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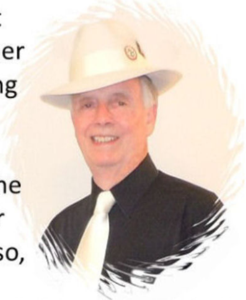
April 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



The group of dancing friends gathering at Advent on this special night, dressed in their Fedora's, flapper dresses, spats, and feather boas, looked like a casting call for *Guys & Dolls*. The guys didn't even make a move to hide their Tommy Guns. The Edd Jones Orchestra's magnificent dance music easily pulled the one hundred-sixteen USA Dance members and their guests on to the dance floor. Our decorating virtuoso, Carole Eady, spread the image of the Great Gatsby era to every corner of the hall. Tall glass towers filled with white & black paper on zebra-striped charger plates on the tables and a tall candle center piece for the buffet brought this perception to life. Her creations can be seen in many of the photos that follow.

We always appreciate the work of Tim Hnat with our sound equipment, which makes our announcements, performances and mixers possible. Tim and Nastasya's expertise with the camera is responsible for most of the photos you see in this newsletter. In addition, Sylvia Rose set up a room size Great Gatsby photo booth and captured the amazing variety of costumes and roaring twenties adornments worn by the dancers.

All in attendance were treated to outstanding Showcases performed by two of our Group Class instructors, Ben Stovall and Jorja Jolly (both associated with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio). During the first break, Ben and Jorja performed a Foxtrot to *Swingin Down The Lane* and during the second break, they performed a Sizzling Cha-Cha to *A Little Party Never Killed Nobody*. At the second break we also had a drawing in which two lucky attendees won $50 Dance Shoes of Tennessee gift certificates. One of these certificates was donated by Dance Shoes of Tennessee and the other one was donated by Southern Rhapsody Dance Society. Both generous donations are appreciated by the Chapter and especially by the two lucky winners.

Our buffet was again supplemented with the special recipes of many who attended. We thank each and every one who contributed. The additions you bring each month improve the quality of our buffet significantly.

It is always a pleasure to welcome professional dance instructors of the Greater Memphis area to our dances. These are the people who can expand your knowledge and hone your dancing techniques to the point where it is a joy to be out on the dance floor. Attending our dance this month were, Misha Konstantynov, Iurii Kora, Denys Koloda, Alice Green, Ben Stovall, Jorja Jolly, and Corey Branam, all with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio, and Joseph Rukendorfer, a local independent instructor. Ben, Jorja, and Joseph also teach for the USA Dance Group Classes.

We appreciate everyone who joined us on the dance floor. Your attendance at our monthly dance is the support that makes it possible for us to continue. Thank you for your loyalty.

May 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of our USA Dance Chapter. This is a historic milestone and we plan to celebrate it to its fullest at our May 12 dance. We do hope you will make plans and mark your calendar now to be a part of this fun event at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center on the second Saturday next month.

Dance Photos - April Dance

HOTCHA ~ CHA CHA CHA

JORJA JOLLY & BEN STOVALL , the Dazzlin' Duo of Ultimate Ballroom Dance to:

'A Little Party Never Killed Nobody'

Photos/ Tim Hnat

USA Dance ~ THE GREATEST GATSBY DANCE ON EARTH ~ April 14, 2018

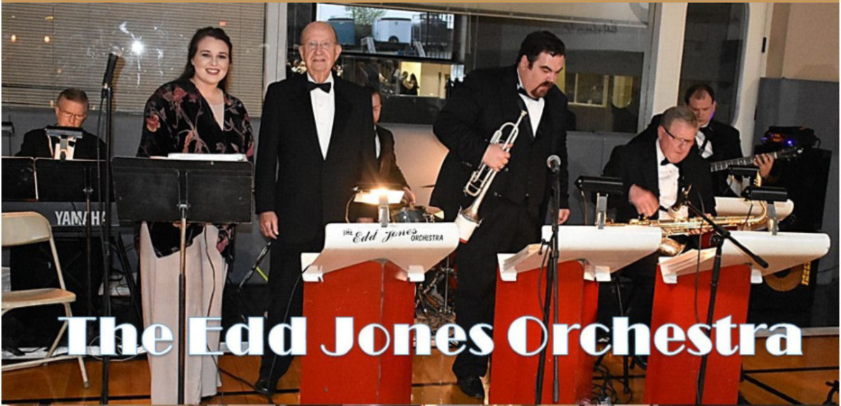
the Ultimate Duo ~ JORJA & BEN

Photos Timothy Hnat / Art S. Rose

Jorja Jolly & partner Ben Stovall professionals with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio

Showcase a 20s Style Fox Trot to: 'Swingin' Down The Lane'

'The Greatest Gatsby Dance On Earth' ~ April 14, 2018~ USA Dance



WEIGHT ROOM
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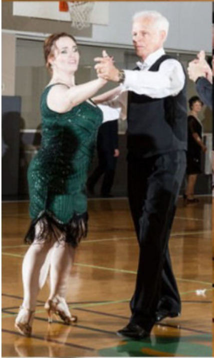
And, the winner is...

