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March 2016 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

Only the most dedicated and determined ballroom dancers ventured out for this month's USA Dance event. Ah, but t'was a joyous group of eighty-seven members and their guests who braved the torrents of rain and gathered for the annual USA Dance St. Patty Party at Covenant United Methodist Church. As the dance floor filled with revelers decked out in various shades of green, the search was on for the fabled Leprechaun's pot o' gold. Following much blarney and fun on the dance floor, the gold was revealed at the drawing during our second break. Several dancers had the ***Luck of the Irish*** and walked away with some nice prizes.

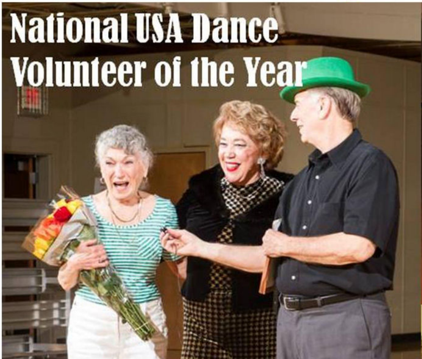
Our decorating lassie, Carole Eady, again performed her magic on the hall with shamrocks and traditional St. Patty bits and pieces enhancing the traditional celebration as we danced. There was no green beer - folks searching for that had to find a different venue; however, we did have a buffet table filled with delights, thanks to everyone who contributed with their wonderful recipes, especially those that were green. We are grateful to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment and his camera. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who continually make our events possible with the work involved in setting up and taking down the dance.

This month was especially joyous as we learned that our own Ms Sylvia Rose had been selected as National Volunteer of the Year for USA Dance. The work she does for the Chapter is most appreciated by all of us.

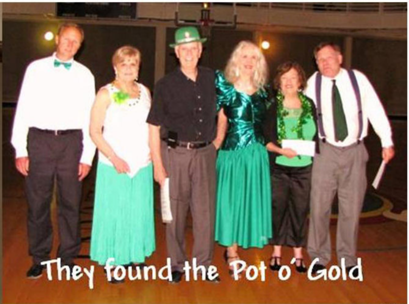
We are expecting an unusual gathering of gangsters and their molls to be present on April 9, 2016 for the USA Dance Great Gatsby event at Covenant United Methodist Church. Rumor has it that hit men and their entourages may be coming into town from surrounding states to join this unsavory gathering of *ne'er-do-wells* on the dance floor. This is one of our signature events of the year - so…mark your calendar, grab your Tommy-gun, and plan an exceptional evening of dance featuring the EDD JONES ORCHESTRA.

Tip-off... If you are challenged as you enter the *Speakeasy* on that evening, the pass word is *"USA Dance"*.

Dance Photos - March Dance



National USA Dance Volunteer of the Year

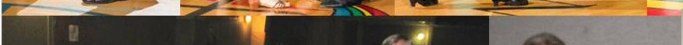


They found the Pot o' Gold

Begora - What

National Volunteer of the Year
2015-2016
Sylvia L. Rose
Greater Memphis TN Chapter # 2012
District 8
USA Dance, Inc.
March 7, 2016

Luck of the Irish



I've never seen

green coffee
before!

Irish Mambo!

What is that strange looking green thing?!
Welcome
Welcome
Are you sure you haven't

seen it? I know I dropped it right here!

Welcome
Welcome
Welcome
GUEST
HOME

POINTS
Welcome
PERIOD
FOULS
PLAYER-FOUL
POINTS

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Jan Harris** 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, Jim Frommel, Judy Cole, Einir Valdimarsson, Marty Alberg, and Barbara Haggard

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.

Recruiting New Members

USA Dance is powered by a network of passionate, hard-working volunteers at all levels. Our National organization has only one paid employee. As a member of Chapter #2012 we hope you will take every opportunity to invite and recruit new members. If every member recruited one new member, by the end of 2016, our Chapter would double in size. Our members are the strength of our Chapter. More members also mean more volunteers to help promote Ballroom dancing, and more dancers on the floor!

Contact your Membership Chairman – Doyle Caldwell with any questions you have.

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"Okay... if you're a leprechaun then let's see you Riverdance."

National Volunteer of the Year
Sylvia L. Rose

We are honored that one of our own, Ms. Sylvia Rose, Board Member Extraordinaire, Director of Group Classes, Chair of Instructor Relations Committee, and Director of Promotions and Communications for the Greater Memphis Chapter, has been chosen as the USA Dance NATIONAL Volunteer of the Year for 2015-2016.

Sylvia has served as Director of our dance lessons and workshops primarily at the Berclair Civic Center for 10 years, and during that time approximately 11,500 attendees to these classes have received excellent instruction. Through these classes, Sylvia has promoted membership in USA Dance. Historically over 70% of the Chapter's new members have joined through the teaching program.

Sylvia uses creative skills and experience honed from a long and successful career in public relations to create our eye-catching promotional flyers and to write articles for publication in newspapers, press releases, *USA Dancer* magazine, and the Chapter's e-newsletter. Additionally Sylvia spear-heads our annual Charity Ball in support of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

We are grateful for the dedication that marks Sylvia's service to the Greater Memphis Chapter and congratulate her on this prestigious award.

Lee Bodeen - New Assistant Director of USA Dance Group Class

Group Class Tid Bits

MARCH HAS IT ALL!

The Ides of March, March Madness, St.Patty's Day, Easter and Ms. Leigh Ann Bishop, Instructor!

Leigh Ann's teaching style presents the hardest techniques of footwork, timing, frame and connection with such ease that all students are looking like pros in no time. There are her 'tricks' to help the dancers keep their feet on the floor while dancing the Mambo... Bet you can't guess ? Well, I'll just have to explain. Put your R foot on a piece of paper. Put you L foot on a piece of paper. Now start dancin' Mambo without losing the paper...I Dare You! Such a fun exercise and it works beautifully!

In the Foxt Trot, Leigh Ann emphasized the technique of footwork, *reaching* to increase the stride, reaching wide on the side step, gathering, settling, moving down the LOD with gracefulness which makes Fox Trot a beautiful expression of movement. And our *beginners* accomplished this along with the reverse,

Begora- Tis Fox Trot & Mambo with Leigh Ann Bishop

reach for that side step

triple twinkle !

Unfortunately , we will not hold class Easter, so we only had three weeks to enjoy Leigh Ann's wonderful Social Style classes of Mambo & Fox Trot. Thank You Leigh Ann !

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April Group Classes will feature our vivacious Instructor, **Jorja Jolly**! QuickStep at 6pm and EC Swing at 7:15pm. Get ready, get set to swing at the 'Greatest Gatsby Dance on Earth', April 9!

All group classes held at the Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. Beginner class at 6pm and Advance/Intermediate class at 7:15pm. All classes $7 per, Students with ID.1/2; Under age 18 -$3.

PERK: Join USA Dance for only $35 a year and receive two group classes of your choice FREE, one monthly dance (recorded music) FREE, Discounts to the monthly dances and 'America Dancer' the National magazine.

Old Paper Trick!
keeps Mambo Feet on the floor!

CU on the LOD! Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. – more info call- 901-386-2003

As the March rains and winds round Covenant did blow,
T'was time for the USA Dance St Patty Party, you know.
Tis the day fer the wearin' o' the green,
On every lad and lassie there to be seen.
With Tango, Foxtrot, and Mambo we spent the remainder of the day,
And with them we chased the winter cold away.