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March 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

It was hard to believe, as the one hundred twenty-two USA Dance members and guests gathered at Covenant United Methodist Church early this month, only the week before we were wearing big winter coats and slipping around on the ice and dealing with the snow. The break in the winter weather was indeed welcome as this group of friends took to the dance floor for our St. Patty Dance. In keeping with the theme of the dance, green dresses, ties, and hats were in abundance around the hall. Carole Eady performed her decorating magic and spread St. Patrick's Day throughout the hall with liberal ropes of shamrocks hanging from the entrance doors to the Irish theme buffet table. A round of applause from all the dancers goes to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment that floated the dance music over the floor for this event and to the Music Committee that developed the music program.

There were tasty green specialties galore covering the buffet table for everyone's enjoyment and we want to thank those dancers who brought their special St. Patty recipe to this feast.

Our March group class instructor, Jeannette Jeffries, treated the dancers to a demonstration of "Lead & Follow" in West Coast Swing (the dance style being taught this month at the class). Assisting her as "follow" in the demonstration was Heather Gnau. The applause from the audience for this demonstration was well deserved.

Next month we have planned a unique **Great Gatsby** theme dance. The Edd Jones Orchestra is scheduled to provide our music for this special event. So get your spats and flapper dresses out and plan now to join in this fun event at Covenant United Methodist Church on April 11.

Dance Photos - March Dance

Jeannette Jeffries
& Heather Gnau
West Coast Swing
"LEAD & FOLLOW" - St. Patty Dance - USA Dance, March 14, 2015
Jive-n' Jig ~
How sure are you about that?!
I'm telling it just as it is!
I think I might just wrap that camera strap around your throat!
Cut the gab! It's 9 o'clock. Time to leave.

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Jim A. Frommel, Ronald Grant and Rita Grant** 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.

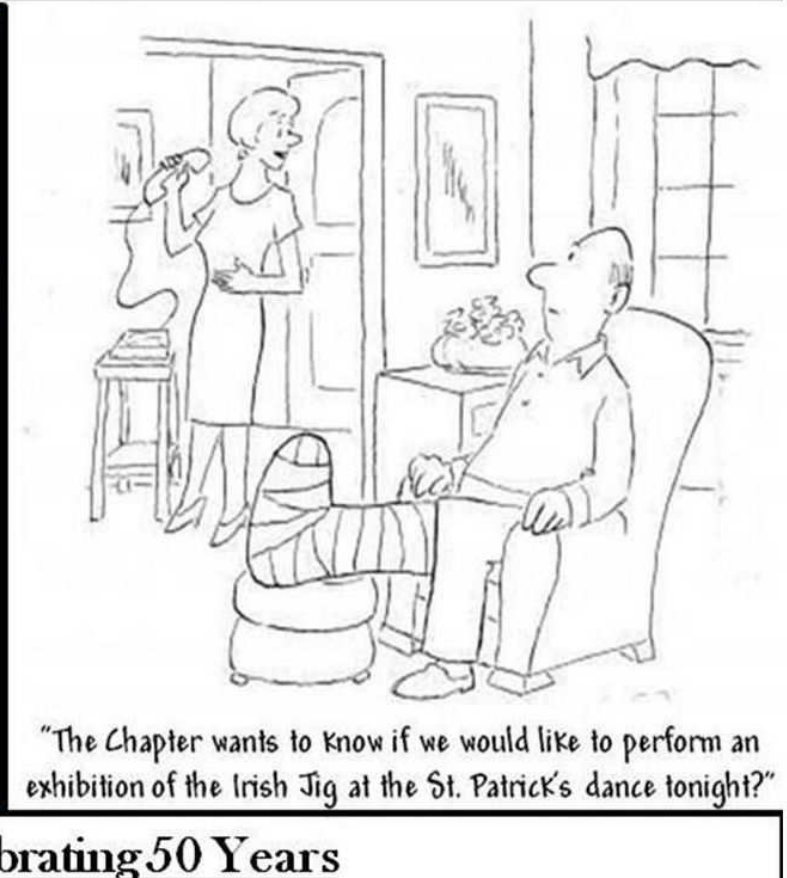
Renewing USA Dance Members

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

Mary Funk, Judy Cole, and Neringa Jakstiene

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.



