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September 2017 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

With a faint hint of the approaching Fall in the air, seventy-one USA Dance members and their guests gathered at CrossRoads United Methodist Church for our September dance event. While local farmers had begun harvesting their crops, the only yield this group of friends produced was joy on the dance floor. And it was abundant! Our Master of Agrarian Design, Carole Eady, applied her talents to capture this month's dance theme on the tables and buffet. Examples of her work can be seen in many of the photos in this newsletter.

Our Group Classes at Berclair resumed this month with KayLeigh Berenzy teaching Rumba and Tango. The crowd was wowed by the Foxtrot/Swing she and her husband, Dustin, performed during our first break as well as the Samba showcase she choreographed for the second break featuring the *Samba Ladies Group of Blue Suede Ballroom*. The dancers in this ensemble were Cheri Howle, Sheryl Lane, Stephanie Farris, Jan McElroy, Dena Richardson, and KayLeigh Berenzy.

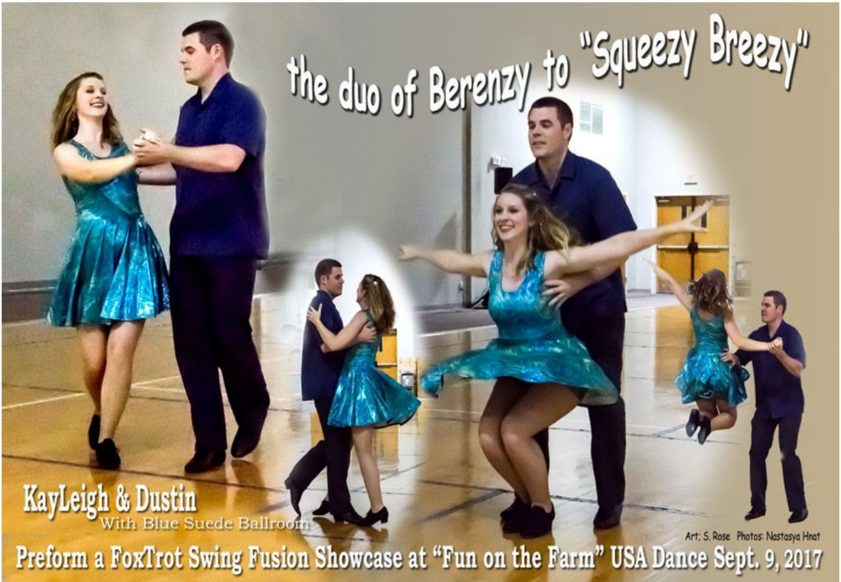
Our thanks go out to Dr. Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment as well as his and Nastasya's talent with the camera. Most of the photos you see in this newsletter are the result of their skilled eye behind the lens.

We appreciate all the talented cooks who supplemented our buffet with their special recipes. Their efforts continually lift the buffet to higher levels of enjoyment. A special thanks to Ken and Reta Black for their donation of fans used to fabricate the *Fun on the Farm* hand fans on each table at this month's dance.

We are so grateful for each and every dancer who chooses to attend our monthly dance. Without your support of our events, we could not endure. Thank you!

Our HARVEST MOON Ball will take place on the second Saturday of next month and it will feature music by the Edd Jones Orchestra. So…mark your calendar now to be a part of the dancing fun and excitement that will take place at CrossRoads United Methodist Church on the 14th of October.

Dance Photos - September Dance



the duo of Berenzy to "Squeezy Breezy"

KayLeigh & Dustin

With Blue Suede Ballroom

Art: S. Rose Photos: Nastasya Hnat

Preform a FoxTrot Swing Fusion Showcase at "Fun on the Farm" USA Dance Sept. 9, 2017

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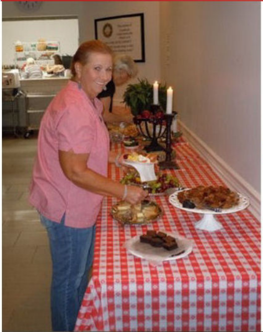
USA Dance - Sept. 9, 2017

Photo: Sylvia Rose

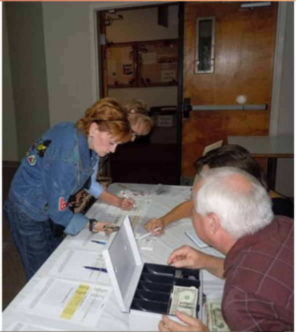
Single 6 Ladies Samba

Photo: Doug Farris

These 6 Talented Ladies from Blue Suede Ballroom danced a fiesty SAMBA to music of "Samba Single Ladies" by Beyonce. Kayleigh Berenzy, Dancer & Choreographer; with Dancers: Cheri Howle, Sheryl Lane, Stephanie Farris, Dena Richardson and Jan McElroy.



