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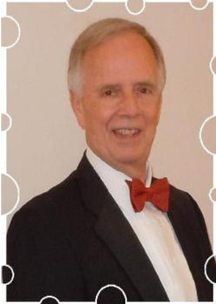
February 2016 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:



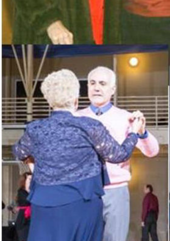
A sea of red dresses and red ties spilled through the doors at Covenant United Methodist Church this month for the annual USA Dance Valentine Ball. This is always a special event for our Chapter, and this year's occasion was attended by one hundred eight members and guests. Carole Eady performed her creative decorating magic on the hall with Valentine center pieces over pink and white table covers. She extended this theme into the buffet area with a display of tall red and white candles on a mirrored base. The assembly was treated to a Viennese Waltz showcase performed by this month's USA Dance group class instructor, Armon Sahakyan , and his student, Cathy Liao.

The buffet table along the wall on either side of Carole's center piece was covered with chocolate delights and delectable foods to tempt dancers as they took a break from the dance floor. Our thanks go out to everyone who graced our buffet table with a special Valentine recipe for the enjoyment of everyone. The music of the evening was played by Tim Hnat, our gifted sound engineer, and we thank him for his continued work on this as well as his and Nastasya's camera work capturing the fun and excitement of our event. We continue to thank all of our volunteers for their time and effort in setting up and taking down our events. They are the "heart" of our chapter. Without them we would have no dances.

Make your plans now to join us on the second Saturday of March for our St. Patty Party dance. We expect warmer weather for this dance with attendees *ah wearing of the green*. You can expect a fun time with this friendly group of dancers as they take to the dance floor on March 12. Hope you can be a part of the excitement.

Dance Photos - February Dance

Viennese Waltz
USA Dance Valentine Ball ~ Feb.13,2016
Arman Sahakyan and Student Cathy Liao Showcase Performance
Art: Sylvia Rose - Photos: Naastasya Hnat



I know I had a piece of cherry pie? Did you get my cherry pie!?

And we thought only Tim was sneaking around with a camera!

I'm getting really tired of you pointing that camera at me!

No, that was not me on TV news!

POINTS
HOME

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Kayleigh Berenzy and Dustin Berenzy** 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: **Sherry Bright, Larry Moore, Matt Thomson, Roy Moseley, Debbie Sterbin, Jane Riggen, Linda Nobles, Charles Solis, Leo Koulogianes, Susan Johanyak, and Gary Johanyak**

Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances will cover most of your renewal 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:

Vacations: Fun-Jet/TNT Vacations, Orlando Vacations, World Travel Holdings.
Hotels/Motels: Wyndham Hotels, Motel 6, Red Roof Inns, Orland Vacations and World Travel Holdings.
Auto Rentals: Avis/ Budget
Office Depot Supplies
Azigo Online Shopping Mall
VPI Pet Insurance
Insurance: Group Auto and Home Insurance (Liberty Mutual Ins Co – call 1-888-323-1207 for a free rate quote.

For information on this program, visit our website at http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exciting-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.*

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.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. If you experience any problems with the online system please let your Membership Chairman, Doyle Caldwell (dylcaldwell@yahoo.com) 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.

"Perhaps someone ought to tell him it takes two to tango."

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 newsletter 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 – Doyle Caldwell

dylcaldwell@yahoo.com

On The Road With USA Dance

A contingent of USA Dance members (pictured above) traveled with their dancing shoes to join the gracious Jackson Ballroom Dance Club for their Snow Ball Dance recently. This was an exciting evening of camaraderie with the warm and hospitable group of dancers that make up this outstanding dance organization. In addition to a great music program and a buffet table *to die for*, the Jackson dancers even arranged a professional photographer for the event, and the local TV news station dropped in to do a segment on the ballroom dancers in Jackson. And...there was *film at 11 o'clock.*

Valentine Class Tid Bits

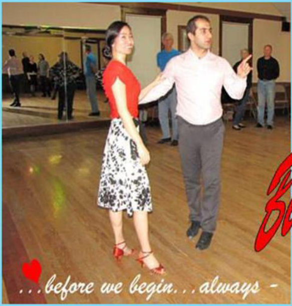
On Super Bowl Sunday a great crowd turned out for class but 'Moi' forgot to shoot the Group Picture. On Valentine's Day two adorable young ladies, friends and sweethearts learned the Waltz

Wing and Cha Cha technique, dancing partner rotation and nibbled on yummy homemade Fudges. What FUN!

