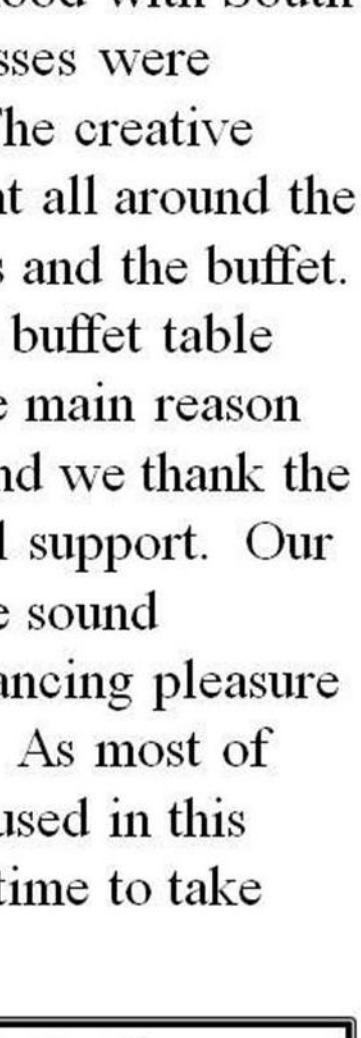


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## May 2016 Newsletter

### Comments from our President – Robert White:

There is always a lot going on in Memphis, especially during the month of May. The real fun this May evening was not at the international Bar-B-Q event down on the river but at Covenant United Methodist Church as the USA Dance crowd took to the dance floor. One could tell it would be a special evening as eighty one USA Dance members and their guests poured through the doors and laced up their dance shoes. Our event was a celebration of Cinco de Mayo and many of our dancers got into the mood with South of the Border attire. Sombreros, Serapes, and Puebla Dresses were common sights as the dancers whirled around the floor. The creative genius of our Decorating Master, Carole Eady, was evident all around the hall as she captured the theme of the evening on the tables and the buffet.



Many of the tasty South-of-the-Border delights on the buffet table were delivered by our dancers as they arrived. This is the main reason that our buffet always overflows with delightful tid-bits and we thank the many contributors for their delicious recipes and continual support. Our thanks also goes out to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment. He floats the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and makes possible our announcements during the dance. As most of you know, Tim is also responsible for most of the photos used in this newsletter. I often wonder how he and Nastasya find the time to take their dance shoes on to the floor.

Next month, as we convene again at Covenant United Methodist Church, we will be preparing for summer in Memphis. We have a lot of fun planned for this event as June 11 rolls around, so...mark your calendar now to join us when we again dance the evening away the USA Dance way. Hope to share the dance floor with you then.



## Dance Photos - May Dance



### Fiesty - Festive - Cinco de Mayo - Dancers



### Renewing USA Dance Members

The following USA Dance members renewed their membership since the last newsletter:  
**Nancy Hamilton, Carol Lybanon, Matthew Lybanon, Gail Hackney, Barry Stanley, Scott Quiseng, and Andrea Sander**

