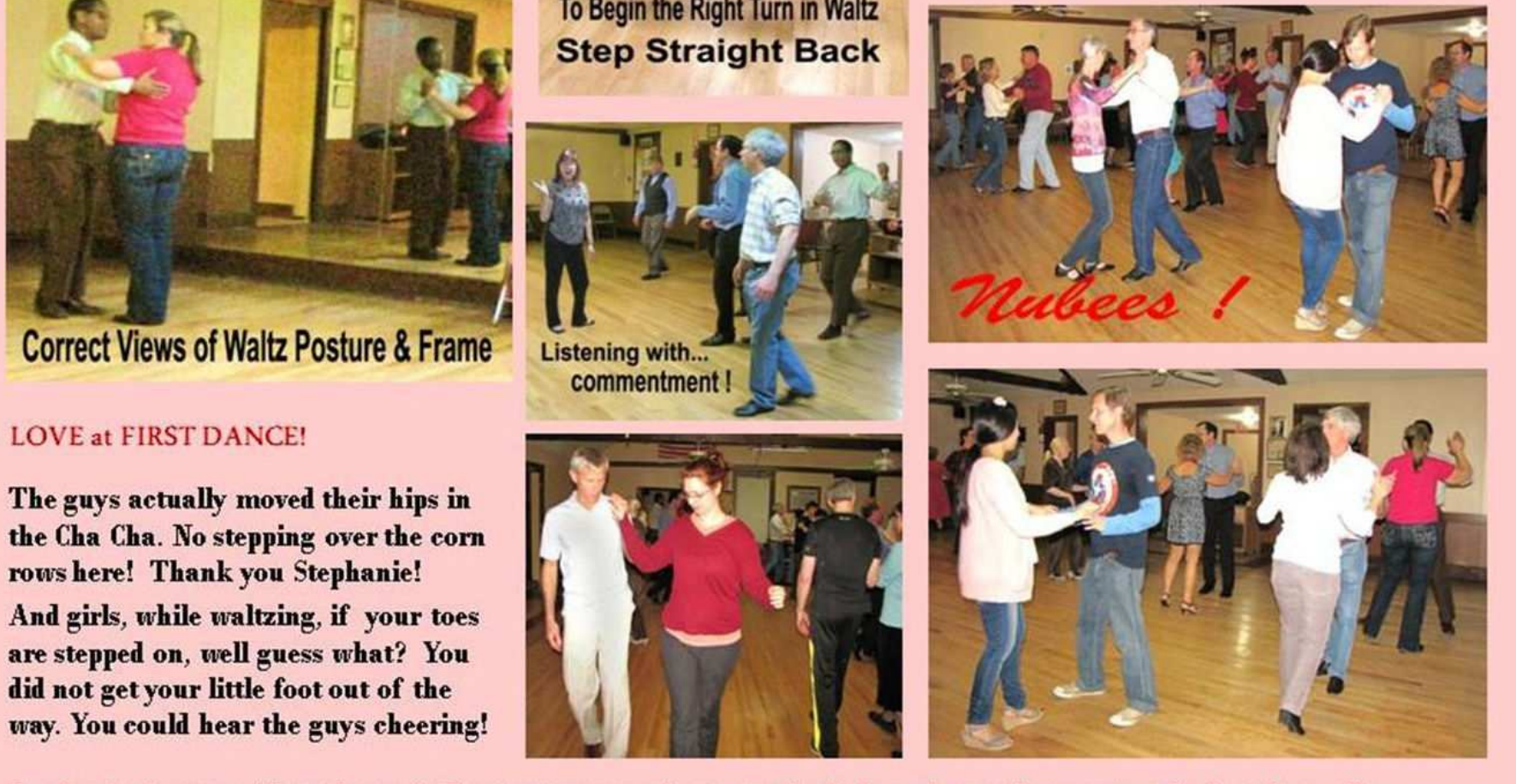

Stephanie Korpitz
USA Dance Class - Cha Cha & Waltz - Feb. 2015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Correct Views of Waltz Posture & Frame
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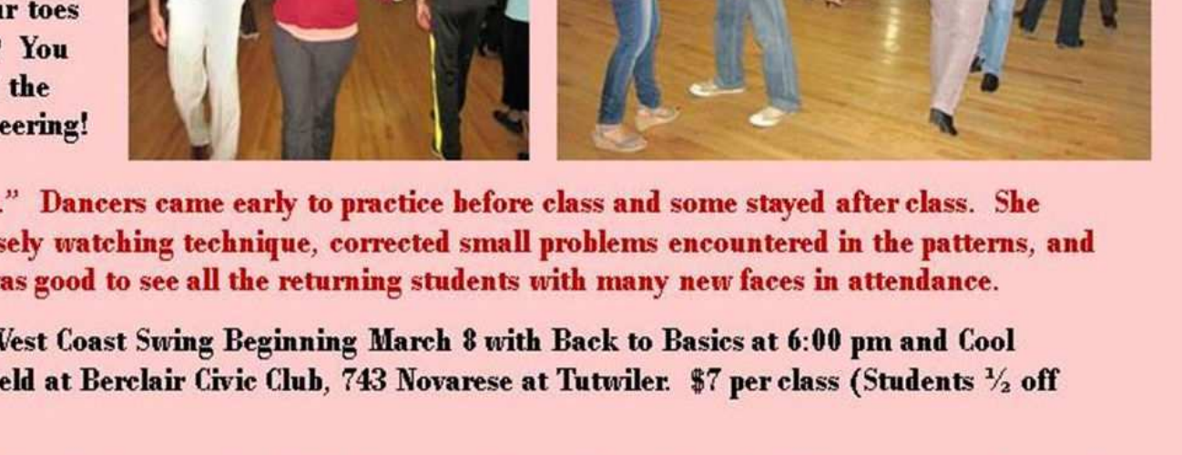

LOVE at FIRST DANCE!

The guys actually moved their hips in the Cha Cha. No stepping over the corn rows here! Thank you Stephanie!

And girls, while waltzing, if your toes are stepped on, well guess what? You did not get your little foot out of the way. You could hear the guys cheering!

Stephanie, is a true "Sweetheart." Dancers came early to practice before class and some stayed after class. She answered all questions while closely watching technique, corrected small problems encountered in the patterns, and kept everyone smiling! And it was good to see all the returning students with many new faces in attendance.

Jeannette Jeffries will instruct West Coast Swing Beginning March 8 with Back to Basics at 6:00 pm and Cool Moves at 7:15 pm. All classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. $7 per class (Students ½ off with ID).

Join the fun and our family of friendly dancers. Join USA Dance at Group Class. It's only $25 per year, and you will receive two classes of your choice complimentary, your first monthly dance with recorded music complimentary, the American Dancer magazine, and your picture here!

C U on the L O D, Sylvia Rose, Group class director - more information phone: 901-386-2003

The trees in February stand with outstretched fingers freeze;
and the day was blurred by a wintery breeze.
Gathering for our Valentine Ball was an extraordinary pleasure;
and this matchless group of friends is always a special treasure.
The USA Dance crowd moves on to the dance floor at Covenant with a smile;
for this time of year we think of those who make our lives worthwhile.
Our time for Tango, Waltz, and Foxtrot is unique and rare we say;
and none want to end our special time together on this day.