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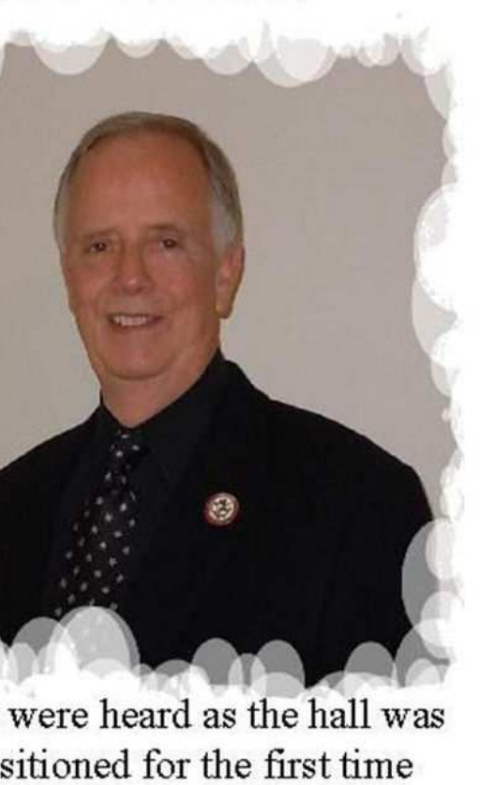
January 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

