DANCE BULLETIN

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February 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

After our January dance was cancelled due to snow and ice, it was great fun to gather this month for our Valentine Ball! Ladies were dressed in lovely red and pink and the gentlemen wore red ties in honor of the occasion. It was a colorful sight to watch eighty joyous USA Dance members and their Guests don dance shoes and move onto the dance floor for an evening of delightful ballroom music at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center.

The ambiance of this special ball was enhanced by the talents of our own Carole Eady. From the oversized "*love sign*" in the center of the buffet to the table centerpieces of hurricane lamps surrounded by pink and white fabric set the mood for a romantic evening.

Everyone was wowed by two excellent showcase performances. During the first break, our February Group Instructor, Stephanie Korpitz and her partner, Rudy Gonzales, both professional instructors with Fred Astaire Dance Studio – Memphis, performed an American Open Foxtrot to "*Tie a Yellow Ribbon*" by Tony Orlando & Dawn. At our second break, two of Stephanie's students at Fred Astaire Studio, Teegan and Calvin Breedlove, performed a Cinnamon Hot Salsa to "*La Pantera Rosada*" (The Pink Panther) by La 33. We thank them for sharing their time and talent.

We also express our appreciation to Tim Hnat for his continued expertise with the sound equipment that floats the music across the floor and makes our announcements possible. His and Nastasya's talent with the camera is also responsible for capturing in photos the joy of this group of friends.

Many of our dancers again supplemented the buffet table with winter delights from their pantries. The culinary talents of our dancers continually surprise me with the special dishes they bring each month. Their contributions are very much appreciated.

Professional dance instructors in the Greater Memphis area are the pillar of Ballroom Dancing. These are the specialists who can take your interest in dancing and turn it into an absolute joy to be on the dance floor. We are always honored when these pros choose to attend our events. This month, Ben Stovall with Ultimate Ballroom Studio, Stephanie Korpitz and Rudy Gonzales both with Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis, and Joseph Rukendorfer an independent instructor attended our dance. Ben, Stephanie, and Joseph also teach our USA Dance Group Classes.

As always, very special thanks to everyone who chose to join us on the dance floor. Your attendance at our monthly dance is the sustenance that makes it possible for us to continue. Thank you for your loyalty.

Next month we will be celebrating “The Wearing of The Green” at our St. Patty Party. Make your plans now to attend this fun event the second Saturday evening in March at Advent Presbyterian Church’s Life Center on Germantown Parkway in Cordova, TN. Mark your calendar now to join us for this annual celebration on the 10th.

Dance Photos - February Dance

"Tie A Yellow Ribbon"

Stephanie Korpitz & Rudy Gonzales

Of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis

Beginning with a Cavalry neckerchief in 1872, the YELLOW RIBBON has been worn in the hair, around the neck and on a tree as a symbol of a Lover waiting on the beloved who is 'far far away'. Stephanie and Rudy adapted their showcase FOX TROT to the World War II, returning Veteran. She waits, he returns but has doubts, playing coy she gets the ring ~ they live happily ever after!

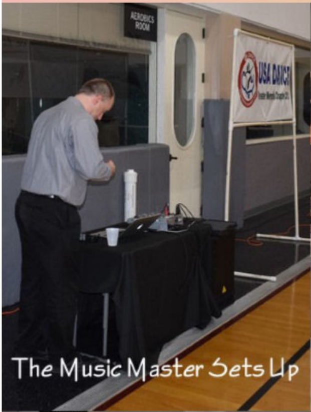
USA Dance Greater Memphis chapter 2012 - Valentine Ball, Feb.10, 2018 Photos/Nastasya Hnat ~ Art/ Sylvia Rose

Cinnamon Hots - Love that Salsa !

Calvin & Teegan Breedlove

Second Year, Fred Astaire Students of Ms. Stephanie Korpitz showcased a SALSA with Hot moves, spins, dips and drops to : 'Pantera Rosada' (the Pink Panther by La33) ~

USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012 ~ Feb.10, 2018 Valentine Ball Photos/ Nastasya Hnat Art/ Sylvia Rose



The Music Master Sets Up

WEIGHT ROOM

A Buffet Filled With Winter Delights

RESTROOMS
AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE

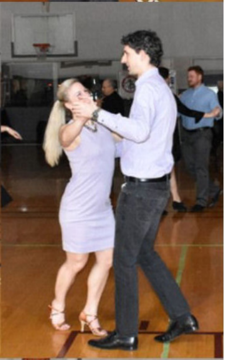
Nastasya – shooting the Chair Dance Mixer – She's got the BEST Camera!

Did you just notice a flash from your right?!

Then I just reached out and grabbed it!

That needs to be moved over!

I'm telling you, everything is going to be OK!



that whoever believes i

How long do the batteries last on that thing?

What is holding up the music?!

For GOD so lov

No! We're not going to tell anyone.
For GOD so loved
that he
SON
AEROBICS ROOM
USA

USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
WEIGHT ROOM
Oh! I can't believe
You said that.
GOD so loves

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Gemi Moore** 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

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 make at those events quickly becomes a significant and very pleasurable 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. Your 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:

Charles Solis, Terry Akins, Shirley Akins, Ellen Heldt, Debbie Sterbin, and Linda Westbrook

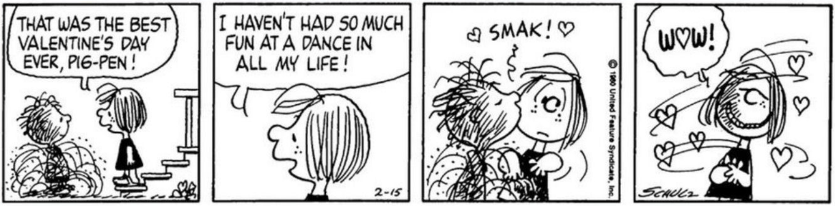
USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

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.