USA Dance Memphis Chapter # 2012 – Fun on The Farm – September 9, 2017



Here's your receipt for the twenty bales of hay.

USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

THE MUSIC MASTER AT WORK

This is my idea of bookends!

Oooh! This is good stuff! What is it!

Why does she keep pointing that camera at us!?

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Robin Wilson, Jenna Everman, Ruth Venegas, Allen Browning and Kaitlyn Bass** 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 member renewed their membership since the last newsletter:

Karen Tipton, Jack Tipton, Jane Hester, Bob Bostick Jr, Jennifer Bostick, Gail Mays, Darryl Nowag, Julie Sanchez, Suzan LaVoy, Doyle Caldwell, Vickie Caldwell, Peggy Jones, Timothy Hnat, Frederique Zindy, James Payne, Esim Payne, Stanley Smilowitz, and Pam Vaughn

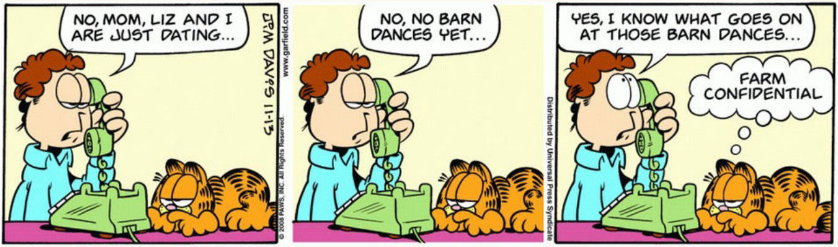
USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

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 about the issue 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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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 Fargo, North Dakota, it is illegal to dance with a hat on or even wear a hat to a function where dancing is taking place. Violation of the ban on hats while dancing is actually a criminal offense and could result in jail time.***

So, if you decide to take your dancing shoes to Fargo, you might want to leave your hat at home or risk a criminal record.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANN TAYLOR

Earlier in the month Ann Taylor, one of our members, celebrated her 91st birthday. A group of fellow USA Dance members and friends held a surprise party for Ann at The Lewis Center. During the breaks, copious quantities of Blue Bell ice cream were served along with the large birthday cake and other goodies on the buffet table. It was a great evening of fun, as this group of friends danced to the excellent music provided by Fernando. **Happy Birthday Ann!**

Fernando - DJ

Group Class Tid Bits

September brought us cool days and Cool Dance enthusiasts stepping into Fall for Rumba and Tango with our newest Instructor KayLeigh Richardson Berenzy! As the song goes: "If you knew KayLeigh like I know KayLeigh ~ oh, oh, oh what an Instructor"! ♪♪♫

KayLeigh has been a Member of USA Dance and has danced since early childhood. She has won titles and many awards in dance competitions, is a graduate of Ole Miss, a designer of costumes, a choreographer and an accredited Ballroom Instructor now with Blue Suede Ballroom.

I think of her as our 'Little KayLeigh' all grown up as a new 'Mommie' to be and hopefully bringing us another new member into our Dance World. Congratulations to KayLeigh & Dustin and Grandma Dena Richardson!

Steppin into Fall with KayLeigh Berenzy

All the Guys and Ladies in the Adv. Beginner class became experts in the Tango 'double Corte' and other advanced amalgamations. Beginners found the thrill of dancing the Rumba with a bit of Latin Motion and progressing to dance the 'cross body lead' with proper technique and style. Look at all the Smiling Faces!

GET READY FOR OCTOBER with MIKE McKERLIE of the FRED ASTAIRE DANCE STUDIO!

Mike, is certified in all forms of American Smooth & Rhythm dances as well as International Standard and Latin dances. He will be instructing: **SAMBA** for Beginners at 6pm and **FOX TROT** for Adv. Beginners & Intermediate dancers at 7:15pm. **October 8,15, 22 & 29th**. We welcome Mike to our Family of Instructors !

USA Dance offers inexpensive group classes on Sunday evenings throughout the year. Only $7 per one hour class; No partner needed; all classes taught at Berclair civic Club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler in Memphis. Dances and Instructors are rotated each month, giving students a chance to experience the different styles of instructors while learning all of the Social, American Ballroom Dances, always encouraging our participants to pursue their dance goals with the instructors of their choice.
Come Join our Friendly Family of Dancers ~ EVERYONE WELCOME !

Become a NUBEE at Group Class and get 2 PERKS! ~ For more info call: 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

September in Memphis is far from cold,
and as we gather to dance there's much joy to behold.
The fun of Waltz, Rumba, and Swing can be foretold,
for this group of friends' delights does unfold.
Soon we will miss the warmth of summer days,
but for now, ballroom dance is all it displays.
Our fun on this evening was really swell,
but we know it must end all too well.