DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

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March 2014 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

The *Wear'n of the Green* was all around as one hundred seventeen USA Dance members and their guests met at Covenant United Methodist early this month. As this group of friends joined together in a St. Paddy celebration on the dance floor, everyone was hoping it was the last of this winter's grasp on the mid-south. Carole Eady did her magic with shamrocks and green St. Paddy elements on the buffet table and the tables around the dance floor to spread the party atmosphere throughout the hall.

We again thank everyone who brought a St. Paddy recipe to share on the buffet table and to Charles Cox who so expertly handled our sound equipment for the dance. A special thank you to all of the Board members who filled in and did extra duty at the dance in my absence this month. This is one dedicated working group of volunteers.

Spring should be in full bloom when we gather again at Covenant United Methodist Church on April 10 for our next dance. Rumor has it we can expect copious quantities of strawberry shortcake on the buffet table to help usher in warmer weather in the mid-south. Hope you will join us and be a part of this fun event.

Dance Photos - March Dance

Who took my hat?
I think both of them have been into the Baileys Irish Cream!
Of course the nails match!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Martha J. Alberg and Zhixin Walker** 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.

Chapter of the Year

Each year the USA Dance national organization honors one of its local chapters as Chapter of the Year based upon excellence of overall activity focused upon developing and promoting ballroom dancing in its area of operation. This award is presented to the president of the local chapter at the National President's Conference.

Our Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year for 2013/2014 and your President, Robert White, is shown above accepting the award on behalf of The Greater Memphis Chapter #2012 at this year's Conference held in Irvine, CA March 6 - 8. Pictured left to right is: Ms. Jean Krupa, Social VP for USAD, Robert White, President of Chapter #2012 Memphis, Ms. Carol Davis, Volunteer of the Year from Chapter #6049, and Mr. Yang Chen, National President of USAD, Inc. This is an honor that every member of the USA Dance Memphis chapter can be proud and pleased about.

The Value of USA Dance Membership

Membership in USA Dance not only has its privileges, but it also has value that cannot be measured in dollars. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to place a dollar value on the enjoyment one experiences when he is assisting a new dancer in gaining skills to enjoy on the dance floor. The satisfaction of being a part of helping children overcome illness at LeBonheur through our dance organization's efforts and the appreciation in the eyes of the residents at retirement and age related care facilities has worth well beyond money. Also, the delight associated with being a part of this group of friends that make up the USA Dance organization is difficult, if not impossible, to measure in dollars; however, there is a very measureable dollar advantage to being a member.

When joining the Memphis chapter #2012 as an adult social dancer for an annual membership fee of $25 you receive:

No cost of admission to the first non-band dance (savings of $10 at the non-member rate)

