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November 2017 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

There was a bite in the air and darkness settled in as seventy-one USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our annual dance event in which we recognize our volunteers who work so diligently all year to make our Chapter a success. It is a rare occasion when our November dance falls on Veterans Day, but it gave us the opportunity to express our gratitude to all who have served in our military to protect our way of life and freedom. Each of you have value we cannot measure.

Carole Eady, our Master of the Decorating Arts, performed her usual magic with an outstanding cornucopia of real fruit spilling onto the buffet. The special Thanksgiving-theme plates on the tables also added a special holiday touch to our event. During the first break, our November Group Class instructor, Joseph Rukendorfer and student, Gail Cockrell, treated everyone to a spectacular entertainment showcase of American Swing to the song *Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy* by the Hugo Strasser Orchestra.

Our thanks again to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and our announcements. We also want to thank everyone who supplemented our buffet with their own special recipes for everyone's enjoyment. The selection and variety that our dancers consistently donate never fails to amaze me! This is evidence that many of our dancers have culinary talents as well as dance floor skills.

Our Chapter of USA Dance is involved in a wide range of activities to fulfill our purpose of expanding the quantity and quality of ballroom dance in the area. Our major focus is to provide our members and guests a monthly dance, and we are grateful for each and every dancer who chooses to attend. Without your support, we could not endure. Thank you!

Gail Mays
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
2017 USA Dance chapter 2012

Next month we will hold our Christmas Dance at CrossRoads United Methodist Church on December 9. Why not make your plans now and mark your calendar to be a part of this fun event? There is a strong rumor floating around that a spectacular entertainment showcase will take place during this dance. If you remember the performance at our dance last December, you might have an insight into what to expect.

Merry Christmas

Dance Photos - November Dance

Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy

A Swingin' Showcase

Joseph Rukendorfer and student Gail Cockrell

USA Dance, chapter 2012 ~ "Harvest of Thanks" ~ November 11, 2017

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Art: Sylvia Rose

USA Dance, Chapter 2012 Volunteers, Nov. 2017

Chapter 2012 Volunteer of the Year, GAIL MAYS; Jane Hester, Volunteer Chairman

Stanley Smilowitz; Lan Long; Marilyn White; John Linn; Kathy Linn; Tim Hnat; Alexander Safdari; Randy Collins; Peggy Jones & Doug Farris

Not pictured: Matthew Lybanon; Carol Lybanon; Dian Stanley; Jim Frommel; Charles Cox; Vickie Caldwell & Barry Stanley

Photo: Sylvia Rose

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The Sound Master at Work

I know it's right here somewhere!

that he gave his one and only SON
that whoever believes
GREEN ROOM
Hummm...
Yummy!

Here, let me check that out!
?
My Oh My! Where did I leave my dance shoes?
RESTROOMS
VISITOR
his one and only SON,

Future
USA Dance
Member
I'm going to wrap that

camera strap around your neck!

Renewing USA Dance Members

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

Lee Bodeen, Sara Callaway, Eugene Callaway, Betty Lyon, and Lindy Ward

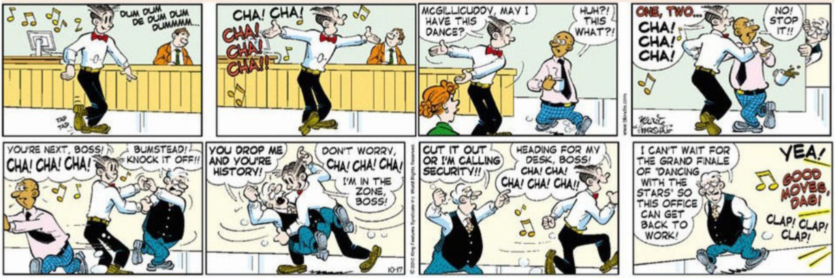
USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

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.


DUM DUM DE DUM DUM DUMMMM...
TAP TAP
CHA! CHA!
CHA! CHA! CHA!!
MCGILLICUDDY, MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
HUH?! THIS WHAT?!
ONE, TWO... CHA! CHA! CHA!
NO! STOP IT!!
YOU'RE NEXT, BOSS! CHA! CHA! CHA!
BUMSTEAD! KNOCK IT OFF!!
YOU DROP ME AND YOU'RE HISTORY!
DON'T WORRY, CHA! CHA! CHA! I'M IN THE ZONE, BOSS!
CUT IT OUT OR I'M CALLING SECURITY!!
HEADING FOR MY DESK, BOSS! CHA! CHA! CHA! CHA! CHA!!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE GRAND FINALE OF "DANCING WITH THE STARS" SO THIS OFFICE CAN GET BACK TO WORK!
YEA! GOOD MOVES, DAG!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
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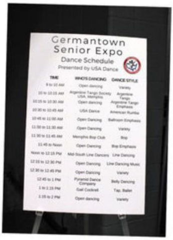
USA Dance Sponsors Dance Floor at Germantown EXPO



Germantown
Senior Expo
Dance Schedule
Presented by USA Dance

TIME	WHO'S DANCING	DANCE STYLE
9 to 10 AM	Open dancing	Variety
10 to 10:15 AM	Argentine Tango Society USA, Memphis	Argentine Tango
10:15 to 10:30 AM	Open dancing	Argentine Tango Emphasis
10:30 to 10:45 AM	USA Dance	American Rumba
10:45 to 11:00 AM	Open Dancing	Ballroom Emphasis
11:00 to 11:30 AM	Open Dancing	Variety
11:30 to 11:45 AM	Memphis Bop Club	Bop
11:45 to Noon	Open Dancing	Bop Emphasis
Noon to 12:15 PM	Mid-South Line Dancers	Line Dancing
12:15 to 12:30 PM	Open Dancing	Line Dancing Music
12:30 to 12:45 PM	Open Dancing	Variety
12:45 to 1 PM	Pyramid Dance Company	Belly Dancing
1 to 1:15 PM	Gail Cockrell	Tap, Ballet
1:15 to 2 PM	Open dancing	Variety

