DANCE BULLETIN

# USA DANCER

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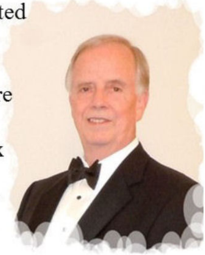
## November 2016 Newsletter

## Comments from our President – Robert White



The delightful Ballroom tempos of the Edd Jones Orchestra floated across the floor this month as we gathered at Covenant United Methodist Church to raise money to support the health of local children in need of special care. Black ties and formal dresses were all around as the hall filled early with seventy-eight USA Dance members and guests assembled for our IX charity event, the last six benefiting a very worthy cause, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Le Bonheur is truly a valuable jewel, which over its many years of service to the greater Memphis area has not only saved the futures of so many children, but also made possible a normal life for them.

Our grateful appreciation goes out to many sponsors and donors who have supported this event with their money and time. There is a full list of these extraordinarily generous people and businesses in a special section of this newsletter.

We thank and congratulate Sylvia Rose, Event Chairman, for another successful charity ball. Many thanks to our Director of Decorating Décor, Carole Eady, who performed her Fall magic all around the hall starting with a cornucopia as the center focus of the buffet table surrounded by an enormous array of delightful goodies. She carried over her theme to center pieces for each of the tables around the dance floor. We also thank everyone who brought their favorite recipes as a supplement to our buffet table for the delight of all in attendance.

A special thank you to Dr. Tim Hnat for handling the sound equipment for announcements and music for our mixers in addition to his expertise with a camera in producing most of the photos used in this publication. We also want to recognize the many efforts of the other USA Dance Board of Directors, who worked extra hard to bring you this very special event.

All in attendance were treated to two outstanding Showcases by Andriy Velychko, Blue Suede Ballroom, and Jan McElroy during our first break. Such excellent examples of professional quality Ballroom dancing are always a joy to watch, and we thank these expert performers for sharing their time and talent for the enjoyment of us all.

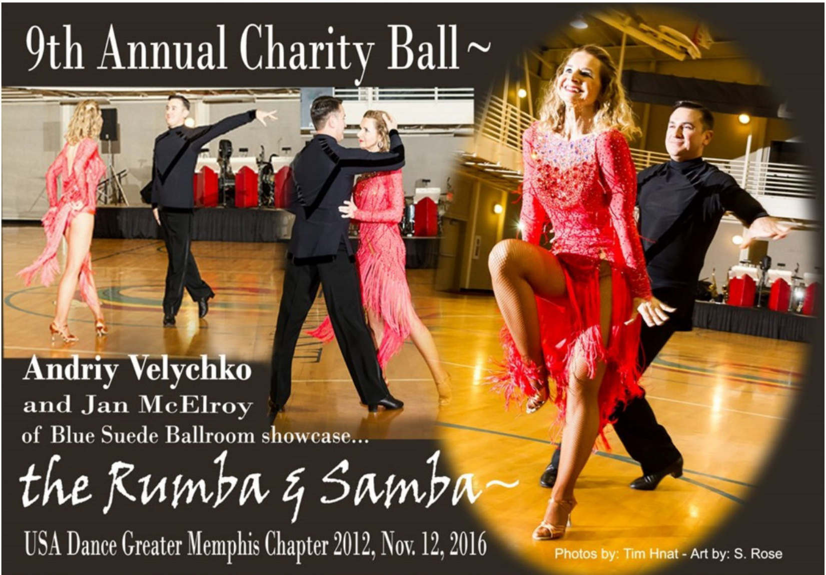
We are always thankful for the support we receive from both the local dance studios and the independent dance instructors in our area. Attending this month's dance was Andriy Velychko and Desiree McCain of Blue Suede Ballroom and Ben Stovall of

Ultimate Ballroom. Independent instructors attending our dance were Charles Cox and Joseph Rukendorfer. USA Dance's focus is aimed at developing and expanding ballroom dancing in the area by increasing the interest in dancing, bringing more people into the dance family, and providing an excellent dance event for them to attend on a regular basis. It is these professionals who we depend on to develop and improve the skills of our members once the interest in dancing has been ignited. All our membership extends a rousing round of applause for the outstanding service they provide.

Next month is our Holiday Dance and the event where we will celebrate our volunteers (all those people that make our events and programs happen). You will not want to miss this very special time with friends on the dance floor. Mark your calendar now for December 10.