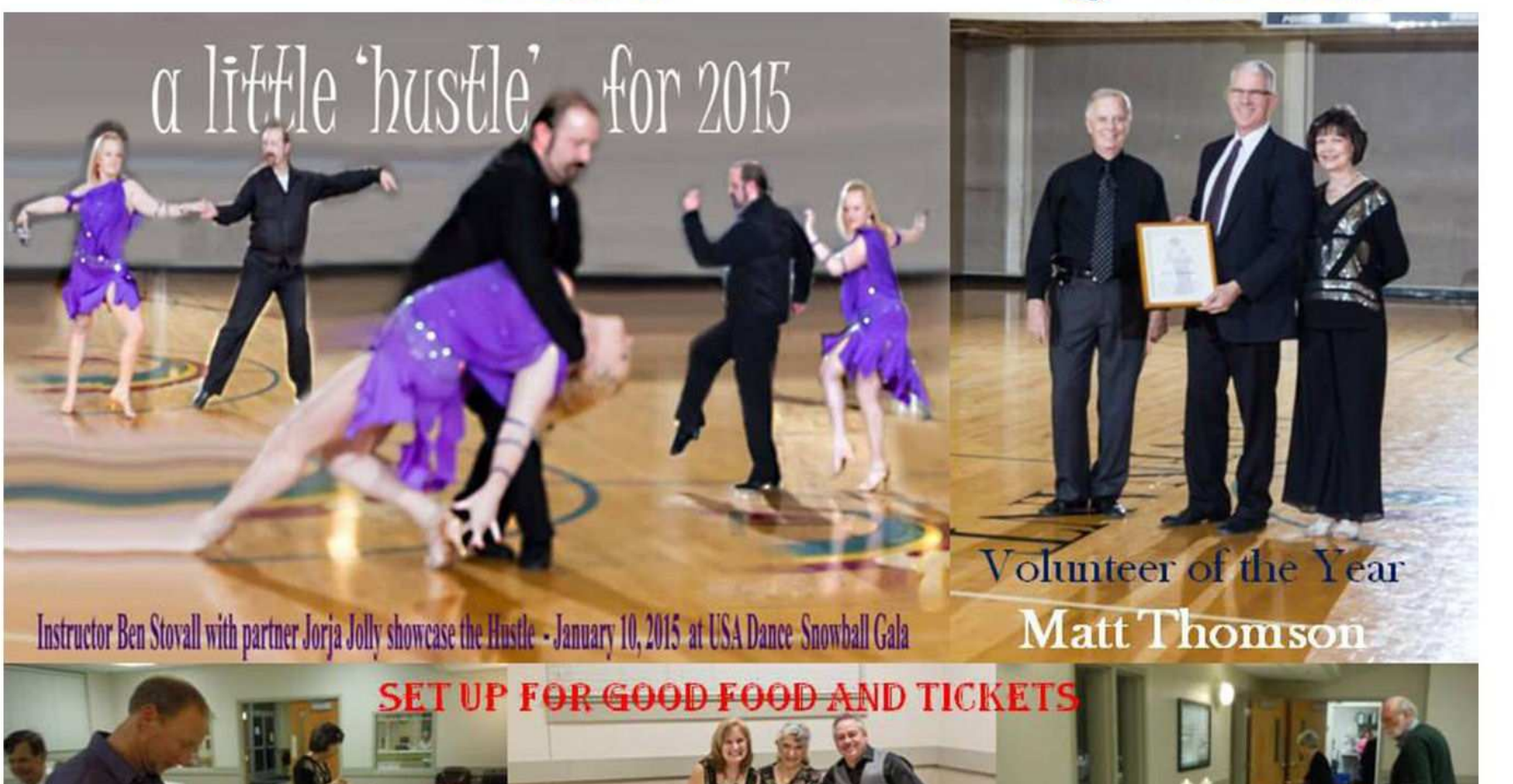


Winter had arrived with its frosty air hovering below the freezing point as one hundred thirty-five USA Dance members and their guests turned out at Covenant United Methodist Church this month for our Snowball Gala. The dancers warmed quickly as this group of friends and new members changed into their dancing shoes and took the floor to enjoy another great evening together. All were awed by the outstanding Showcase performed by the USA Dance group class instructor this month, Ben Stovall, and his partner, another USA Dance group instructor, Jorja Jolly. Carole Eady performed her usual magic on the food table as well as the tables around the dance floor as she tied in the snowball theme throughout.

The Chapter just purchased new sound equipment for our dance events and our January dance was its debut. Many compliments were heard as the hall was successfully filled with music as a result of the large speakers being positioned for the first time on the walkway above the dance floor. The new wireless mike for use in our announcements was a welcomed addition. Tim Hnat is our volunteer responsible for selecting this new equipment and managing the sound for our January dance. A large round of applause goes out to Tim for the work he is doing for the Chapter in this area.

Make your plans now to be a part of our Valentine celebration next month again at Covenant United Methodist Church. You can expect all of the romance and excitement associated with ballroom dancing as we gather for this special event on February 14. This will be a fun event you do not want to miss.