"The Chapter wants to know if we would like to perform an exhibition of the Irish Jig at the St. Patrick's dance tonight?"

USA Dance Celebrating 50 Years

2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of USA Dance and the 35th year of National Dance Sport Championships.

Start up funding for USA Dance (originally USABDA) was founded with the goal of getting Ballroom Dancing recognized as an Olympic Sport. USA Dance is now recognized as the only National Governing Body of Dance Sport by the Olympic Committee.

In 2021 USA Dance will look forward to selecting the United States representatives to the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama!

In this Anniversary year we are seeking support of our Dance Sport Athletes by donating to the **USA Dance Championships Scholarship Fund.** The goal is to raise at least $35,000 by March 27, when 2015 Nationals conclusion on March 29.

Join the National "35-50 CAMPAIGN"

Any amount from $10 to $50 + will help reach that GOAL. If only 1000 dance supporters contributed $50 we would have $50,000 by March 29. USA Dance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, funded by dues and donations and *dedicated volunteers*. USA Dance receives no government funding and your donation is tax deductable.

Keep the *Olympic Dream* alive! "Donate to Scholarships" at
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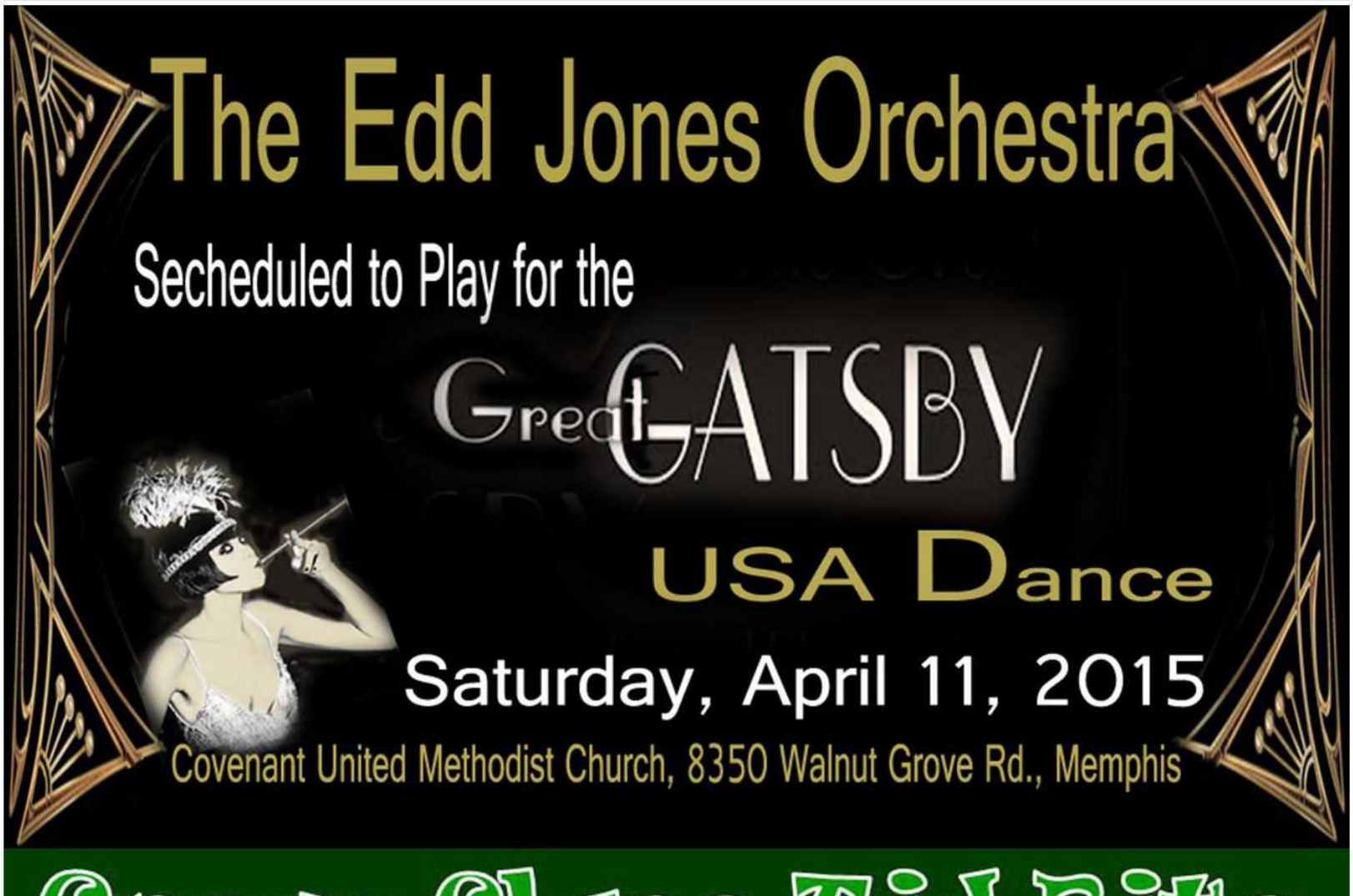
A reviewed version 3/12/2015... *by* Sylvia Rose