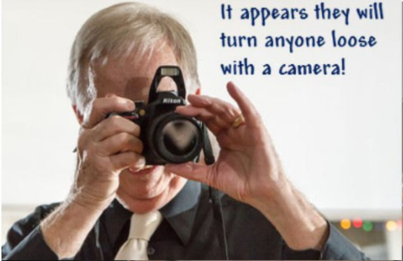
Camera man on the job!!!

I'm gonna wrap that camera
Strap around your neck!

Would you look at that!

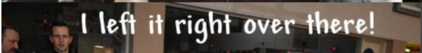
RESTROOMS
that whoever believes in him shall not p
eternal life.





It appears they will turn anyone loose with a camera!

FIRESIDE ROOM



I left it right over there!

I didn't move it!

Point that camera somewhere else!
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Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

The Professionals practice before the dance

Gatsby News

'MUG SHOTS' APPEARING IN DE 'LINE UP'

On USA Dance FB Page and Sylvia Harris Rose FB TIME LINE!

DOWNLOAD YOUR PHOTOS ~ SHARE THE FUN WITH FRIENDS ~ IT'S TIME TO SAY ~ HOTCHA !

Photos by Sylvia Rose

PRESS AGENT

De Notorious Nashville Gang

De Musician

Bonnie & Clyde

De Ultimate Gangstas and Molls

De Moll Twins

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:

Judy Cole, Gail Hackney, Matt Thomson, Josie Howser, and Marilyn Kerr

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.

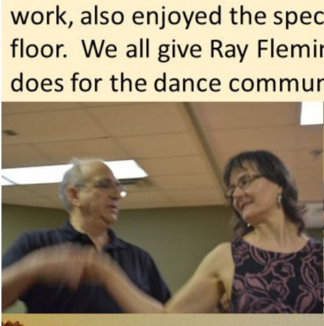
BOY, HOW THAT GIRL CAN DANCE! SHE'S REALLY A BALL OF FIRE! YES, SIR! SHE'S QUITE A GIRL!!
TOO BAD SHE ISN'T A DOG..
SNOOPY
SCHULZ

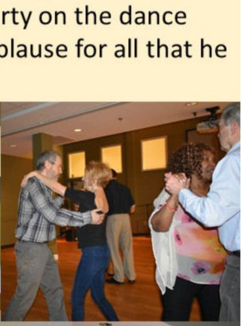
USA Dance Member Honored

In Honor
Ray Fleming
Waltz
Cha-Cha

RAY FLEMING

USA Dance member and long-time dancer, Ray Fleming, was honored recently at Hope Presbyterian Church with an event celebrating his 14th anniversary of supporting the Memphis Dance Community. Ray's e-mail - which details dances, dance classes, and other pertinent dance information – is the "go to" source for many of the hundreds of dancers he reaches weekly in the greater mid-south area. The crowd who attended, as Ray was presented a special plaque in recognition of his work, also enjoyed the special cake as well as the party on the dance floor. We all give Ray Fleming a rousing round of applause for all that he does for the dance community.





HOTCHA TID BITS

Your Devoted Group Class Hosts~

Sylvia Rose, Dir
Lee Bodeen, Ast. Dir.

JORJA JOLLY of Ultimate Ballroom INSTRUCTOR
USA Dance Group Class ~ APRIL, 2018

April Showers, 'The Greatest Gatsby Dance On Earth' and HOTCHA Dancers trying out the Roarin' ***20s Tango*** and the ***Cha Cha Cha*** to the HOTCHA beat of Latin music. All this and Miss Jorja Jolly as our Instructor, what more could you ask for? ***JORJA IS THE CAT'S MEOW!***

We like to think of our Group classes as a little Family, all beginning to learn and grow in dancing skills, helping each other to improve, encouraging each other to just get out there and 'do it'! We all had to start somewhere, sometime and that is what we love about USA Dance Group Classes, growing together and spreading the joy of Ballroom Dance. Never forget, "No one is ever too good to dance with a beginner"!

~NO GROUP CLASSES HELD IN MAY~

Mr. Ben Stovall to Instruct Beginner Waltz & Intermediate E.C. Swing in JUNE

All Group Classes taught at Berclair Civic Club 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. Beginner class at 6pm and Intermediate class at 7:15pm; $7 per class; Students with ID and Kids ONLY $3. No partner needed. Dancing is a sport for Life! Come Join us in JUNE, greet old friends and meet new friends! Visit our Web Site; www.usadancememphis.com and Visit us on Face Book; USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012.

For more information: call 901-386-2003, Sylvia Rose Group Class Director.~ C U on the L O D!

The friends gathered this night we recognize so well,
to enjoy an evening together is always swell.
With QuickStep, Foxtrot, and Waltz this group of friends did ignite,
for this evening of Great Gatsby brought us all grand delight.
Over the floor to the rhythm of the Edd Jones Orchestra we lightly skimmed,
and moved our feet to dance patterns so adept and trimmed.
On such a special night we always experience such madness,
but the evening ends much too soon as we bask in our gladness.