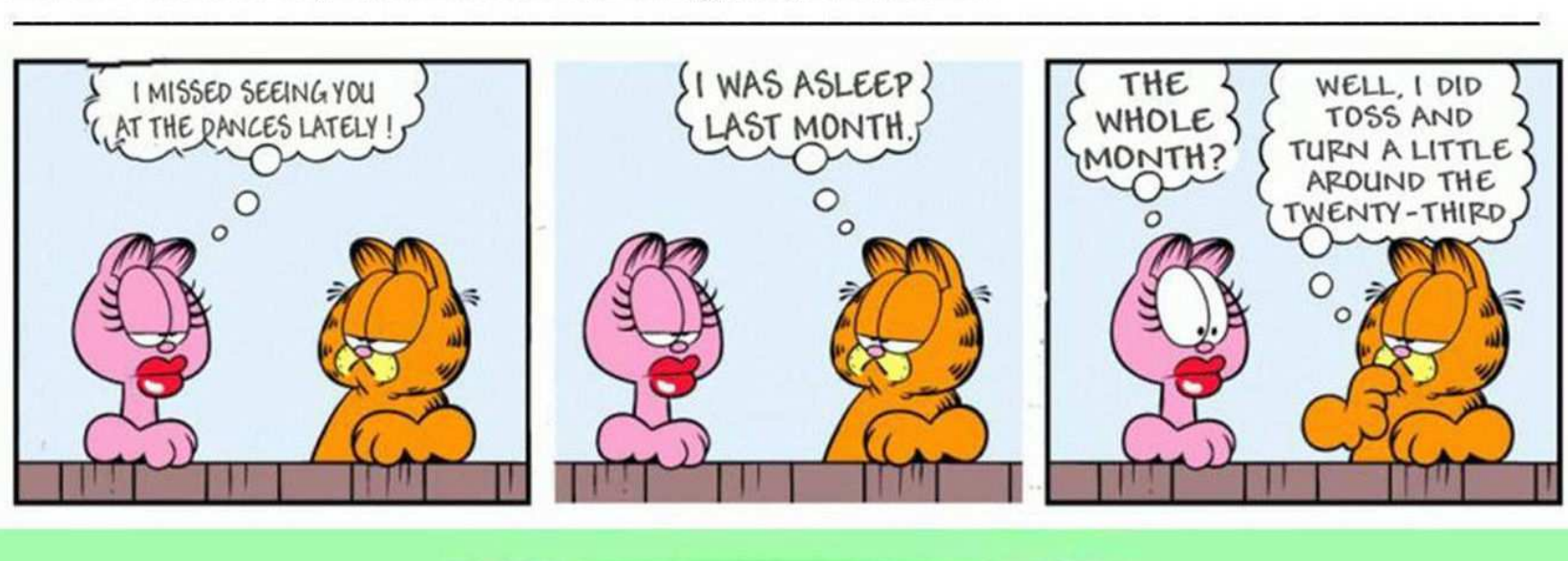
The member discount of $3 for all future regular dances (savings of additional $36 for the following 12 dances). As a USA Dance member you will be admitted to any USA Dance anywhere in the country at a discount by being a member of your local chapter in addition to being welcomed as a fellow member of a great dance organization.

When someone joins at our weekly group classes, they also receive two free classes (saving $14 on the cost of two classes)

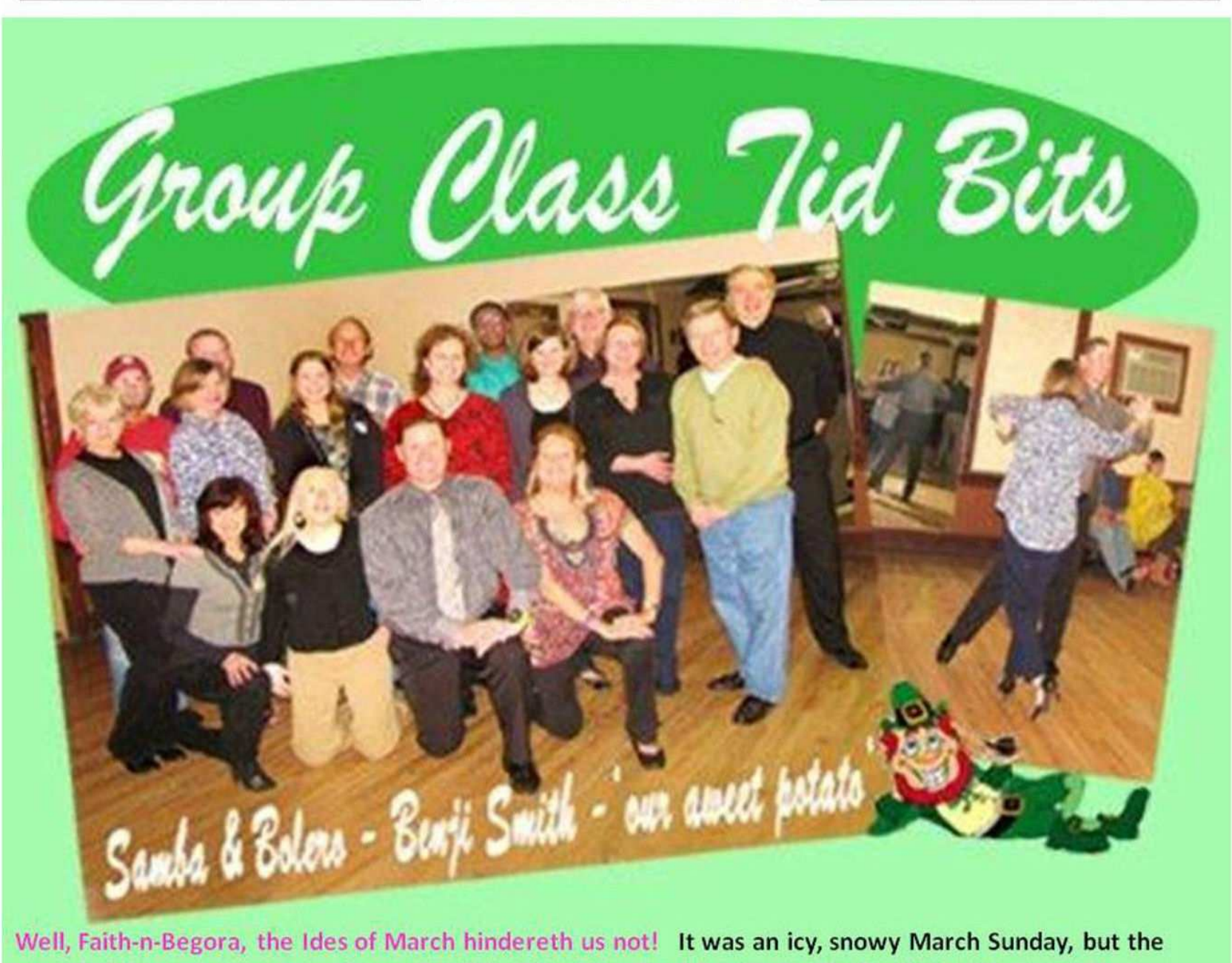
A free subscription to American Dancer Magazine (saving $25 for the subscription cost).

