

January 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



The name of our January event – *Snowball Gala* – turned out to be somewhat prophetic. The sleet and snow came down, the temperature dropped drastically, freezing the roads and parking lot at Advent, and turning the entire area into a winter wonderland. Regrettably, for the first time in a dozen years, we had to cancel our monthly dance event. We did not want to risk placing any of our dancers in danger of injury due to the weather conditions.

Hopefully nothing will hamper our dance event next month, and we will again have a “plethora” of newsletter photos attesting to our fun on the dance floor. Until then, enjoy the pictorial highlights (shown below) of the year 2017 in review of our Group Classes and Entertainment of the month by our instructors.

Next month is our Valentine Dance. Make your plans now to be a part of this fun event the second Saturday evening in February at Advent Presbyterian Church’s Life Center on Germantown Parkway in Cordova, TN. Please join us for a very special Valentine Celebration on the 10th!

Dance Photos January Dance
NO DANCE PHOTOS THIS MONTH

Recounting the Year 2017

JANUARY ~ Snow Ball Gala

Foxy Trotters & Hustlers with Ben Stovall - Jan. 2017 USA Dance

Snowball Gala ~ Ben & Jorja Jolly

Ben Stovall and Jorja Jolly of Ultimate Ballroom. First Time for “Snowball Gala” USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012-2017-Jan-14, 2017

FEBRUARY ~ Valentine’s Month

Amara's Super Argentine Tango Band Dancers ~

Amara Sahabayan *The Argentine Tango ~ to Love*

Romantic Fox Trot Fusion ~ Amara Sahabayan

MARCH ~ St. Paddy Month

Jorja Jolly – Waltz & Salsa class

BEN & JORJA SALSA with a bit of IRISH FUN

SALSA ~ JORJA JOLLY & BEN STOVALL

Turning the Dance Heat with “Salsita” USA Dance ~ St. Paddy Celebration - March 10, 2017

A Samba to Spring ~ Jorja Jolly, Instructor with Chandra Debra and Student, Debra Caldwell

APRIL ~ the Great Gatsby Month

Desiree McCain and the Hotsie Class

Desiree McCain ~ “The Great Gatsby”

USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter ~ April 8, 2017 ~ Creative Class

THE ULTIMATE CAUSE DANCE ON TABLE!

USA Dance Sponsors ~ Desiree McCain INSTRUCTOR

Group Class Sun. Apr. 23 & 30

Quickstep ~ 6pm
W.C. Swing ~ 7-15pm
Regular Class \$10 Nonmember or Transfer \$7 PER CLASS

Hotsie McCain ~ “The Great Gatsby”

JUNE ~ Prom Month

Stephanie Korpitz ~ Romance with Bolero ~ Hot with Cha Cha

USA Dance, June 2017 Group Class

SEPTEMBER ~ Down on the Farm Month

Steppin into Fall with Kayleigh Boony

FUN on the FARM Single Ladies Samba

USA Dance, Sept. 9, 2017

These 7 Talented Ladies from South Haven danced a fiery SAMBA to music of “Samba Single Ladies” by Beyonce. Knighty Beyonce, Dancer & Choreographer with Dancers Cheri Hoot, Sherel Lane, Stephanie Farris, Debi Richardson and Jan McElroy.

OCTOBER ~ Harvest Moon Ball

Mike McKenzie ~ Fox Trot Class with Mike McKenzie

A HIGH FIVE FOR ALL OUR HAPPY DANCERS - USA DANCE GROUP CLASS - OCT. 2017

Mike & Stephanie ~ Just a Swinging

Mike McKenzie & Stephanie Korpitz

STOVALL & SWINGING MOODY at USA Dance Harvest Moon Ball, OCT. 14, 2017

Mike & Stephanie ~ QUICKSTEPIN

Mike McKenzie & Stephanie Korpitz

Performed at Showcase at USA Dance Harvest Moon Ball, OCT. 14, 2017

NOVEMBER ~ Thanks for Volunteers

Stephanie Korpitz ~ Thanks for Volunteers

Chattanooga Shoe Shine Co. ~ A Samba Showcase

USA Dance, Chapter #212 ~ “Thanks for Volunteers” - November 10, 2017

Renewing USA Dance Members

Membership funds the majority of our organization's efforts and provides many benefits to dancers throughout the United States. One of the greatest benefits of membership in USA Dance is simply being an active participant in and supporter of this dynamic and effective leader, promoter and supporter of ballroom dancing. Many members say that attending USA Dance events and association with the friends they meet at those events quickly becomes a significant and very valuable part of their life. This applies regardless of age or whether the member is a Social Dancer, DanceSport Athlete, Student, or Junior dancer. Dancers who love to travel enjoy the instant social life they find while on vacation. In our membership in our Chapter also gives you a discount on admission to the dances held by our sister Chapters all over the country. So...when you travel take your dancing shoes and meet some new dancers.

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

- Kenneth Blankenship, Betty Blankenship, Regina Gillenwater, John Linn, Kathy Linn, and Sue Evans**

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 our Membership Chairman, **Doyle Caldwell** (dycaldwell@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.



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 the wonderful 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 close to home:

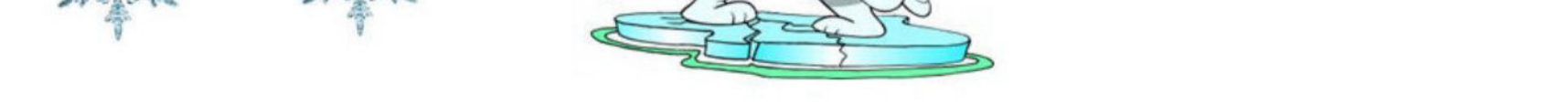
Nashville, TN has an old “Metro Law” that requires a \$100 permit for anyone to hold a public dance. This applies to all dances – even school proms and father-daughter dances at preschool.

I wonder if our sister USA Dance Chapter in Nashville secures a permit each time they produce a dance, or if they are even aware of this law? If you decide to take your dancing shoes to any of the wonderful dance events held in Nashville, perhaps you should check to make sure they are properly licensed before you tighten your laces and venture out on to the floor. We surely want to be law abiding dancers ☺

Note from the Editor

We just learned that NYC repealed their requirements last year for a cabaret license established in 1926 to prohibit dancing (last month’s example of old dancing laws). So... you no longer need be concerned about dancing anywhere in that city. Our thanks to Benji Smith, owner of Dance Smiths Dance Studio, for making us aware this antiquated law is no longer on the books.

Snow ~ Tid Bits ~ Snow



The frigid winds of January from the north did blow, with temperature quite cold enough for it to snow. The chill and ice did set in on our planned dance day, and few cars or feet were safe on these paths of grey. With the temperature holding danger in the air, We sadly had to keep our dance floor bare.

