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June 2018 Newsletter

SUMMER DANCE

Comments from our President – Robert White

The summer heat descended on Memphis as we gathered at Advent Presbyterian Church’s Life Center this month for our “Summer Fiesta Dance”. Fortunately for the eighty-five USA Dance members and their guests who attended, the air-conditioning was working great, *Ole’*. All enjoyed an evening of dancing pleasure and socializing on the sidelines. Many dancers wore their *south-of- the-border* clothing, which included a genuine flamingo dress! Our talented *Senora of Decoration*, Carole Eady, spread the evening’s theme throughout the hall with sombreros on the tables, creative lighting, and a Piñata on the buffet table. All were treated to an excellent Foxtrot/Swing medley to the song *Sharp Dressed Man* by two instructors who teach our USA Dance Group Classes, Ben Stovall and Jorja Jolly – both associated with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio. We thank both of these professionals for sharing their time and talent for our enjoyment.

Our thanks go out to Tim Hnat for his expertise in handling the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and making our announcements possible. His and Nastasya Hnat’s expertise with the camera is also responsible for most of the photos in this newsletter. This month, Sylvia Rose also added her photographic talent to this collection of photos. Our thanks to all of them for recording the *fiesta fun* this group enjoyed. Many thanks also to Doyle

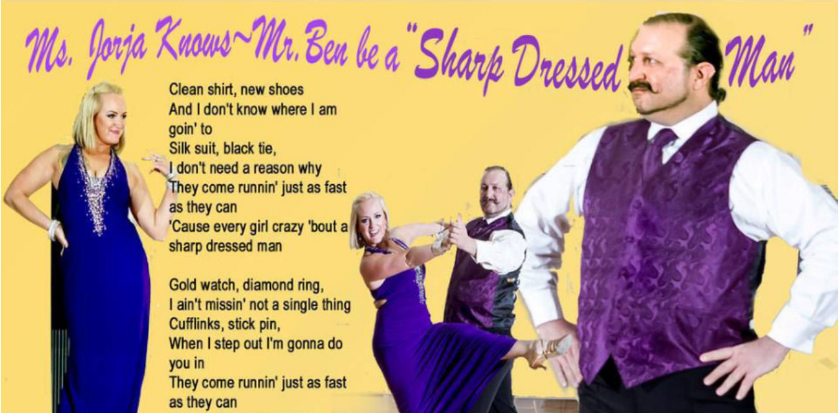
Caldwell for an excellent job of filling in on announcements for me this month.

Many dancers contributed their special recipes to our Latin-themed buffet for all to enjoy. Your contributions to the buffet each month add a delicious touch and we appreciate it.

Our very special thanks go out to everyone who chose to dance with us this month. It is your attendance at our dances that makes it possible for us to continue.

We invite you all to join us at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center the second Saturday in July as we Celebrate America. You are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue attire for this occasion but regardless of your wardrobe choice, we will welcome you to the dance floor on the 14th.

Dance Photos - June Dance



Ms. Jorja Knows~Mr. Ben be a "Sharp Dressed Man"

Clean shirt, new shoes
And I don't know where I am
goin' to
Silk suit, black tie,
I don't need a reason why
They come runnin' just as fast
as they can
'Cause every girl crazy 'bout a
sharp dressed man

Gold watch, diamond ring,
I ain't missin' not a single thing
Cufflinks, stick pin,
When I step out I'm gonna do
you in
They come runnin' just as fast
as they can

'Cause every girl crazy 'bout a
sharp dressed man
Top coat, top hat,
And I...
ZZ Top, Lyrics

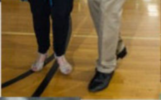
Ben Stovall & Jorja Jolly professional partners** of the Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio **Showcased a Sassy, Swing/FoxTrot Medly to: "Sharp Dressed Man' by 'Tiny Little Big Band' ~

USA Dance ~ Summer Fiesta ~ June 9, 2018

USA Dance – Where The Fun Is!

