

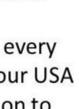


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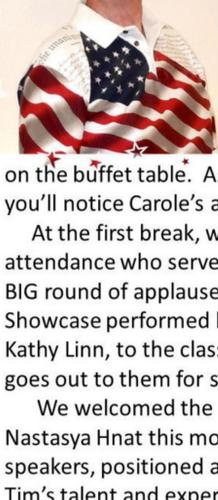


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July 2017 Newsletter



Comments from our President – Robert White



Red, White, and Blue could be seen in every direction as the festive crowd of eighty-four USA Dance members and their guests moved on to the dance floor at Covenant United Methodist Church to Celebrate the USA and the freedoms we have as citizens. The patriotic theme of this month's dance was spread around the hall by our *Dean of Decoration*, Carole Eady, with USA flags in theme bags atop red, white, and blue table cloths along with the creative center piece on the buffet table. As you check out the photos of this month's dance, you'll notice Carole's artistic work captured in many.

At the first break, we paid tribute to the men and women in attendance who served our great country in the Armed Services with a BIG round of applause. Then, everyone was wowed by the Paso Doble Showcase performed by our own DanceSport Champions, John and Kathy Linn, to the classic song *Spanish Gypsy Dance*. Our appreciation goes out to them for sharing their time and talent for our enjoyment.

We welcomed the return of our sound and camera experts, Tim and Nastasya Hnat this month. We experienced the full sound of all four speakers, positioned above us again as the tempo filled the dance floor. Tim's talent and expertise with the sound equipment is always appreciated. Most of the photos in this newsletter are also the result of Tim's skill. We thank the dancers who supplemented the buffet with their special recipes, which always adds a delightful variety to the buffet table.

There is one group we never seem to recognize often enough, namely the dancers who choose to attend our dances each month. As most are aware, our purpose and focus is to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the greater Memphis area. Although we have numerous activities aimed at our mission, our main effort is to offer a high quality monthly dance for the benefit of our local dancers. Those who choose to attend our monthly events are most valued because without their support, we could not continue. Thank you, Dancers!

Our August dance will take place at CrossRoads United Methodist Church – 9315 E. Shelby Drive – Collierville, TN. This event is our annual Ice Cream Social, so...during breaks from the dance floor you can enjoy enormous scoops of wonderful **Blue Bell** Ice Cream along with all the extras to build your own sundae. Mark your calendar now to be a part of the fun the 2nd Saturday of August at this new location. We look forward to sharing a dance floor with you on the 12th.

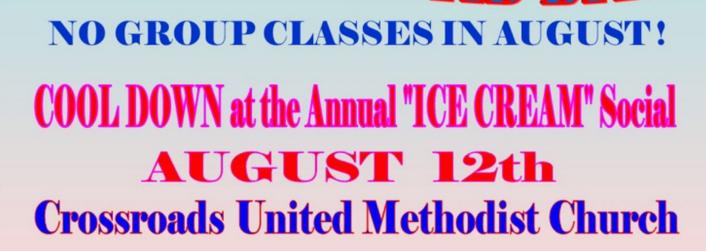


Dance Photos - July Dance



John & Kathy Linn USA Dance Champions

USA Dance ~ 'Celebrate America' ~ July 8, 2017



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Elissa Fine** and **Elizabeth Massengill** 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:
Joseph Robinson, Susan Robinson, Randy Collins, Jan Harris, Barbara Haggard, Rita Grant, Ronald Grant, Matt Thomson, and Woodson McRae

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 new \$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** (dycaldwell@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.



Red Hot & Cool TID BITS

NO GROUP CLASSES IN AUGUST!
COOL DOWN at the Annual "ICE CREAM" Social
AUGUST 12th
Crossroads United Methodist Church

Stephanie Korpitz of the Fred Astaire Studio, our Instructor in June, will dance 2 Showcase performances. Stephanie taught Bolero and Cha Cha during June so we will look forward, hopefully, to a Romantic Bolero! There will also be Plenty of Blue Bell Ice Cream and Toppings and of course our famous Chair Dances. Come join us for Fun & Friendship.
A Big WELCOME to our newest NUBEE: Elissa Fine
The Instructors and Classes to be taught in September, October and November are listed on our website: www.dancememphis.com Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. 901-356-2003

As the summer sun began to set, the USA Dance crowd all, began to gather at Covenant for the dance fun they recall. The Swing, Foxtrot, and Bolero is enjoyed by these folks, their feet to move across the dancefloor in breezy strokes. The varied tempos enjoyed with their diverse hues, to this group of friends is forever their muse. It's hard to grasp its already July, and half the year we have now danced by.