# Dance Photos - November Dance

Black Tie



9th Annual Charity Ball~

**Andriy Velychko**
**and Jan McElroy**
of Blue Suede Ballroom showcase...

the Rumba & Samba~

USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012, Nov. 12, 2016

Photos by: Tim Hnat - Art by: S. Rose

The Edd Jones Orchestra

A future star
on the dance floor!

I think we should take that
Camera strap, wrap it around
your neck, and pull it
very tight!

THE MUSIC MEN
TAKE A BREAK

Is it time to go home yet!?

Get that camera away from me!
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# Sponsors of our 9th Annual Charity Ball

It is the generosity of these special people that make it possible for the support we provide to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Foundation, Child Life Program. We thank them and invite you to also express your appreciation to them and the local businesses they represent:

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| Co-Sponsor: | Covenant United Methodist Church |
| Gold Dancer: | Robert B. White |
| Silver Dancer: | Realty Title/Dian Stanley |
| | Fresh Markets |
| | Superlo Foods |
| | Pam Vaughn |
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| | Carole Eady |
| | Eugene Paccasassi |
| | Deepak & Sarita Joshi |
| | Gail Mays |
| | Sylvia Rose |
| | Jim & Elise Frost |
| | Casbah Restaurant/Isom & Deanna Showli |
| | David & Christyne Fish |
| | Barry Stanley |

## Renewing USA Dance Members

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

**Jack Tipton, Karen Tipton, Lindy Ward, Nastasya Hnat, Sue Johnson, James Cramer, Carole Eady, and Betty Lyon**

## USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances alone 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.

If you purchase office supplies and are a USA Dance member, be sure to use your **USA Dance Office Depot card** (*Not membership card*) at **Office Depot** and get good discounts. Go online to download the card and take it to Office Depot to get it laminated for free!

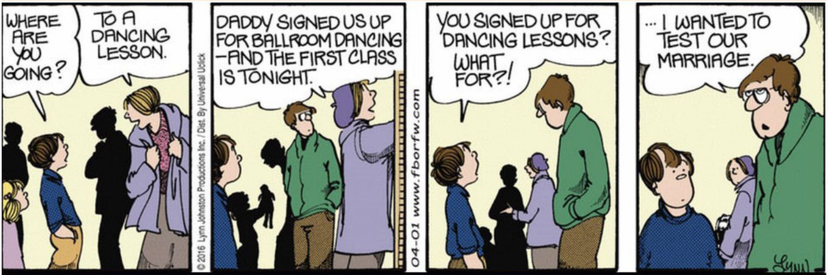
For information on these and other programs, visit our website at http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exciting-opportunity-for-our-members/

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 or 901-355-3297) 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.


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO A DANCING LESSON.
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DADDY SIGNED US UP FOR BALLROOM DANCING —AND THE FIRST CLASS IS TONIGHT.
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YOU SIGNED UP FOR DANCING LESSONS? WHAT FOR?!
... I WANTED TO TEST OUR MARRIAGE.
Lynn

**Thought To Consider For The Day:**

Once you've learned to ballroom dance with someone, you've learned everything you need to know. – Emma Stone

## Dear Santa:

Please bring us some Ballroom Dance lessons from USA Dance. The lessons are not expensive. A whole month of group class lessons in 2017 would be fine. I know you like to Dance too!

Thank You Santa!

## A Santa Special~ $50 for 8 group classes (reg. $56)

*Give a gift that will keep on giving.* This Christmas gift offer is good, if purchased before Dec.10, 2016 for either Jan.,Feb, or March of 2017. Your special person may choose 8 beginner classes at 6pm or 8 Adv. Beg.Classes at 7pm OR 8 classes of both Beginner and Adv.Beg. to be used in one month of his/her choice.

*Christmas Gift Certificates* may be purchased from ***Robert White, Ph: 901-757-9267*** or any Sunday Evening Through November at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler between the hours of 6 & 8pm. More info: Call (901) 386-2003 OR 757-9267.

Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

## Dancing—The Hit of the 2016 Germantown Senior EXPO

*Photo Credits: Matthew Lybanon*

Thanks to the USA Dance members who participated in this year's Germantown Senior EXPO dance exhibit on November 3. A special "thank you" goes to Charles Cox for the music. We had a little less space this year; construction in the Germantown Athletic Club caused the EXPO to move to the Great Hall. But there was no less fun! We had lots of variety, in a program organized by USA Dance but featuring the entire Memphis dance community, from Ballroom and Bop through Line Dancing, Tap, and West Coast Swing. Our own national award winning USA Dance champions, Kathy and John Linn, enhanced the lineup of exhibitions by professional and amateur dancers. And there was plenty of time for open dancing. The pictures show a little of what it looked like. Hope you didn't miss it.

A rousing round of applause from the Chapter membership to Carol and Matthew Lybanon for all of their work and devotion to this project over the years that has brought about its success.

USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
SENIOR Expo
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Senior Expo
Dance Schedule
Presented by USA Dance

## Class Tid Bits

## And the Band Plays On..

Vintage -2007

## Instructor Desiree McCain

Nov. 2016

Cross over and Run-run-run

You just can't keep Some of em' out of the Corner!

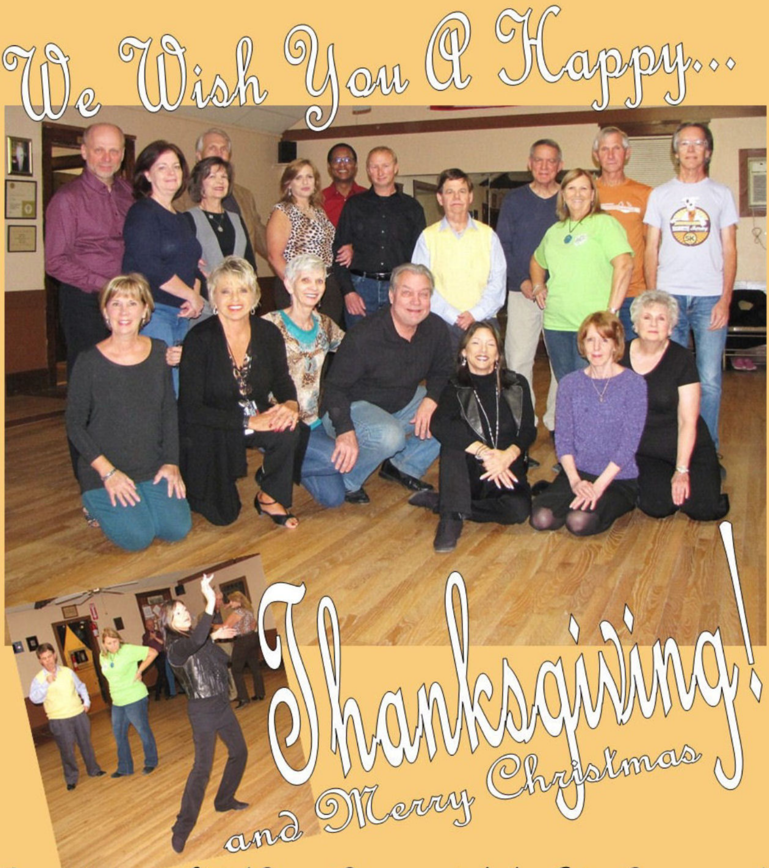
*The BOLERO - push and extend on... 4/and... then commit the weight and body to the 1Beat- slowly rising.*

# Cha Cha Cha Bolero

*Advanced dancers attended the beginner class for Bolero! And were they surprised! Desiree gave them a real workout and I do believe they truly understood what this dance is all about. Well let me tell you – the Beginners stayed for the Cha Cha Cha and did not bat an eye learning the cross triple and fancy sweep ending!*

**NO GROUP CLASSES IN DECEMBER...BUT WATCH FOR OUR 2017 ANNOUNCEMNTS !**

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be sure to come to the Christmas Dance on Dec. 10 to get a happy start for the Holidays. USA Dance is the friendliest group around!** CU on the LOD – Sylvia Rose, group class dir.


We Wish You A Happy...
Thanksgiving!
and Merry Christmas

***From all of us at USA Dance, Desiree and the best Bolero Dancers ever!***

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This month in support of Le Bonheur we gathered at Covenant with gladness,
and enjoyed the evening's dance floor madness.
The Edd Jones Orchestra's ballroom tempo's we did employ,
their music program for all to enjoy.
Waltz, Rumba, and Foxtrot were danced with expertise,
for this crowd of friends are their devotees.
The evening hours melted away much too fast,
as this group of friends danced to the tempo's last.