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December 2017 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

Outside a winter chill was setting in; but a warm Holiday Spirit was all around as sixty-nine USA Dance members and their guests arrived at CrossRoads United Methodist Church for our annual Christmas Party. The spirit of *Christmas Present* was spread around the hall with Christmas tins and candles decorating the tables and an amaryllis and candle buffet centerpiece, all created by our own *Decorating Elf*, Carole Eady. The festive atmosphere was contagious as we moved on to the dance floor. During our first break this joyful crowd was treated to a special taste of *Ole' Vienna* as our Group Class Instructor, Joseph Rukendorfer, and student, Gail Cockrell took us back to Joseph's home country with a special Viennese Waltz to the song *Princess for Christmas* by Hollywood Strings.

Our special thanks to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing and announcements. Tim and Nastasya Hnat's photography is also treasured. Their work with the camera can be seen in most of the photos in this newsletter. The trove of tasty Holiday Delights on the buffet, much of it brought by our members and guests, was also greatly appreciated. The talents of our dancers obviously extend well beyond the dance floor.

We are always honored when professional instructors choose to attend our events. This month, Ben Stovall with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio, and Joseph Rukendorfer, independent local instructor, attended. Both of these very talented instructors teach for our Group

Class programs at the Berclair Civic Center.

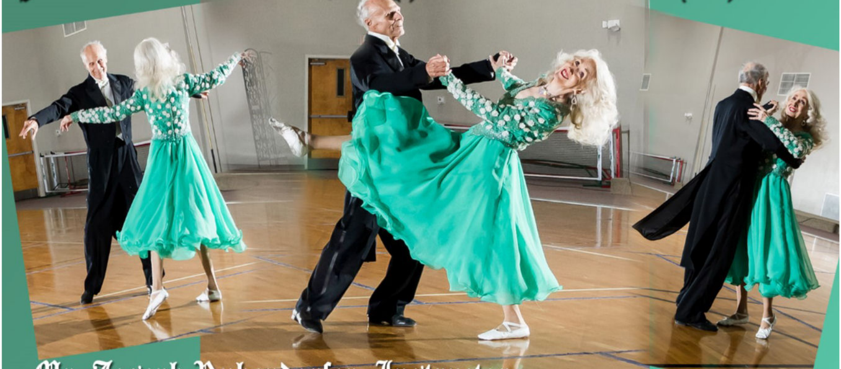
During the evening, the newly elected 2018 Board of Directors was introduced. We are most thankful for this hard-working group of individuals, who serve you in this capacity. The amount of work and planning that goes on behind the scene is indeed daunting. But your Board of Directors and other volunteers take it on with the aim of producing high quality dance events and lessons.

We are most thankful for each dancer who attends our monthly event, not only because it validates the work we do, but also because without your support we could not continue. Thank you for dancing with us!

Our monthly dance event will start the new year at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center on Germantown Parkway in Cordova, TN. We plan to hold our events at this location into the foreseeable future and hope you will join us on the second Saturday of each month starting on January 9 as we celebrate our Snowball Dance. You will receive details concerning this event via e-mail soon. Why not mark your calendar now to be a part of the fun?

Dance Photos - December Dance

From Vienna Austria to Memphis - A Viennese Waltz Showcase



Mr. Joseph Rukendorfer, Instructor AND STUDENT **GAIL COCKRELL**

PERFORM FOR USA DANCE CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY - DEC. 9, 2017 PHOTOS/ NASTASYA HNAT

I SHOULD HAVE PICKED UP A LARGER PLATE!

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THE SOUND MASTER AT WORK

The Sound Master at play!

BONUS
GUEST
USA DANCE
EXIT

No one here wants you to move away!
DANCE
Welcome Back

Welcome Back
DANCE
BONUS
CE

If you point that camera at
Me one more time!

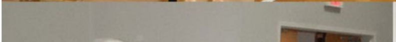
Work Starts Before the Dance
and Behind The Scenes

HOME
GUEST
PERIOD
BONUS
USA DANCE

I can't believe you said that!

Decorating Magic Happening Here

I sure wish she would move so I could get to the cookies!



Who is this guy?

Renewing USA Dance Members

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

Charles Garrett, Don Anishanslin, Lan Long, and Natalie Spruell

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 current $4 admission discount, being a member of USA Dance is special and has its unique privileges.

