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October 2016 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

Our Oktoberfest event was a blast! Eighty-five USA Dance members and their guests danced the evening away early this month amid dropping temperatures that finally began to feel like Fall. In keeping with our event theme, our music program for the evening contained an exciting Polka. Our Decoration Guru, Carole Eady, had the hall decorated in traditional Fall colors with center pieces lit with small candle flames that flickered inside Halloween icons and filled the area with delight. The entire assembly was treated to an elegant Viennese Waltz showcase performed by our October group class instructor, Stephanie Korpitz, and her partner Mike McKerlie to the old Austrian folk song *Landler*. This performance was followed in short order by a rousing Swing showcase performed by Sandra Korpitz and Brando Booth to the song *Alabama Getaway*. All of these outstanding showcase performers for the evening are associated with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Germantown.

Many thanks to all of our dancers who supplemented the buffet table with their special Fall recipes for the enjoyment of everyone. Many of our dancers have culinary talents in the kitchen that rival their prowess on the dance floor. Our Music & Sound Master, Tim Hnat, again performed his magic to surround the dance floor with the excellent music program developed by our Music Committee. Our thanks go out to all of these volunteers. Without their selfless efforts we would have no dance.

You surely do not want to miss our dance next month. This is our Charity Ball for the benefit of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and our music for the evening will be provided by the Edd Jones Orchestra. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this elegant, fun filled event for the evening of November 12.

Dance Photos - October Dance



Renewing USA Dance Members

The following USA Dance members renewed their membership since the last newsletter:
Sara Callaway, Eugene Callaway, Valerie Brondo, Harry Brondo, Jane Hester, Lee Bodeen, Sandra Trammell, Dian Stanley, Stephen Roddy, Michael Wiggins, Robert Stetzel, and Jessica Howard.

USA Dance Membership Has Impressive Benefits

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. 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 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 (dycaldwell@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.



It's Election Time!

If you are a USA Dance Chapter #12's member, you should have received an e-mail providing you a website to vote for the five open positions for your 2017 Board of Directors. If you missed this, please contact Nastasya Hnat. If you would prefer to have a paper ballot, please contact our secretary, Nastasya Hnat (nastasya_hnat@gmail.com or 434-260-1652) with your name and address and she will mail you a ballot. Nastasya will also have paper ballots available at our November dance (November 12th) which is the night that voting will be concluded.



We are all saddened by the death this month of Jack Childers, a longtime member of USA Dance and the dance community in Memphis. Jack was a prominent attorney in Memphis for over 40 years. Jack was frequently involved with USA Dance activities as well as other dance related activities in the area and was very active at dances until recently. He was genuinely friendly with everyone and well-liked by the dance community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Emma, mother Bessie, and sons, Christopher and Andrew. Jack will be missed!

Dear Santa:

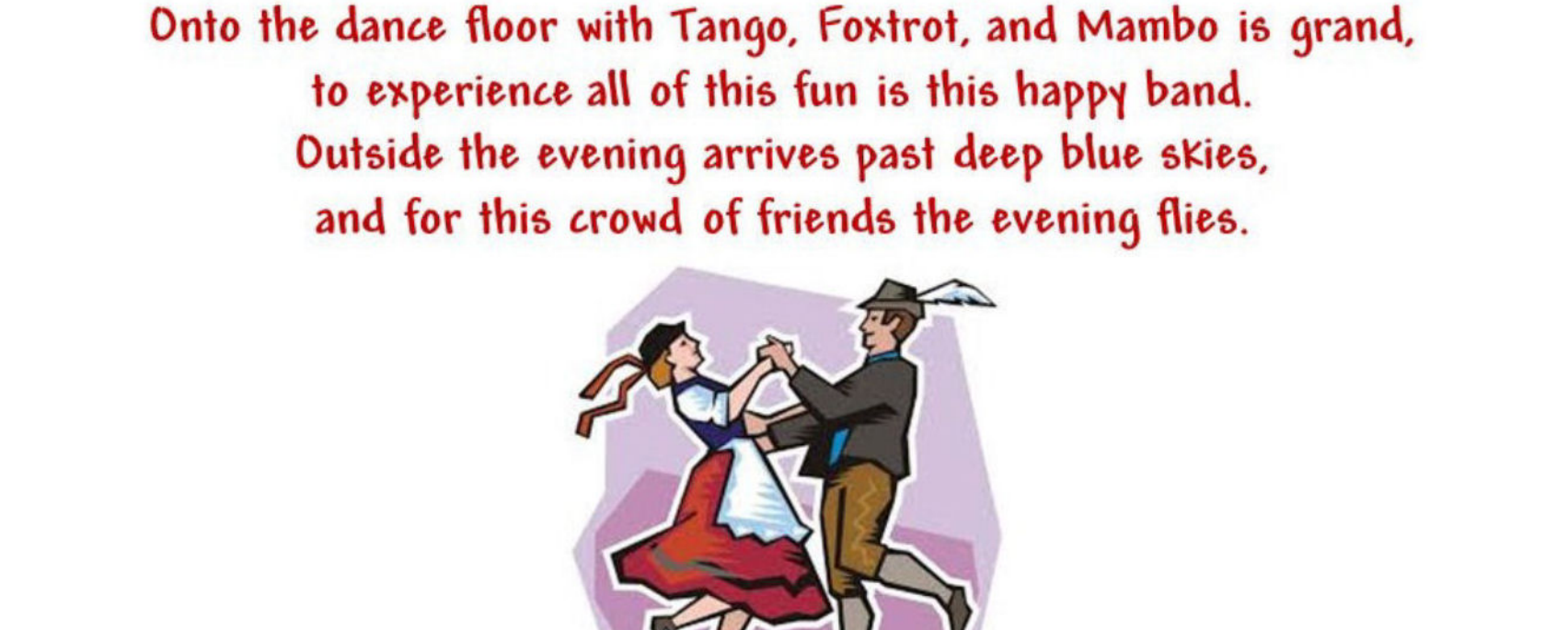
Please bring us some Ballroom Dance lessons from USA Dance. The lessons are not expensive. A whole month of group class lessons in 2017 would be fine. I know you like to Dance too!
Thank You Santa!

