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May 2018 Newsletter

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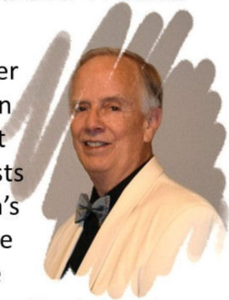
ANNIVERSARY

Comments from our President – Robert White



Our dance event this month was a very special celebration. Twenty years ago this month our Chapter # 2012 of USA Dance was activated and we have been dancing ever since. It was a joyous anniversary event as seventy-three USA Dance members and their guests moved on to the floor at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center to celebrate two decades of dancing in the Greater Memphis Area. Our gifted decorator, Carole Eady, spread the joy of this festive event with roses floating in giant champagne glasses atop mirrors accompanied by candles on the dance floor tables. Tall Amaryllis in crystal towers graced the buffet table. All the gorgeous fresh flowers were from Dance Director, Gail Mays' garden.

At the first break, we were treated to an outstanding Foxtrot Showcase by one of our Group Class instructors, Arman Sayhakyan, and his student Xiaoyoan Zhu. We thank them for sharing their time and talent for our enjoyment.

Many thanks go out to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment, which floats the dance music across the floor, and makes our announcements possible. He does double duty, along with Nastasya Hnat, with the camera to capture most of the shots in this newsletter. This month we also had two additional photographers, Ding Wang and Yong Chen, who contributed some outstanding shots to the newsletter. Their contribution is most appreciated. We also want to express our appreciation to everyone who contributed their special recipes to our buffet. The variety of tasty delights shared each month is amazing. We have many dancers who are also very talented cooks.

A very special thank you to everyone who chose to dance with us. It is your support that makes it possible for us to continue our monthly dances.

The second Saturday of next month we will be welcoming Summer to the Mid-South with Hot Ballroom Music to match the sizzling temperatures we expect. So, get ready to grab your dancing shoes, a good fan, and join the fun on June 9 at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center.

Summer DANCE Party

Dance Photos - May Dance

Fly Me To The Moon

Photo / Ding Wang - Art/ S. Rose **Arman Sahakyan** *and student Xiaoyan Zhu Showcase a Fox Trot Mix*

USA Dance 20th Anniversary Celebration ~ May 12, 2018

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Here he comes with that camera again!

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I can't believe you just said that!
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Ah! I don't believe a word you just said!

RESTROOMS
Yes, that's the largest champagne glass I've ever seen.
I don't think she believes me!
Our Decorations Expert getting it "just right"
Wow! What a

great evening!

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:

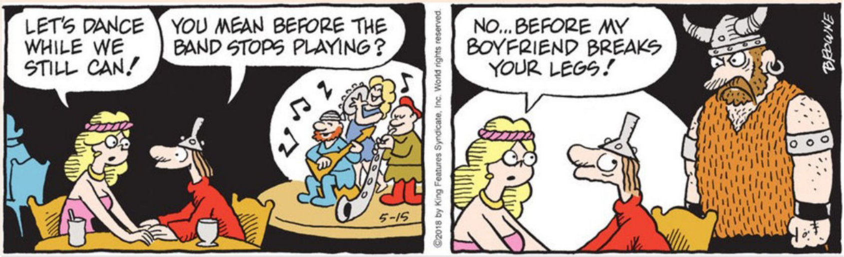
Petra Dodd, Andrea Sander, Scott Quiseng, Anna Khokhlova, and Leslie McNamara

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.


LET'S DANCE WHILE WE STILL CAN!
YOU MEAN BEFORE THE BAND STOPS PLAYING?
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NO...BEFORE MY BOYFRIEND BREAKS YOUR LEGS!
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ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT McWherter

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Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

The McWherter Center has been the location of our Chapter's monthly Board meeting for many years. As a token of our appreciation for the hospitality of the Center's Director, Vernon Gipson, his staff, and the Center's volunteers, Chapter #2012 sponsors an Ice Cream Social dance there annually.

This is always a popular event with dancers and this year was no exception. Attendees were treated to "all they could eat" scoops of delicious Turner Dairies Ice Cream served by USA Dance volunteers. And all the *fixings* were furnished for everyone's special sundae plus chocolate brownies and a variety of other goodies contributed by the dancers. Music for the event was supplied by Fernando-DJ. Overall, it was a great evening of dancing fun and yummy treats.

Fernando - DJ
Hard Working Volunteers
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Note from the Editor

Not only is May 2018 the 20th anniversary of USA Dance Chapter #2012 but this is also the 100th issue of this newsletter in the Greater Memphis area. If you would like to go back in time and check out what went on over the past 100 months at our dances, go to our website and run through the back copies of the newsletter. You will be amazed at how young you and your friends appeared a little over eight years ago.

Class Tid Bits

YEP ~ It's that time of year again, The last month for Group Class till September!

JUNE 3-10-17-24

EAST COAST SWING IT FUN INTO SUMMER ~ Beginner & Intermediate level ~ 6pm

FANCY FOX TROT ~ Intermediate & Advanced level with emphasis on technique, styling & ***floor craft,*** what it is & why everyone needs it ~*This class begins at 7:15 pm.* Don't Miss It!

BEN STOVALL of the Ultimate Ballroom Studio **INSTRUCTING**

All USA Dance Group Classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; ONLY $7 per class; No Partner Needed! (Take advantage of these affordable dance classes SPONSORED BY USA Dance, an opportunity to ***begin dance instruction or to enhance your dancing*** with the best professionals in the Memphis Area) . Visit our Web site: www. usadancememphis.com & Like us on our new Face Book page.

For more information: ph. 901-386-2003 ~ Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. ~ CU on the LOD

T'was a 20th anniversary gathering of friends with a deep connection,
for sharing their obvious dance affection.
Our time together dancing is our light, our star, our sun,
it fills our life with pleasure, joy, and fun.
Our joy for dancing grows with each year that goes past,
the enjoyable time we spend together is always quite a blast.
We look forward toward more years of dancing pleasure,
as we build more memories together to treasure.