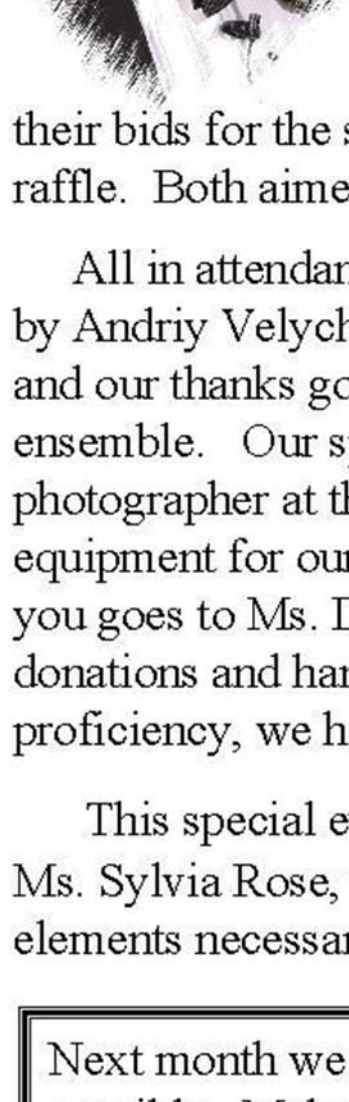


October 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:



A plethora of ladies in long formal dresses and men in tuxedos poured into Covenant United Methodist Church earlier this month for our VIII annual Mavis Stanley Charity Ball for the benefit of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Our focus is always toward a great dance experience when we gather; however, on this special night we also focused on raising money for Le Bonheur's Child Life Program.

The one hundred-six USA Dance members and their guests danced the evening away to the outstanding music of the Edd Jones Orchestra. During breaks from the dance floor, attendees entered their bids for the silent auction and listened attentively as numbers were called for the raffle. Both aimed at raising money for some very deserving children at Le Bonheur.

All in attendance were treated to two pro-am showcases from Blue Suede Ballroom by Andriy Velychko and Jan McElroy. The spread on the buffet table was excellent and our thanks go out to everyone who added their special recipes to be enjoyed by the ensemble. Our special thanks to Dr. Larry Hsia for filling in for our usual photographer at this event and to Mr. Barry Stanley for his expertise with the sound equipment for our entertainment, dance mixer and announcements. A particular thank you goes to Ms. Dena Richardson for her work over the past few months accumulating donations and handling the silent auction at our event. With Dena's dedication and proficiency, we had a successful silent auction.

This special evening would not have happened without our Chairman for the event, Ms. Sylvia Rose, who has worked tirelessly over many months coordinating all the elements necessary to put our Le Bonheur Charity Ball together. Thank you Sylvia!

Next month we honor our volunteers who make our dances and all of our activities possible. Make your plans now to attend an exceptional dance celebration on the second Saturday, November 14.

Dance Photos - October Dance



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to Jack Taylor, Sue Evans, and Howard Glatstein who joined the Chapter next to 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: James Sparks, Jane Hester, Sandra Trammell, Sara Callaway, Eugene Callaway, Camilla Wilson, and Timothy Hnat.

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 Memorial 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
Azigio 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*.