ROOMS
RESTROOMS
AEROBICS ROOM

Who´s hat is that?



RESTROOMS
Hey! I'm back here!

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:

Jean Hayden, Carol Lybanon, Matthew Lybanon, and John Linn

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.

IGOR STRAVINSKY'S BALLET 'RITE OF SPRING' IS A WEIRD TALE OF HUMAN SACRIFICE!
Johnson
EACH SPRING, A MAIDEN IS CHOSEN TO DANCE HERSELF TO DEATH BEFORE A COUNCIL OF MALE ELDERS!
3/20
TYPICAL! PICK ON SOME NAIVE GIRL!
© 2018 by UFS, Inc. Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
IF IT WERE ME DANCING, THERE'D BE A BUNCH OF DEAD OL' MEN!

Gail & Pam want you to sign up now !

National Ballroom Dance Week

NBDW~
Sign Up Here~
To participate~

September 21-30, 2018

FLASH MOB ~ FLASH MOB ~ FLASH MOB

SWING / FOX TROT MIX

CHOREOGRAPHY & STEPS VIDEO ON WWW.USADANCE.ORG

Our Chapter is coordinating participation for NBDW and NOW is the time to sign up for the FUN! We will hold our first PLANNING meeting on July 8, 4pm at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. We will explain & answer All Participants questions and set the target date for the FMD!

This is a DANCE Community effort! All dancers in the Mid South area are welcome! We will set up Practice Sessions for July, Aug. & Sept. *BEN STOVALL HAS VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD AND DIRECT OUR PRACTICES!* *Please call: Gail Mays # 662-349-3720; Pam Vaughn #901-377-6683 or Sylvia Rose # 901-386-2003.* If you hear a 'message response' please leave your name & ph#, we will contact you ASAP. OR you may come to the meeting on July 8 to participate in the FLASH MOB! Come join us. *It's OK if you don't have a partner – BEN HAS A PLAN!*

SUMMER'S HERE TID BITS

Yes Sir, Summer is here and we are going to relax and enjoy the Swing and Fox Trot that **Ben Stovall** of the Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio taught our attendees this month.

It was a challenge to learn the delayed triple step in the swing but everyone was stepping like a pro after two weeks. The *second week attendees* had to catch up and that gave us a chance to 'show off'. Too bad they were not at the first class.

The advanced class of Fox Trot emphasized the proper foot work, promenade, stride, frame comfort and connection for Social Dancing. SO nice!

Swing & Fox Trot is the mix for NBDW, Sept. 21-30

BEN STOVALL & THE "SUMMER GANG"

USA Dance, Swing Class, June 2018

CONNECTION FOR LEAD

WORKING ON THE DELAYED TRIPLE STEP

WALK, STRIDE & FLOOR CRAFT IN FOX TROT

NO CLASSES IN JULY OR AUGUST

IT'S FREE ~ JUST SIGN UP FOR FLASH MOB DANCE PRACTICE ~ SWING/FOX TROT MIX THROUGH JULY & AUG. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 4 PM, (time may change); Berclair Civic Club –BEN WILL LEAD THE GROUP! And if you don't have a partner, BEN HAS A PLAN !

HOPE TO SEE ALL OUR STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS, JUST 'A SWINGIN' AT THE CELEBRATE AMERICA PARTY ON JULY 14; Advent Presbyterian, 1879 N. Gtown Pkw.

Happy Summer Vacation and we will C U on the Berclair, LOD in September

If you need more info please call: 901-386-2003; **Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.**

Our time together this June seemed heaven sent,
With joy and fun together bringing content.
The sound of music, with clear tempo of Ballroom there,
Called us on to the floor as it raised into the seamless air.

Our feet moved to it with human grace,
As patterns we have learned and now do trace.
An evening with friends together of pure delight,
Ending much too soon before the light.