For information on these and other programs, visit our website at:

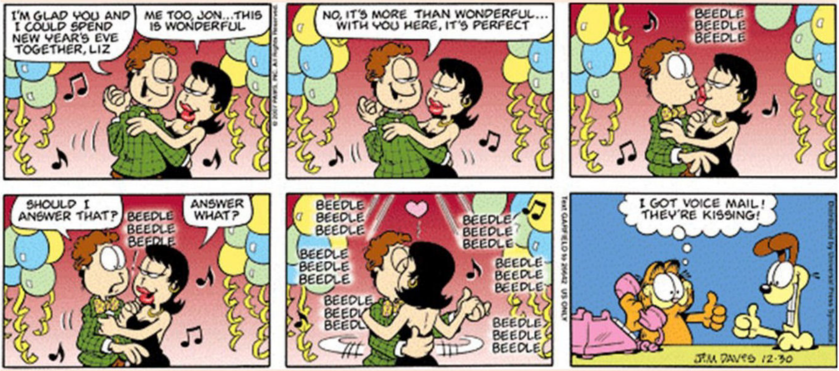
http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exciting-opportunity-for-our-members/

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 can assist before your membership expires. We surely do not want to lose you as a part of our dance family.


I'M GLAD YOU AND I COULD SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE TOGETHER, LIZ
ME TOO, JON... THIS IS WONDERFUL
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NO, IT'S MORE THAN WONDERFUL... WITH YOU HERE, IT'S PERFECT
BEEDLE BEEDLE BEEDLE
SHOULD I ANSWER THAT?
BEEDLE BEEDLE BEEDLE
ANSWER WHAT?
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Text GARFIELD to 26642 US ONLY
I GOT VOICE MAIL! THEY'RE KISSING!
JPM DAVIS 12-30
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USA Dance 2018 Board of Directors

SEASON's GREETINGS

Carole Eady Doyle Caldwell Nastasya Hnat Darryl Nowag Lee Bodeen
Pam Vaughn Jane Hester Robert White Gail Mays Sylvia Rose

It's The Law

The USA is a nation based upon laws. Some we like, others we question, but as a society overall, we follow the laws that govern us, because by doing so we may live in relative peace with one another. Occasionally a law is passed for reasons that seem logical and necessary at the time; but as time passes, its original purpose slips away. Often such laws remain "on the books" and in theory could be enforced. There are some laws related to dancing that fall into this fuzzy area. This month's example of such a law is:

As the song lyrics go:
"Come and meet those dancing feet on the avenue I'm taking you to… Forty-Second Street"

But there's a legal catch. If you dance any place in NYC which does not have a cabaret license, a fine could be involved. So, if you decide to take your dancing shoes to a dance floor near Broadway, you might want to check to see if they are properly licensed – just to be safe.

Special Notice

As we move toward a new year, we want to reiterate our core standards with everyone who chooses to attend our dances and lessons.
Specifically, USA Dance is an alcohol and smoke free organization. Any violation of this places our Chapter's USA Dance Charter AND the relationships with our venues in extreme jeopardy. Therefore, we must strictly enforce the no alcohol or smoking policy at all USA Dance events and activities.

Robert B. White

President
Chapter #2012

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY DANCIN' IN 2018

We would like to thank all our Fabulous Instructors who came on Sunday evenings throughout the year to instruct USA Dance Group Classes in the Memphis area. USA Dance sponsors Bronze Ballroom Dance platforms for novice, beginner and intermediate dancers for only $7 per class. As a non profit organization we keep the cost affordable, covering costs only for the Instructor and building rent. We rotate the dances and instructors each month, offering students exposure to the different types of social dances and to the different styles of professional Instructors. We encourage students who wish to pursue private instruction to do so with an instructor or studio of their choice. No matter your age, 8 to 98, YOU CAN LEARN TO DANCE!

NEW GROUP CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 7, 2018
WALTZ AND HUSTLE IN THE NEW YEAR WITH BEN STOVALL

Waltz for the Beginner is scheduled for 6pm & Hustle for Beginner & Intermediate Dancers, scheduled for 7:15pm on Sunday evenings. All group classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per/Students and kids $3; No Partner Needed. Visit our web site: dancememphis.com and join our FB page USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012.

A BIG THANK YOU TO LEE BODEEN, ASSISTANT GROUP CLASS DIR.; FOR MORE INFO PHONE : 901-386-2003, SYLVIA ROSE, GROUP CLASS DIR. ~ C U ON THE L O D ~

Instructor's Photos and Bios are listed alphabetically on our Web Site.

Twelve dancers are dancing, and taking no rest,
and closely their hands together are press'd;
and soon as a dance has come to a close,
another begins, and each merrily goes;
and another year of dancing soon comes to a close.
Here's hoping we'll see you on the dance floor scene...
in twenty eighteen.