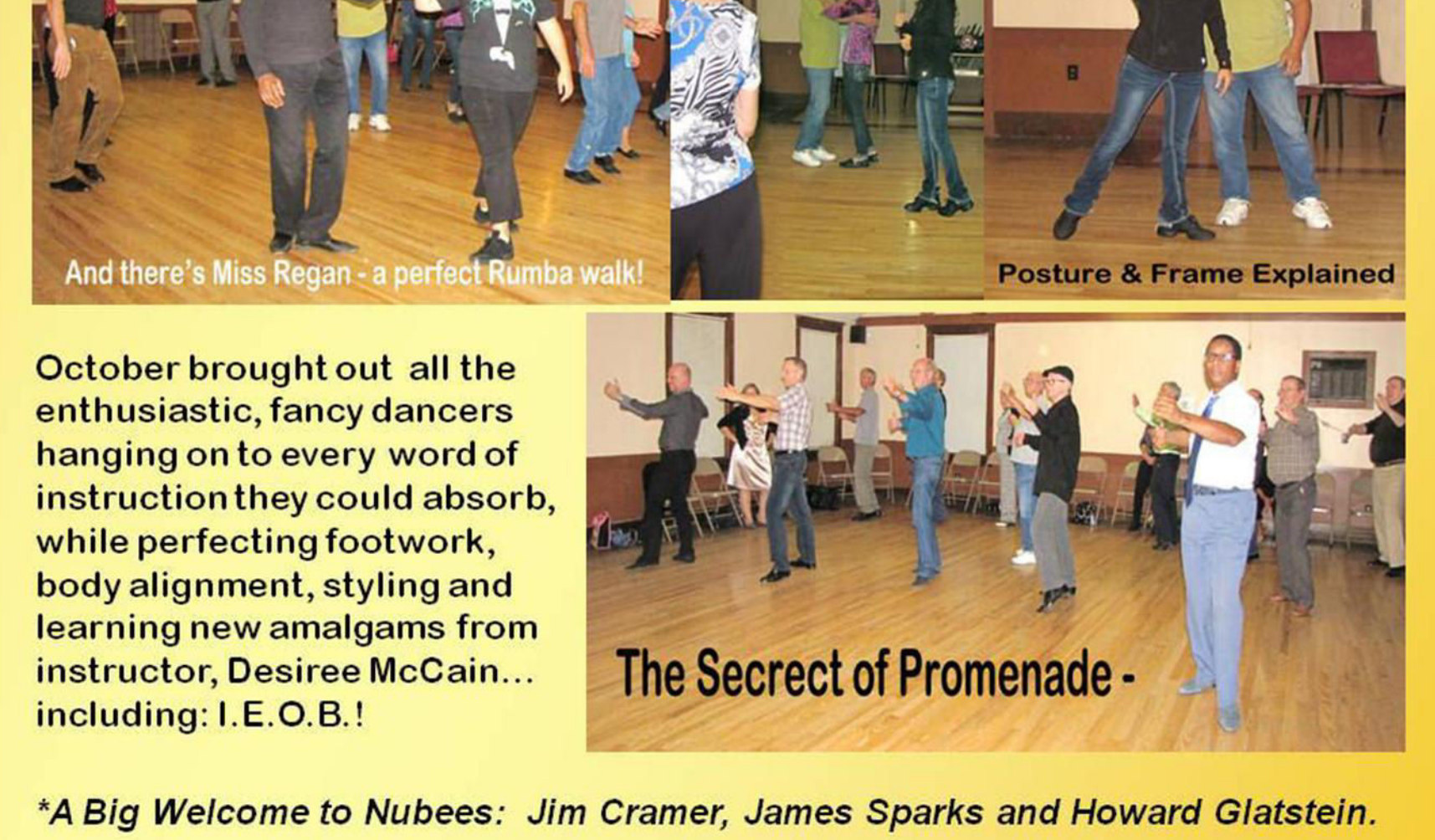
Our members are the strength of our Chapter. Please renew your membership as soon as you receive your renewal notice. If you experience any problems with the online system please let us know promptly so that we may assist before your membership expires. We surely do not want to lose you as a part of 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.

Voting for 2016 Board is Closing

Voting for your 2016 Board of Directors will close on November 14. If you have not voted on line please do so prior to this date. Paper ballots will be available at our November dance if you would like to cast your vote there.

To vote you must hold a current membership to USA Dance. If you are unsure Taylor, Dir. Of your membership is active, please contact Robert White robert_b.white@bellsouth.net.



In Grateful Appreciation to our Donors for the Charity Event

Silver Level: Covenant United Methodist church
Dance Shoes of Tennessee

Bronze Level: SONOCO Products
Veesart Financial
Fresh Markets
Superlo Foods

Contributors: Casbah Mediterranean Restaurant, Jane Hester, John & Kathy Linn, Germantown Car Wash, Katie Harrison, Lucchesi's Ravioli & Pasta, Memphis Pool Supply, Nancy Hamilton, Holiday Deli & Ham, Pam Vaughn, Robert White, Woodland Hills, Super Cuts, and Sylvia Rose.

