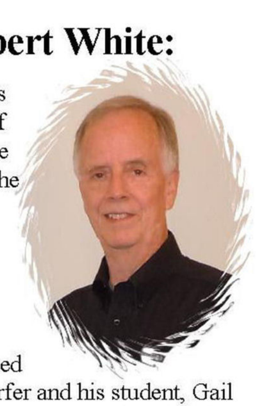
DANCE BULLETIN
USA DANCER
Where The Beat and Friendly People Meet
www.usadancememphis.com

November 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:



November is always a special month for our Chapter. This is the month we honor all of our volunteers. Without the labor of these special people, we would have no dances nor would there be any of our other activities to promote ballroom dancing in the greater Memphis area. Eighty-four USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Covenant United Methodist Church earlier this month for this special event. The Chapter's appreciation was expressed to these volunteers and our Volunteer of the Year was announced.

All in attendance were treated to a Bolero showcase performed by our Group Class instructor for November, Joseph Rukendorfer and his student, Gail Cockrell. A big thank you goes out to all of our dancers who supplemented our buffet table with their special recipes for all to enjoy. Tim Hnat performed his usual great job with the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for everyone's dancing pleasure and the announcements during our breaks. We thank Jane Hester for filling in on decorating duties during Carole Eady's absence this month and for her expertise with her duties as Volunteer Chairman during the year culminating in the recognizing of volunteers ceremonies during our November event.

Make your plans now to join us when we gather on the second Saturday next month for our Ole Fashioned Holiday Dance. We have some very special plans for your dancing pleasure that you do not want to miss. Hope to see you on the dance floor as we convene at Covenant on the 12th.

Dance Photos - November Dance

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Didi Nichols, Betty Lyon, and Lindy Ward** 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: **Lilian Ossi, Carole Eady, Harry Brondo, Valerie Brondo, James Cramer, Lee Bodeen, Nastasya Hnat, Jack Tipton, Karen Tipton, and Sue Johnson**

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.

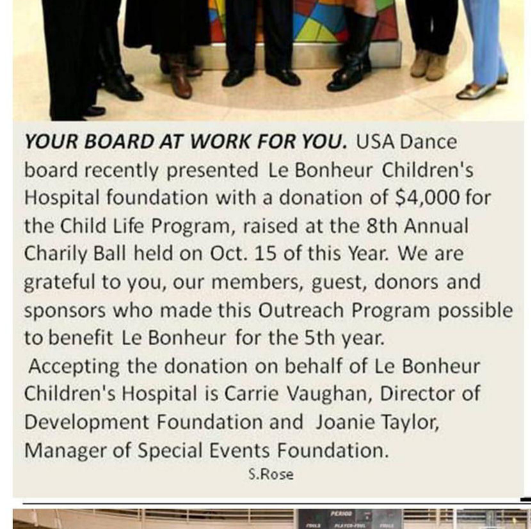
Membership gives you the opportunity to look on the web site anywhere in the US and find locations to dance when you are traveling. It also offers the following products, services, and companies that are participating in the USA Dance Membership Benefits program:

- 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.

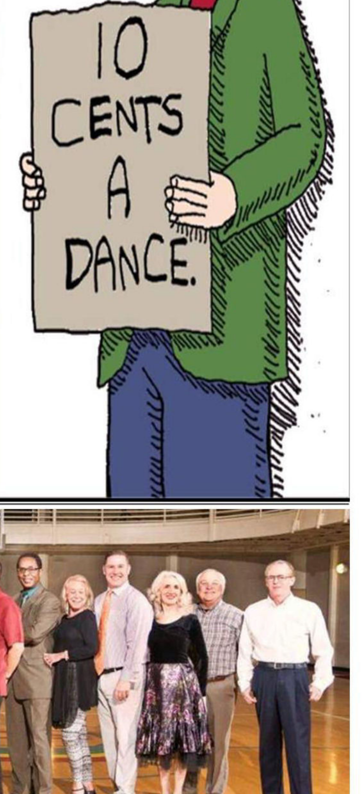
For information on this program, visit our website at http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exciting-opportunity-for-our-members/
Then go to http://usadance.org/extra/membership-value/ and click on the link
Members also receive a subscription to the USA Dance magazine, *American Dancer*.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. 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.