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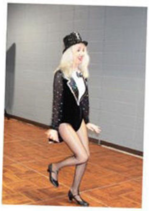

USA Dance, once again, sponsored 5 hours of dancing at the 2017 Germantown Senior Expo. Expo attendees could dance to their favorite Line Dance, Bop, Swing, Latin or Ballroom music in general dancing segments or if they just wanted to watch, that was ok too. You could see performers in costume, showcasing Belly Dancing, Bop, Argentine Tango, Latin and Ballroom Dance.

This event highlighted the variety of dance opportunities offered by various clubs and organizations available in the Greater Memphis Area. Exhibition showcase dance presentations included: the Argentine Tango Society USA, Memphis; Mid-South Line Dancers; Pyramid Dance Company; Gail Cockrell (representing the 'Steppin' Out Tap Dancers') and USA Dance, Chapter 2012, also the sponsor. Plus, there was plenty of time for cake walks, audience participation and open dancing for Fun!

Special thanks go out to Memphis Bop Club and USA Dance Volunteers for staying all day, dancing, and helping out wherever they were needed at the Expo. We could not have done it without you.

The Germantown Senior Expo and Dance Event is scheduled every year on the first Thursday in November. Hope to see you dancing...COME JOIN US NEXT YEAR!

Music Master
at Work

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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:

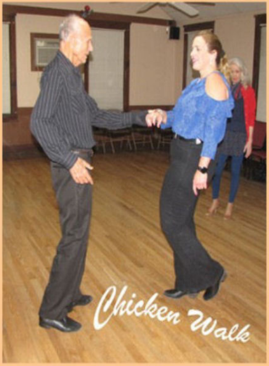
In Purdy, Missouri, dancing of any sort is strictly prohibited. Though there are reports that this law is no longer enforced, it is still on the books. So, if you decide to take your dancing shoes to Purdy, you might want to retain a lawyer – just in case.

Thankful TID BITS

Joseph Rukendorfer
USA Dance, Viennese Wlatz Group Class, Nov. 2017

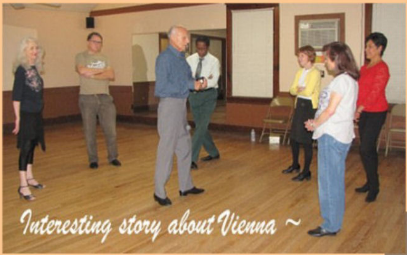
Swing and Fun With Joseph
USA Dance Group Class, Nov. 2017

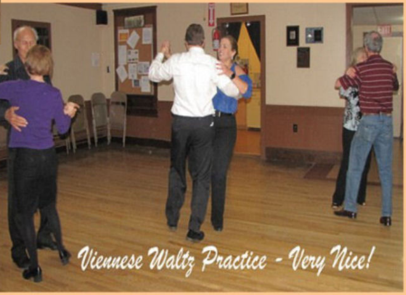
sit down ~ kick up


Chicken Walk

FUN!

Leo has the "Sailor Shuffle" ~ 'Right On"


Interesting story about Vienna ~


Viennese Waltz Practice - Very Nice!

Sylvia Rose
Group Class Dir.

NOTHING SAYS IT BETTER THAN 'THANK YOU' TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. Whether you are a member, non member, Instructor, assistant or class attendee we are Thankful for the time you give to the World of Dance. **Sylvia Sez: 'THANK YOU'!**

A SPECIAL *THANK YOU* to *LEE BODEEN*, Group Class Asst. Director

Our Instructor for November, **Joseph Rukendorfer** has been teaching for USA Dance Group Classes since the year 2000 in its organizational beginning. Joseph is an ISTD, Dual Fellow*. (International Society of Teachers of Dance,*Professional Examination Certification Dance Styles: American, Smooth & Rhythm and International, Standard & Latin). Joseph's wonderful stories of dancing the Viennese Waltz as a child in Vienna Austria, his homeland, is enjoyed by all. The Swing Class was exceptional this month! The students delighted in learning more than just, the same ole, same ole…we were introduced to so many of the trick steps and patterns that make the SWING look really SWINGY: the Chicken Walk, Sit down –Kick up, throw outs and many others…It was sooooo much Fun…and if you missed this class, maybe you can catch it later.

NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER!

Please watch for class announcements in the Dec. Newsletter and join our Face Book page to get the latest Dance News. Become a 'NUBEE'! Join our Happy Family of USA Dance at any of our Group Classes and receive 2 FREE Group Classes! As a member of USA Dance, only $35 per year you will also receive the national magazine "American Dancer" and your first monthly dance (recorded music) complimentary. WE WILL BE THANKFUL for all our NUBEES!

All group classes taught at Berclair Civic Club. 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; No Partner Needed; $7 per class, Students with ID / Kids $3; Beginner Classes at 6pm & Intermediate Classes at 7:15pm. Everyone Welcome!

Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. / Photos by S.Rose

With November nights coming early and the dawns coming late,
the USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent's gate.
Our time tonight was rich and rare,
as we gather to celebrate our volunteers because they care.
These are the people who make the USA Dance world a better place to live,
because these are the people so willing to give.
Our time together is such a blast,
so sad that it whirls by too fast.