Dance Instruction Contributors: Arman Sahakyan, Blue Suede Ballroom, Dance Smiths Bartlett, Fred Astaire Studios Germantown, Jeanette Jeffries, and Ultimate Ballroom.

Donations by Friends of the Chapter: Bob & Jennifer Bostick, David & Christyne Fish, Dian Stanley, George & Sara Foust, Jan McElroy, Sylvia Rose, and Jim & Elise Frost.

Please express your appreciation to these businesses and individuals for their generous support of USA Dance each time you have occasion to encounter them.

'Dancing for the Children' - Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Child Life Program
USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter - National Ballroom Dance Week Sept. 22, 2015

For the third year, a group of 30 volunteers, including USA Dance Board of directors, Amateur Dancers, Independent Instructors and two Area Studios delighted the Children, Parents and Staff at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital with Ballroom Showcases and general dancing among all participants and attendees.

Seven showcases were presented featuring: Amateurs, Mike Wiggins and Jane Riggins, WC Swing; Amateurs, Doyle & Vickie Caldwell, Rumba/Cha Cha medley; Pro/Am Joseph Rukendorfer & Gail Cockrell, EC Swing; Professionals, Jeannette Jeffries & Richard Britt, WC Swing; Pro/Am Arman Sahakyan & Melinda Benham, Slow Waltz; Blue Suede Ballroom - Professionals Andriy Velychko & Desiree McCain; DanceSmith's Studio - Professionals, Benji Smith, and studio instructors Cheyenne Johnson, Caleb Vickers & Lilly Elkin.

Robert White, President of our chapter and Wife Marilyn led off 30 minutes of General Dancing with an EC Swing. Board Members participating were: Pam Vaughn, Carole Eady and Jane Hester. USA Dance member volunteers were: Lee Bodeen, Jessica Howard, Stanley Smilowitz, Woody McRae and Jim Cramer. We want to thank Joanie Taylor, Dir. Of Special Events and Amy Ford, Special Events Coordinator for their wonderful help with the Music and Photography.

The program was closed circuit broadcast throughout the hospital for those who could not attend. These types of programs give the children enjoyment, taking away thoughts of their illnesses for a little while.

USA Dance is grateful to all our volunteers and to Le Bonheur for the opportunity to give back to the community. This is the 6th year in which, USA Dance chose Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Foundation Child Life Program as beneficiary of the Annual Charity Ball. Sylvia Rose, Chairman

GROUP CLASS TID BITS

Rumba & Tango Class with Desiree - October 2015

October brought out all the enthusiastic, fancy dancers hanging on to every word of instruction they could absorb, while perfecting footwork, body alignment, styling and learning new amalgams from instructor, Desiree McCain... including: I.E.O.B.!

The Secret of Promenade -

***A Big Welcome to Nubees: Jim Cramer, James Sparks and Howard Glatstein.**

NOVEMBER CLASSES: Mr. Joseph Rukendorfer, I.S.T.D. Dual Fellow, will instruct the Viennese Waltz at 6pm and the Bolero at 7:15pm. The Viennese Waltz is one of the most graceful of all Ballroom dances which imparts a feeling of flying on a cloud of splendor.

All Group Classes held at Berclair civic Club, 743 Novarese at Summer, Memphis. Only \$7 per class, students with ID only \$3 - No Partner needed. Visit our group Face Book Page: USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012. Join USA Dance at our group class venue for only \$35 - receive 2 classes Free- and one monthly dance, with recorded DJ music complimentary. Sylvia Rose, G.C. Dir. 901-386-2003

This month we gathered at Covenant for our Edd Jones Orchestra fix.

Some arrived as early as six.

It is fitting that such an event for Le Bonheur children that we celebrate,

that live ballroom music of this quality one can truly not replicate.

Our crowd of friendly dancing folks really seem to like this sound,

and in Memphis as we raised money for Le Bonheur, it could be found.