THAT WAS THE BEST VALENTINE'S DAY EVER, PIG-PEN!
I HAVEN'T HAD SO MUCH FUN AT A DANCE IN ALL MY LIFE!
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SMAK!
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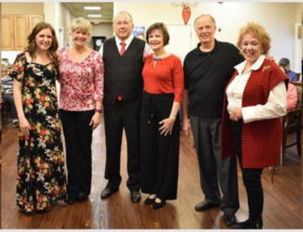
WOW!
SCHULZ

USA Dance visits Schilling Gardens



A group of USA Dance volunteers took their dance shoes to Schilling Gardens during the month to share the joy of ballroom dancing with the residents of the facility. This ongoing outreach by USA Dance Memphis always brings delight to both the residents and the volunteers. Photos taken during this event attest to the joy experienced by all involved. The USA Dance representatives were: Laura Scott, Kathy Linn, Barry Stanley, Gail Mays, Robert White, and Jane Hester (shown left to Right in the group photo above).

It was an hour well spent and we recommend participation in events such as this. Contact our Volunteer Chairman, Jane Hester, if you would like to join us in an outreach opportunity.

LAUGH
LAUGH

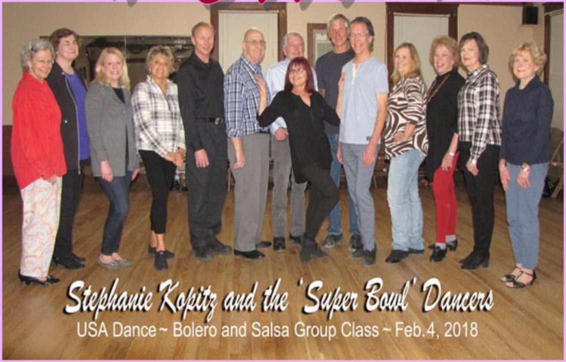
It's The Law

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. All indications are that this month's example of such a law continues to be actively enforced:

Very much like the story line in the hit movie re-release "***Footloose***", dancing is still very much challenged in St. George, Utah. And the city council requirements makes it almost impossible to obtain a 'dance permit'. Moving to music at certain venues can get you fined by the city, and potentially get the venues shut down.

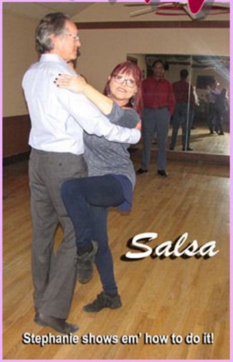
So...If you decide to take your dancing shoes to Utah, don't put them on anywhere near St. George. You just might end up with a fine and perhaps even with a criminal record☺

Tid Bits and Love



Stephanie Kopitz and the 'Super Bowl' Dancers

USA Dance ~ Bolero and Salsa Group Class ~ Feb.4, 2018



Salsa

Stephanie shows em' how to do it!

Havin' Fun at USA Dance Group Classes

USA Dance SPONSORS

Instructor Stephanie Korpitz of Fred Astaire Dance Studio for Feb. 2018

Beautiful Bolero

Mastering the Bolero Side Step and Sway ~

Hot
Hot
Salsa
Salsa Side Rock

AND THAT'S THE WAY WE ALL DANCED ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY with our Feb. Sweetheart Stephanie Korpitz !

USA Dance sponsored Ms. Stephanie Korpitz of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Instructor for February. We celebrated Stephanie's 10 year Anniversary this year as an Instructor. This year's class was another rousing success. Everyone had such fun learning one of the alternative dances, the SALSA. Bolero was danced with intent, as Stephanie demonstrated the beautiful emotion of the 'Dance of Love'. Thank you for giving your love & vivaciousness to USA Dance.

WE WELCOME MR. RAY FLEMING AS A NUBEE TO USA DANCE

March Instructor: Mike McKerlie of Fred Astaire Dance Studio will Instruct: **FOX TROT** at 6:00pm and **SAMBA** at 7:15pm. Fox Trot is primarily for the Beginner to Adv. Beg. with emphasis on technique as well as elements (which we all need). If you took Mike's SAMBA class last Oct. you will definitely want his class this March. So much New ~ So much Fun! Mike McKerlie may give it his Irish twist for March! Faith N' Begorrah! We Welcome Mike!

All USA Dance Group Classes taught at Berclair civic club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler; No partner needed; only $7 per class/ students with ID $3; these classes are offered to introduce you to all the Ballroom dances for American Style social Dancing. We rotate the dances offered and rotate different professional Instructors throughout the year. As time goes by, we hope that you will fall in LOVE with Ballroom dancing, a sport for life. I am positive you have heard all the health and social benefits of Ballroom dance, if not please do investigate all its benefits of heart health, Alzheimer's and many more. **Come join us ~ EVERYONE WELCOME!** ***For More Information: Ph. 901-386-2003, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.***

We arrive at Advent anticipating the fun we all know,
USA Dance members and guests alike join in the dance floor show.
As round and round the dance floor we glide,
to the rhythm of Foxtrot, Waltz, and Tango with pride.
The joy is always in the dancer's feet,
as we explore new patterns and move to the music's beat.
Our time together on this special night goes by so fast,
but it is always such a wonderful blast!