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May 2017 Newsletter

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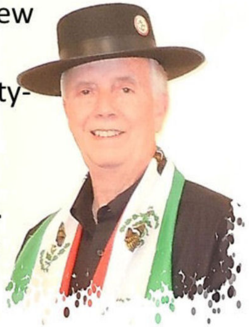
Comments from our President – Robert White



Our celebration of Cinco de Mayo was a few days past the official date but this in no way diminished the fun and excitement as seventy-nine USA Dance members and their Guests poured on to the dance floor at Covenant United Methodist Church for our May event. Many of our dancers chose to dress in *south of the border* styles to emphasize the evening's theme and enhance the flavor of Latin dances. Our *decorator excepcional*, Carole Eady, spread Cinco de Mayo essence over the hall with lighted lamps over cedar centerpieces on the tables and Sombrero, Piñata, and festive candlesticks on the buffet table.

Our special thanks to all our dancers who supplemented the buffet table with their special recipes for the enjoyment of everyone. Many of these special dishes, in addition to being delicious, had a *south of the border* essence that fit the theme. Dr. Tim Hnat's handling of the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing enjoyment and for our announcements is always appreciated. His and Nastasya Hnat's skillful work with the camera produced most of the photos in this newsletter.

The local dance studios and independent dance instructors are the pillars of ballroom dancing in the area. It is these professionals who transform the novice into an accomplished dancer so they can enjoy dancing to its fullest. We always feel privileged when these professionals choose to attend our events. This month two independent instructors, Charles Cox and Joseph Rukendorfer (who is one of our Group Class Instructors at Berclair) were a part of our event. We always like to recommend that our members and guests use these professionals to further develop their skills in ballroom dancing.

Next month is our *Summer Is A-Commin' Dance*. It will be held at Covenant United Methodist Church on June 10. This will be a fun event and we hope you will make your plans now to join us as we celebrate the arrival of summer in the Mid-South.

Summer
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Dance Photos May Dance

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Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

And Our 2017 Sombrero Winner Is:
Mrs. Gail Cockrell - Ole'

The Music Master at Work

MEXICO
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I can barely believe it but, that's what she said to me!

POINTS
MATCH
POINTS

I don't believe a word of it!

I'm in need of a "coffee fix"!
Yea, it's about 80 proof.

FOULS
I'm telling you!
That is exactly
what she said!

FOULS
POINTS
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I just don't believe what I'm hearing!

Can you believe that?

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Leslie McNamara** 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:

Gail Hackney, Matthew Lybanon, Carol Lybanon, Nancy Hamilton, Sylvia Rose, Mary Ann Waddell, Robert Haynie, Andrea Sander, Jerry Rubio, Barry Stanley, and Judy Cole

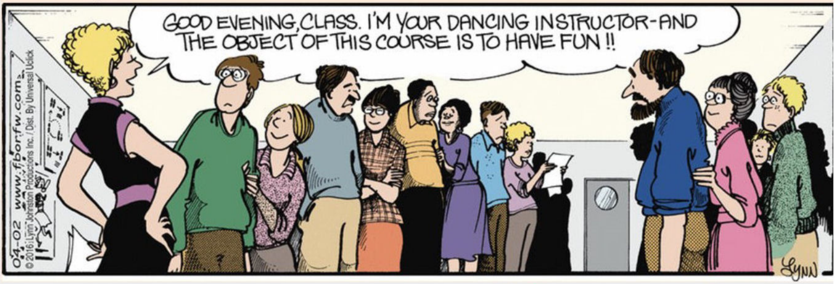
USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

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** (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.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USA Dance Ice Cream Social at McWherter

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Fernando - DJ

The USA Dance Board of Directors has held their monthly meetings at The McWherter Center for many years. As a token of our appreciation for the hospitality of the center's director, Vernon Gipson, his staff, and the Center volunteers, Chapter #2012 sponsors an Ice Cream Social dance there annually.

This is always a popular event with dancers and this year's event was no exception. Attendees were treated to "all they could eat" scoops of delicious Turner Dairies Ice Cream served up by USA Dance volunteers. And all the *fixings* were furnished for everyone's special Sundae. Music for the event was supplied by Fernando-DJ. Overall a great evening of dancing and yummy treats.

USA Dance At Poplar Oaks Senior Center

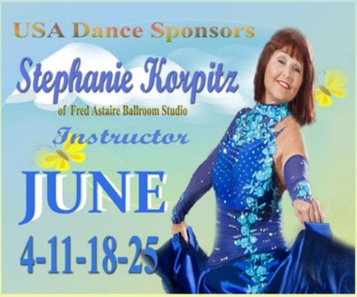
USA Dance Memphis volunteers made the day a little brighter for the residents and employees at Poplar Oaks Senior Center on Tuesday, April 27. USA Dancers shared an hour of their time dancing and interacting with the residents, and were enthusiastically thanked by Russell Hardeman, who arranged the visit. There will be opportunities for volunteers to participate in other USA Dance Outreach events. Check with Stanley Smilowitz, Peggy Jones, Gail Mays, Doyle Caldwell, Robert White, Sara and Gene Callaway about their fun experiences.

Jane Hester Volunteer Chairman.

Look! I've got the whole bag right here!!!

Summer Time Tid Bits

Join in the Summer Excitement ~ Group Classes begin June 4! Stephanie Korpitz of the Fred Astaire Studio will be instructing Bolero at 6pm and Cha Cha at 7:15 pm. Stephanie is an experienced certified Coach, Choreographer, and Instructor of American and International Styles of Ballroom Dance with many championships and awards throughout her career. Her love of teaching and vivacious, energetic style will make your feet smile! Happy Feet~ Happy YOU!



NO CLASSES IN JULY OR AUGUST!!

Two new Instructors have been added to the USA Dance, chapter 2012 Instructor Roster: **KayLeigh** Richardson **Berenzy** of BlueSuede Ballroom Studio, who will instruct in September and **Mike McKerlie** of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, who will instruct in October. Welcome!

All group classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per and students $3; no partner needed. For more information: 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose Group class Dir.

Memphis in May was filled with grace,
as the USA Dance crowd gathered in its place.
Our theme this month celebrates the people of Mexico,
and their pride in victory over an unbeatable foe.
On to the dance floor we moved at the end of light,

with the Mambo, Tango, and Rumba we spent the night.
For our love of dance, we meet and share our hearts,
but dismay the time when this group departs.