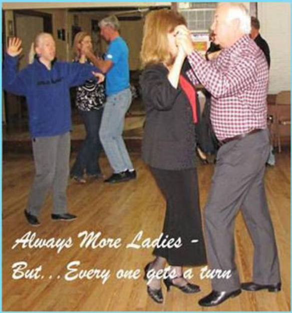
Arman and Valentine Sweethearts
Feb. 14. 2016

Cha Cha Cha & 2-3 & . . .

Perfecting the Waltz~


. . . before we begin . . . always -

Be Mine


Always More Ladies -
But . . . Every one gets a turn

Pretty New Dance Shoes!

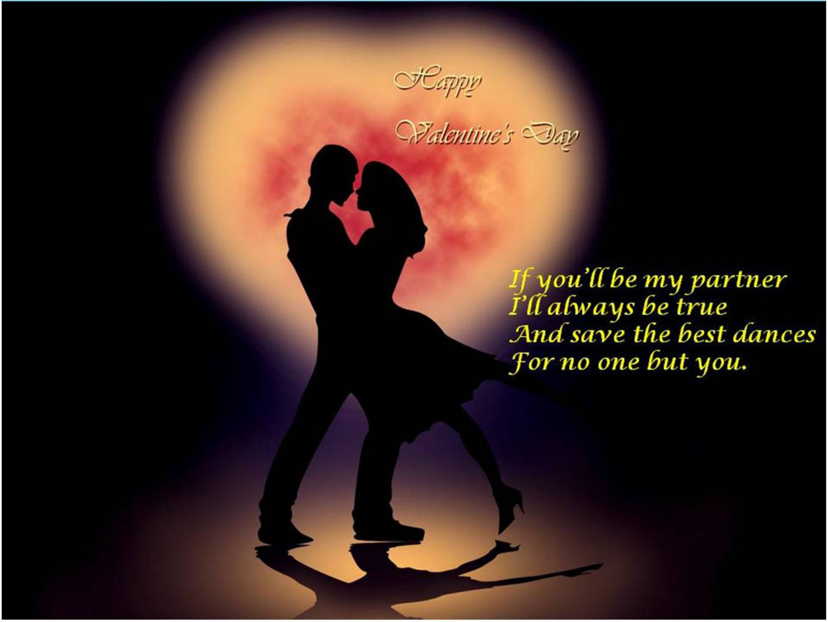
Mirrored Cha Cha Alemana

Bless the little groundhog for not seeing his shadow. Valentines was celebrated throughout the weekend with parties, and Valentine Balls. The USA Dance Valentine Ball was a huge success. *Arman Sahakyan*, our instructor for February, and his student Cathy Laio who has been studying only one year with Arman, performed a very beautiful Viennese Waltz showcase.

The Beginner Cha Cha class exceeded all expectations. *Arman* introduced the *Alemana* and *New Yorker*, along with the basics of the proper Latin Movement. He makes it so fun and easy to learn no one wanted to stop. The *Waltz* classes focused, not only on the bronze syllabus patterns but styling, technique, footwork and posture. All of which were emphasized while learning the *'Wing',* a beautiful movement of advanced waltz, one of my favorites. Thank you *Arman* for a fantastic month of instruction.

Leigh Ann Bishop will instruct March Group Classes which begin on March 6 and go thru the 27th. Fox Trot at 6pm and Mambo at 7:15 Pm. Each class only $7. All Classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler, Memphis. Don't forget our Perk…when you join USA Dance at Group Class (only $35 for one year) you receive two classes of your choice FREE and one,DJ music Monthly Dance complimentary, along with the national magazine, 'American Dancer'. USA Dance is a non profit organization, 160 chapters strong, dedicated to promoting the best in quality and quantity of Ballroom Dancing. We are all Volunteers and we DO IT FOR YOU!

C U on the LOD – Sylvia Rose, PR/Publicity/ Group Class Dir.- 901-386-2003



If you'll be my partner
I'll always be true
And save the best dances
For no one but you.