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Great GATSBY

USA Dance

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Covenant United Methodist Church, 8350 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis

Group Class Tid Bits

West Coast Swing with Jeannette Jeffries - USA Dance, March 2015
Happy Faces, All - Back to Basics & Cool Moves - 2 hours of Fun!
Back to Basics - 'Right Side Pass' & they got it with good footwork!
Humorosity ~
Right Shoulder - Right Side Pass !
Nubees
Ready for a little spin ?
1st Dance Class EVER - FOREVER YOUNG !
Taping Some 'Cool Moves': 8:30pm

FAITH 'N BEGORA ~ TIS THE W.C. SWINGERS

Snow, ice, and the Ides of March could not deter these dancers from WC Swinging it! ***Jeannette Jeffries***, instructor, kept interest high in Back to Basics stressing lead for gentlemen and follow for ladies. She also stressed the importance of hand, body and footwork for the 'Lead' to impart correct information, of the move, to the follow. Jeannette and Richard Britt demonstrated some 'Cool Moves' before the second class started which gleaned applause and cheers. The 7:15pm class was so *cool that we had to run everyone off at 8:30pm and wanting more!* We want to thank ***Richard Britt, Stephanie Edwards and Mick Cossow*** for their assistance with the classes and working with some very new beginners.

I would like to mention that Jep Williamson and Pat Simmons who have been dancing for years said: " We have never attended a dance class nor taken a lesson in our lives and have never tried WC Swing, but we love it". We welcome Rita and Ron Grant who joined USA Dance at Group Class and received 2 free classes.

USA Dance sponsors ***Benji Smith*** as Instructor for April will teach East Coast Swing at 6pm (a little history of the early swing days to the modern EC Swing triple step); then get ready for the expressive emotion and attitude of T-A-N-G-O at 7:15pm!

All classes held at the Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per class, no partner needed. Join USA Dance, only $25 a year, at our Group Classes and receive 2 Classes of your choice FREE and one monthly dance complimentary with DJ music.

CU on the L.O.D. ~ Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. ~ 901-386-2003

The winds of March at Covenant did blow all day,
as the USA Dance crowd gathered to dance the cold away.
The last of winter chills within the day conceals,
but the joy of dance we experience our spirits steals.
The delight of Waltz, Swing, and Quickstep hangs in the air,
And once again the world seems fair.