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Comments from our President – Robert White

There were only a few hints of the Fall season present as one hundred four USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our Harvest Moon Ball. As the superb music of the Edd Jones Orchestra kept us entertained, we moved to the dance floor for the start of an evening of dancing delight. During the first break, everyone was wowed by QuickStep and Swing Medley choreography presented by our talented Dance Washington instructor, Mike McKerlie, and our new instructor, Stephanie Korpitz – both professionals from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis.

Our Creator of Extraordinary Ambiance, Carole Lady, took the venue change in stride. The lovely Harvest Fall colors in her foliage, candles and ribbons spread the Harvest Moon theme on the tables and buffet. Our Chef Extraordinaire, Chef Jeremiah Bowden, and his crew of Douglas Farms who filled in as photographer, during Tim Hoar's absence this month. Most of the photos shown in this newsletter are examples of his excellent skill with a camera.

We are always honored when local professional dance instructors attend our events. Attending this month were four of our USA Dance Group Class instructors - Stephanie Korpitz and Mike McKerlie, both from Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis, Jeremiah Bowden, Dance Ballroom Studio, and Joseph Bakondiere, an independent local instructor. In addition to this group, Charles Cox, an independent local instructor attended. These are the professionals who can take your interest in Ballroom Dancing and turn it into a lifetime of joyful experiences on the dance floor. We highly recommend them to you as you search to expand your dancing education.

We are so grateful for each and every dancer who chooses to attend our events. Without your support of our events, we could not continue our mission.

We will return to Advent next month on the second Saturday for our *Harvest of Thanks* event. This is the time of year we recognize and give thanks to all our volunteers who work tirelessly to bring you terrific dancing in the Greater Memphis Area. Why not make plans now to be a part of our dance on November 11.