DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

Where The Beat and Friendly People Meet

November 2014 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:

The chill of November was just around the corner as one hundred-eight USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Covenant United Methodist Church to dance the evening away and raise money for the Le Bonheur Childs' Children's Hospital. This year's charity dance event featured a Silent Auction of superb donated items and merchandise plus a raffle with gift certificate prizes donated by local businesses. People who bid on these items got some exceptional bargains. Due to the generosity of local businesses and chapter members volunteering, this turned out to be our largest fund-raiser to date.

The Edd Jones Orchestra provided an outstanding evening of ballroom music for everyone's enjoyment, and the ensemble was treated to an exceptional Rumba by this month's USA Dance group instructor, Arman Sahakyan and new USA Dance Chapter #2012 member, Melinda Benham.

The buffet table overflowed with tasty delights for the dancers as they perused the Silent Auction and recorded their bids. Carole Eady performed her decorating magic on the hall using black and silver table coverings to highlight the formal setting for the event.

> We will be returning to Covenant United Methodist Church for our December dance on the 13th. The election results are in. At this event, we will be introducing your 2015 Board of Directors as well as honoring the Volunteers at our group classes held at Berclair. Come prepared for a *Holiday Party!* at our last dance of the year. Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Dance Photos - November Dance

Dancing the Rumba
Arman Sahakyan
Melinda Benham
USA Dance Annual Charity Ball - Nov 8, 2014
The Edd Jones Orchestra

Silent Auction
This looks like a really good deal!
Outstanding Food selection
Yummy!
The Raffle Masters

Our Youngest Volunteer
Someone is having a birthday
Woman with the Red Dress on.

Look! Its right here in front of you!

> USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Barbara Haggard and Melinda Benham** 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.

Renewing USA Dance Members

The following USA Dance members renewed their membership since the last newsletter: **Jane Hester, Sue Johnson, Pam Vaughn, Harry Brondo, Valerie Brondo, Stephen Albers, Einir Valdimarsson, and Bill Maclin.**

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.

USA Dance at Germantown EXPO

Germantown Senior Expo
Dance Schedule
9 to 10 a.m. General Dancing
10 to 10:30 a.m. Round Dancing
10:30 to 11 a.m. Square Dancing
11 to 11:15 a.m. General Dancing
11:15 to 11:30 a.m. Tap Dancing
11:30 a.m. to noon General Dancing
Noon to 12:15 p.m. West Coast Swing
12:15 to 12:30 p.m. General Dancing
12:30 to 1 p.m. Line Dancing
1 to 1:15 p.m. General Dancing
1:15 to 1:30 p.m. Argentine Tango
1:30 to 3 p.m. General Dancing
Presented by USA Dance

Starting with the opening of the Germantown EXPO until it closed, senior crowds migrated through the exhibits, ending at the dance exhibit where the fun of dancing was demonstrated by local dance groups. This was the third year that USA Dance Chapter #2012 has been sponsor for this popular activity of the EXPO. Mr. Charles Cox, USA Dance Board member and Sound Master, provided both the music and operated the sound equipment for this event. Matthew and Carol Lebanon, long time USA Dance members, again coordinated the chapter's involvement in the EXPO with the City of Germantown Parks and Recreation Department.

Dance groups from around the greater Memphis area performed demonstrations of their particular dance venues, and the EXPO attendees gathered to watch in admiration and appreciation. Everything from classic ballroom to line dancing was on the floor at one time or another with open dancing scattered throughout planned exhibitions. Great fun for everyone involved.

The Dance Exhibit was again the hit of the EXPO.

THIS SAYS THEY'RE REMAKING OLD LAWRENCE WELK POLKAS INTO HIP-HOP MUSIC.
YEAH...IT'S CALLED "BUBBLE RAP"

Many Thanks To Our Sponsors and Donors

A Special Thank You to all of the many local businesses and individuals that sponsored and donated merchandise and gift certificates to make this year's USA Dance Charity Ball an outstanding success. Because of the generosity of these special businesses and individuals we set a new record for money raised by Chapter #2012 for LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Child Life Program.

Our Sponsors:
Covenant United Methodist Church, Sonoco Products Company, Fresh Markets, Jerry Michie, Superlo Foods, Veesart Financial, Edd Jones, and Barry Stanley

Our Donors:
Alexander Safdari, Barry Stanley, Carol Lybanon, Casbah, Dive Shop, Fredrique Zindy, Gail Hackney, Gene Calloway, Germantown Hardware, John & Kathy Linn, Lucchesi's Pasta Co., Memphis Pool, Memphis Zoo, Pam Vaughn, Pink Palace, Playhouse on the Square, Robert B. White, Sam Dawson, Sylvia Rose, Super Cuts Collierville, and Sweet Magnolia Tours.

Please express your appreciation to these businesses and individuals when you visit their establishments or spend time with them.

Group Class Tid Bits

Samba & Tango with Arman Sahakyan
USA Dance - November, 2014

The wonderful group class year of 2014 ends with the Tango and a happy bounce.

Each month throughout the year on Sunday evenings, a rotation of Professional Instructors and dances are offered to the public so that students can learn the basic to intermediate choreographic patterns, styling and techniques of all social dances of American with some international included. We encourage our participants to seek further instruction with private instructors and dance groups in pursuit of their individual goals.

DANCING IS FUN, HEALTHY AND HELPS PREVENT ALZHIMERS!

Tango ~ " Vereeeee - NICE "
"Samba & Be Happy "
Ah-1-Ah-2
Ah-2-Ah-2
Easy to promenade- yes ?
Mirror - Mirror Who can dance Best of ALL ?
5:30 Practice !

I would like to thank Pam Vaughn for directing the first class in November. A big thanks to Lee Bodeen and Jessica Howard for hosting in September and helping host in November. Also thanks to a new host, Helene Phillips for her help. If you are a member of USA Dance and would like to host next year please contact me (Sylvia Rose, 901-386-2003).

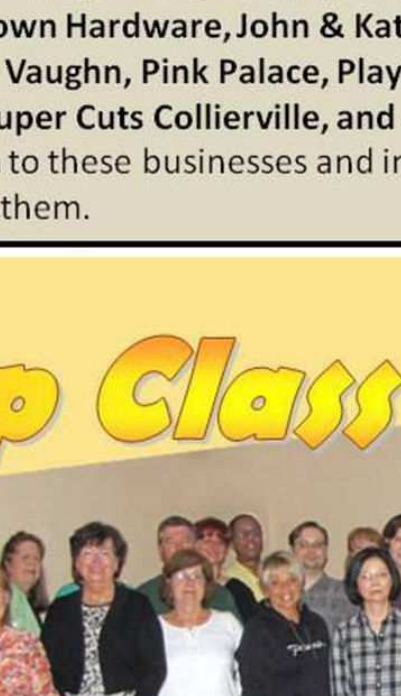
NO CLASSES TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER!

WATCH FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF DANCES TO BE TAUGHT AND NAME OF THE PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR FOR JAN. 2015.

Visit us on our web site: usadancememphis.com and look us up on Face Book : USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012 for up to date information.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

USA Dance is a nonprofit organization and charges only a small fee of $7 per class to pay the venue rent and our wonderful instructors. We appreciate your support! CU on the LOD-Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

November days, short and chilly with a windy blast,
and the USA Dance crowd gather at Covenant whirling fast.
This November dance is rich and rare,
because we gather for Le Bonheur children for whom we care.
The evening of dance fun does wildly fly,
as none of us want the evening to end with even a sweet goodbye.