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

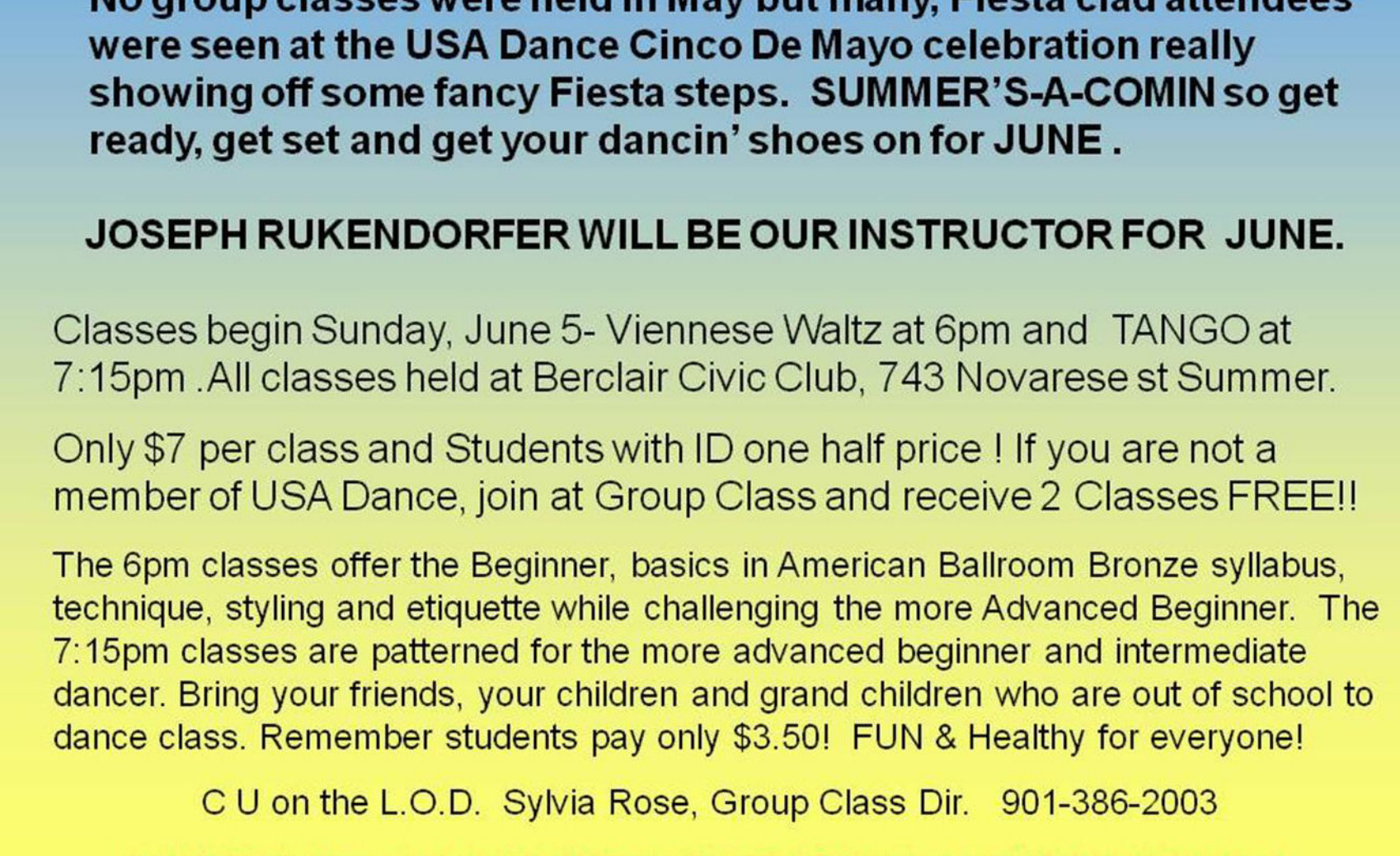
Membership gives you the opportunity to look on the web site anywhere in the US and find locations to dance when you are traveling. It also offers the following products, services, and companies that are participating in the USA Dance Membership Benefits Program:

- Vacations: Fun-Jet/TINT 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](mailto: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.



### Dance as you travel?

It is that time of year when many of us travel for vacation, to visit family, or just to get places for a while. If your addition to dancing is akin to my own, you search out places to use your dancing shoes as you travel. If this is the case, I encourage you to seek out chapter events to attend while you are traveling. Since there are sister USA Dance chapters all over the country this can be easily accomplished if you check out the "find a chapter" page on the national website. You can contact chapters in your destination area or en-route to see if there is a dance event scheduled during your visit. Even if your travel be able does not coincide with a USA Dance event, the Chapter contact should be able to point out any other dances in the area you might want to take advantage of. We wish you Happy Dancing as you travel.

### Items Left Behind

Occasionally some of the dancers who attend our events leave items behind. Most often these items are dance shoes, small jewelry items, etc. We seem to be blessed with dancers who also have excellent talents in the culinary arts and to the delight of everyone, share their recipes on our buffet table. Usually the serving dishes these arrive in are picked up at the end of the evening by the person who brought the item or they are delivered in serving dishes that were intended to be disposed of after use; however, sporadically someone forgets to retrieve a nice dish at the end of the evening. Recently we had a very high quality crystal dish and silver plate utensil left behind (see photo at left). We would like to get these back to the owner. Please check your china cabinet and let us know if these items belong to you.

## FIESTA! group class Tid Bits

No group classes were held in May but many, Fiesta clad attendees were seen at the USA Dance Cinco De Mayo celebration really showing off some fancy Fiesta steps. SUMMER'S-A-COMIN so get ready, get set and get your dancin' shoes on for JUNE.

### JOSEPH RUKENDORFER WILL BE OUR INSTRUCTOR FOR JUNE.

Classes begin Sunday, June 5- Viennese Waltz at 6pm and TANGO at 7:15pm. All classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese st Summer.

Only \$7 per class and Students with ID one half price! If you are not a member of USA Dance, join at Group Class and receive 2 Classes FREE!!

The 6pm classes offer the Beginner, basics in American Ballroom Bronze syllabus, technique, styling and etiquette while challenging the more Advanced Beginner. The 7:15pm classes are patterned for the more advanced beginner and intermediate dancer. Bring your friends, your children and grand children who are out of school to dance class. Remember students pay only \$3.50! FUN & Healthy for everyone!

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

**THERE WILL BE NO GROUP CLASSES IN JULY OR AUGUST!**

Memphis in May is such a magnificent time, for USA Dance is in its prime. The Latin sounds of Cinco de Mayo we did employ, a music program for all to enjoy. Cha-Cha, Rumba, and Mambo were danced with expertise, for the USA Dance crowd and guests are their devotees. The evening hours melted away much too fast, as this crowd of friends danced to the tempo's last.