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. It's your choice of months and classes. For example, you may use 8 for both classes in one month or 4 classes of either Beginner or Intermediate classes for 2 months. You will receive a beautiful certificate/punch card and envelope for your gift. 2017 class schedule of dances and instructors will be posted on our web site before Christmas at: www.dancememphis.com

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.

Memphis Dancers Visit Jackson



A group of USA Dance members and along with other members of the Memphis dance community took their dance shoes to Jackson, TN to join with The Jackson Ballroom Dance Club at their Harvest Moon Gala. The purpose of this event was to raise funds for the Jackson Center for Independent Living. Following an excellent catered dinner, the group danced the evening away to the wonderful Ballroom music provided by The Edd Jones Orchestra. This was a very pleasant evening for everyone in attendance.

Group Class Tid Bits

October festivals and leaves turning gold - harvesting pumpkins and making pie - Pivots and 'The Rumba Traveling Promenade Walk' delighted the class - But Best of ALL was Stephanie's Specialty the Fox Trot Glide', challenging yet Great Fun for All!

Stephanie Korpitz, of Fred Astaire Studio, Instructor for USA Dance Oct. 2016

Perfect Traveling Rumba Walk

Champaign Glide

Happy they Gilded into the Corner

A Little Gift for Christmas: USA Dance is offering a 'Santa Special'... 8 Group Dance Lessons for only \$50. You may purchase the certificates in November at Berclair Civic Club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler, from our volunteer, Dian Stanley. (we will accept check or cash)

You may also contact Robert White to purchase the Certificates by calling Robert at: (901) 757-9267. These certificates must be purchased by Dec. 10, and used during the months of Jan., Feb., or March of 2017. It's your choice of months and classes. For example, you may use 8 for both classes in one month or 4 classes of either Beginner or Intermediate classes for 2 months. You will receive a beautiful certificate/punch card and envelope for your gift. 2017 class schedule of dances and instructors will be posted on our web site before Christmas at: www.dancememphis.com

November: Desiree McCain, Instructor with the 'BlueSuede Ballroom' will teach the sensual Bolero at 6pm and a hot Cha Cha Cha at 7:15pm. Nov. 6 thru 27 Sunday evenings at Berclair Civic Club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler. Classes \$7/ Students with ID \$3. No partner needed.

Join our happy family of dancers (with an annual USA Dance Membership) at Group Class and receive 2 classes FREE!

Plan to attend USA Dance Annual Charity Ball, Nov. 12 - for Le Bonheur Children's Child Life Program. More info call: 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director

The USA Dance crowd began to gather at Covenant about forty-five past six, so they could acquire their annual Oktoberfest fix.

Whenever this group of friends congregate the fun can be found, because of the ballroom tempo sound.

Onto the dance floor with Tango, Foxtrot, and Mambo is grand, to experience all of this fun is this happy band.

Outside the evening arrives past deep blue skies, and for this crowd of friends the evening flies.