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.



YOUR BOARD AT WORK FOR YOU. USA Dance board recently presented Le Bonheur Children's Hospital foundation with a donation of $4,000 for the Child Life Program, raised at the 8th Annual Charily Ball held on Oct. 15 of this Year. We are grateful to you, our members, guest, donors and sponsors who made this Outreach Program possible to benefit Le Bonheur for the 5th year.
Accepting the donation on behalf of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital is Carrie Vaughan, Director of Development Foundation and Joanie Taylor, Manager of Special Events Foundation.
S.Rose



USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012 - VOLUNTEERS MADE IT HAPPEN - in 2015

Not all of our volunteers were able to attend the celebration pictured above. The full list of these priceless volunteers recognized at our event are:
Gordon Lohns, Tim Hnat, Dena Richardson, Lee Bodeen, Jessica Howard, Mary Ann Waddell, Larry Moore, Jim Cramer, Matt Thomson, Joseph Rukendorfer, Arman Sahakan, Benji Smith, Lily Elkin, Cheyenne Johnson, Caleb Vickers, Desiree McCain, Andriy Velychko, Jeannette Jeffries, Richard Britt, Kathy Linn, John Linn, Marilyn White, Jane Riggens, Mike Wiggins, Melinda Benham, Gail Cockrell, Vickie Caldwell, Doyle Caldwell, Stanley Smilowitz, Woody McRay, Lan Long, Kevin Wood, Steve Roddy, Carol Lybanon, Matthew Lybanon, Barry Stanley, and Dr. Larry Hsia.

Another Successful Germantown Senior Expo
Thanks, USA Dance Volunteers

Thanks to the USA Dance volunteers who helped make dancing at this year's Germantown Senior Expo the best ever. You and the audience saw lots of dancing and lots of variety, in a program organized by USA Dance but featuring the entire Memphis dance community. There were professionals. There were amateurs. There were demonstrations and exhibitions of dance styles available in Memphis, from ballroom through tap. Charles Cox did the music and everybody danced. The pictures below show a little of what it looked like. Same time, next year.

Photo credits: Matthew Lybanon

Group Class Tid Bits

Viennese Waltz & Bolero Class with JOSEPH RUKENDORFER - November 2015

In November, students in Group Class thrilled to the romantic moves of the Bolero and the elegant, fast moving Viennese Waltz, absorbing every word as Joseph spoke to each with encouragement.

Our second week of classes brought out more dancers. I only wish my camera was not in the repair shop. After class, Ken B. was showing me some fancy moves in the Country style, which are pretty cool. And we welcome Didi Nichols as a NUBEE...

NO CLASSES IN DEC.
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!
CU ON Jan.10, 2016

Watch for the Announcements for Jan. 2016 Classes in the December Newsletter and on our web site: www.usadancememphis.com and visit our Face Book page: USA Dance greater Memphis Chapter 2012. Classes are $7 and students with ID ½. Dances and Professional Instructors are rotated throughout the year. Classes are held at the Berclair civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler, Memphis. I am *thankful* to share my love of dance, by volunteering as your Group Class Director over these past many years and hopefully will continue to help "teach the world to dance in perfect harmony". Come join our happy family of Dancers... Yours in Dance Spirit, Sylvia Rose 901-386-2003

As the dark arrives early on November days,
The USA Dance crowd arrives at Covenant through the haze.
Where we spend the evening dancing and celebrating our volunteers,
Who quickly respond when a need appears.
These special people, without complaint and without demands,
Offer the labor of their hands.
The USA Dance world is a better place to live,
Because people like you are so willing to give.