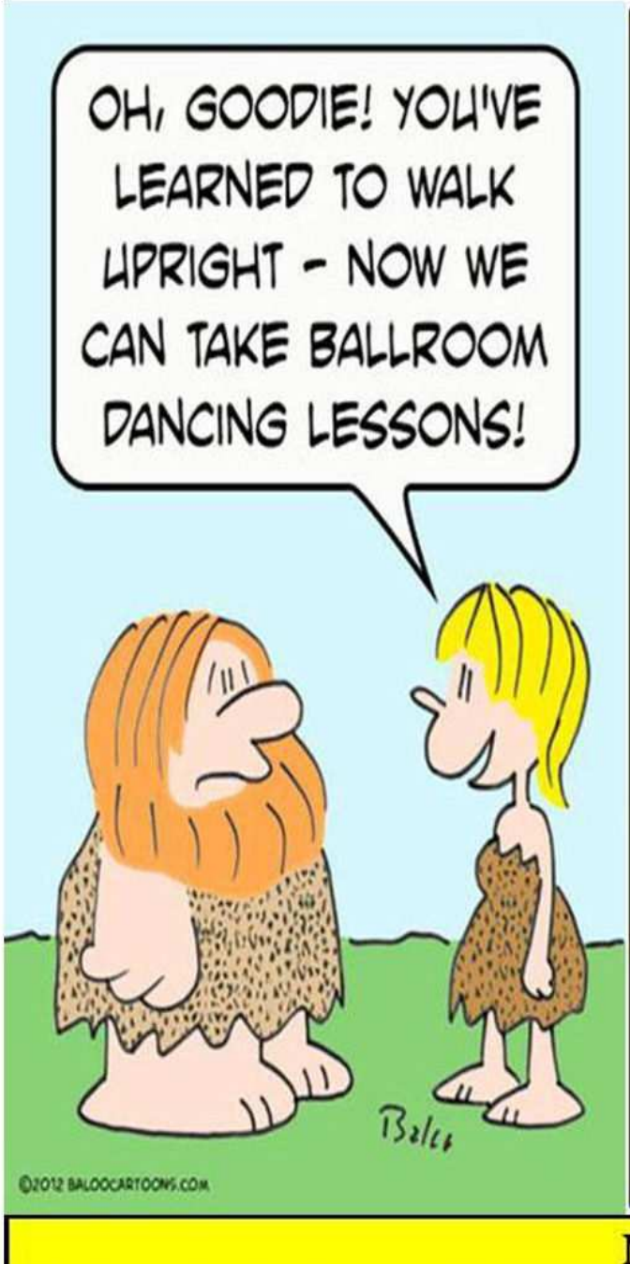
Dance Photos - January Dance


a little 'hustle' for 2015
Volunteer of the Year
Matt Thomson

Instructor Ben Stovall with partner Jorja Jolly showcase the Hustle - January 10, 2015 at USA Dance Snowball Gala

SET UP FOR GOOD FOOD AND TICKETS
Baby, It's COLD outside
It's cold in here too!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Erica Dudek, Jimmy Dixon, Tom Kolano, Terry B. Akins, Shirley A. Akins, Dian Stanley, Cissy Prestage, and Wilk Dedwylder** who joined the organization since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.


OH, GOODIE! YOU'VE LEARNED TO WALK UPRIGHT - NOW WE CAN TAKE BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS!
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Renewing USA Dance Members

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

Jim Fletcher
Susan Fletcher
Kathleen Green
John Linn
Kathy Linn
Geri Cuoghi
Vince Cuoghi
Sherry Bright
Natalie Spruell
Woody Black
Charlotte Schultz

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.

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 a 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.

Volunteer Needed

USA Dance operates on a volunteer basis. Were it not for members willing to donate their time and talent to the Chapter, we would not have a monthly dance, group classes, charitable activity, or any of the other activities we are involved in.

We have just purchased new sound equipment to provide high quality dance music for our monthly dances. This equipment must be operated by someone, and we currently have a volunteer who is committed to doing this. Since there will be times when this volunteer won't be able to perform this function, we need a back-up volunteer, so we are looking for a volunteer who already has skills in this area or one who has an interest in learning how to effectively set up and operate our sound equipment as this back-up person.

If you would like to volunteer to be this back-up, please contact anyone of the Board or e-mail the Chapter at usadancememphis@att.net.

Group Class Tid Bits

USA Dance Group Class Jan. 2015
We Hustled In the New Year with Ben Stovall
"Bet Sylvia gets this SHOT"! Under hand or Under-Handed ?
Important Points of Contact with a Good Frame
"Under-Handed" Hustle reverse turn
NUBEE DOIN WELL
Ben explains how to walk-walk-brush-side together for smoothness in Fox Trot
This is 'True Love Fox Trot'
This is 'Serious Fox Trot'
Sunday Night Fun - Trotting in the New Year !
Con- nec- tion ~
Fox Trotting with lots of smiles and men...

Happy New Year

Group Class hailed the New Year in with gusto! New friends, old friends, new dancers and 'Nubees' participated with revelry. Instructor Ben Stovall kept both classes moving and wanting more. Ben stressed connection and balance in Hustle and smoothness of movement in Foxt Trot adding new patterns each week.

NO CLASS ON FEB. 1 (Super Bowl Sunday) **CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY FEB. 8**

Stephanie Korpitz will instruct, **Feb. 8-15-22 & March 1**. Cha Cha at 6pm and Waltz at 7:15pm. Classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. You do not need a partner, just come join in the fun, $7 per class - Students with ID½. If you would like to be a Host on Sunday night (ask at class or call Sylvia, 901-386-2003). Get involved, we want you to be a part of the friendliest group of dancers in town! CU on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director.

As we gather at Covenant the winter chill is all around,
but for this group of friends the joy of dance does abound.
We start a new year of dancing as winter sings her icy song,
but the Tango, Foxtrot, and Waltz proceed along.
And the delight of dance we all enjoy along the way,
we embrace on this special January day.