This totals to a return of $85 for your $25 first annual membership fee. Where else in today's economy can one receive more than a triple return on their investment just in the first year plus enjoy the camaraderie of such a pleasant group of friends?

Why not join USA Dance today if you are not already a member? If you have let your membership expire, why not renew your membership today and take advantage of all of the perks associated with being a part of this stimulating group of friends?


I MISSED SEEING YOU AT THE DANCES LATELY!
I WAS ASLEEP LAST MONTH.
THE WHOLE MONTH?
WELL, I DID TOSS AND TURN A LITTLE AROUND THE TWENTY-THIRD

Group Class Tid Bits


Samba & Bolero - Benji Smith - 'our sweet potato'

Well, Faith-n-Begora, the Ides of March hindereth us not! It was an icy, snowy March Sunday, but the crowd of dancers came to welcome Benji Smith, of the Fred Astaire Studio Bartlett as the newest Instructor on the USAD roster.

Benji, with his smile and happy feet, led the group through the Samba with a -1-buh-bump-2-buh-bump. And the Boleroers had a secret code word, which after all the giggles ended, helped to s-l-o-w the Bolero side stretch for a two full beats. Have you found the code word yet?

Every lad and lassie found a pot of gold at the group class this month- to- be sure!
April's instructor will be our own bubbly Stephanie Korpitz, teaching Tango & Waltz. Robin Red Breast told me, "Tango at 6:00 pm and Waltz into Spring at 7:15pm. No Partner needed. Classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. Only $7 per class and 2 FREE classes if you join USA Dance at one of our classes!

CU on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director

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Styling is good!
SWEET
POTATO
Point your little foot
slow stretch for Bolero

The March wind around Covenant did play;
as the USA Dance crowd gathered to chase the winter away.
'Tis the joy of dance on this day we so desire,
of smooth Foxtrot, and of Tango's fire.
The tempo of the music does tickle the ear,
and causes the restless feet to know fun is near.
We all looked forward to this time together all day,
and now on the dance floor we are here and want to stay.