DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

Where The Beat and Friendly People Meet

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July 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

As the heat of July simmered in the Mid-South, sixty-two USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center to celebrate the United States of America. Red, White, and Blue attire was seen everywhere as patriotic dancers took the floor and enjoyed the freedom we relish in this country. Carole Eady, expanded on our theme with red, white and blue decorations on the buffet as well as the tables on the dance floor. Her creations with American flags and lighted stars can be seen in many of the photos that follow in this newsletter.

The freedom we enjoy in this Country neither came without a cost nor is it defended easily. During our first dance break we expressed our appreciation to all of those present who have served in our military to defend our Country and the freedoms we cherish.

Our Chapter of USA Dance, like our National Organization, is made up of volunteers. These are individuals who willingly donate their time and talents to make everything work. You see evidence of this at each of our dances you attend. It all starts with Gail Mays, Dance Director, who makes all the arrangements for the venue, deals with the financial tasks, and buys extensive supplies for the dance. The music at our events floats across the floor for your dancing pleasure due to the volunteer efforts of Tim Hnat, who so skillfully operates the sound equipment for both the music and announcements. Most of the photos you see in this newsletter were taken by Tim and his wife Nastasya. The music for our dances is selected, edited, and recorded by our Music Committee

(Nastasya and Tim Hnat and Pam Vaughn). Sylvia Rose is the person who does our graphic arts and schedules the special Showcases we often have at our events. I have already mentioned Carole Eady's unique contributions, which enhance our themes. My appreciation and thanks go out to these individuals and the other Board Members, Doyle Caldwell, Darryl Nowag, Jane Hester, Lee Bodeen, and Kaitlyn Bass, whose support is crucial for our successful dances.

Many of the dancers who attend our events also have exceptional talents in the culinary arts. Our appreciation continually goes out to dancers who contribute their tasty recipes as a supplement to our buffet each month.

We appreciate everyone who chose to attend our dance this month. Your support sustains us and makes everything we do possible. Thank you!

Our August event is our Annual Ice Cream Social. Over recent years this has become one of our signature dances, and we are expecting a large crowd to participate. We plan something very special this year – a recognition of the professionals who teach us how to turn our interest in dancing into pure dance floor joy. Hope you will mark your calendar now to join us for this event on the second Saturday of next month, August 11.

A Big
Ice Cream Party

Dance Photos - July Dance

ROOM
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The Fan Club

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RESTROOMS

Fan Club Recruiting
Get that camera out of my face!

I can't believe she said that!
Pay Here
Yes! We're having this much fun!

FIRESIDE
EXIT
FIRESIDE ROOM
that he gave his one and only
USA

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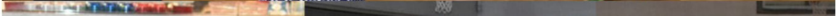
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
AEROBICS ROOM

For GOD so loved
at he gave his one



Surely, she didn't really say that!

USA DANCE
GOD
AMERICA
LAND

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Ben Stovall** 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:

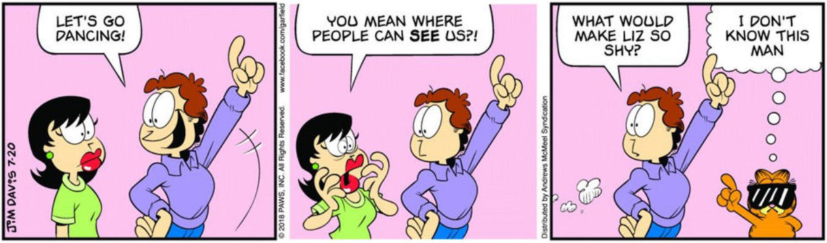
Mary Ann Waddell, Randy Collins, Dena Richardson, Glenn Crocker, Larry Moore, Ronald Grant, John Wasileski, Robert Haynie, and Karen Craig

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 GO DANCING!
YOU MEAN WHERE PEOPLE CAN **SEE** US?!
WHAT WOULD MAKE LIZ SO SHY?
I DON'T KNOW THIS MAN
JIM DAVIS 7-20
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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. The law we ran across for this month's newsletter is still in force a few states west of us:

In Monroe, Utah, there is a law stating that "daylight" must be visible between dance partners on a dance floor.

It is unclear how this law applies indoors or during night dances. However; if your feet need to *move to the beat* in Monroe, Utah, be careful about what is and is not visible or you might end up with a criminal record ☺.

Tid Bits of Summer

"Swing is back in style"
NBDW
2018 Memphis
Photo Sylvia Rose
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We had 'High Hopes' when USA Dance, national organization announced "National Ballroom Dance Week" for Sept 21-30, 2018. Planning started in May with a vote from your Board to participate… It passed and I began reaching out to all the dance community with enthusiasm! Pam, Gail and Jane agreed to be committee members. We publicized, had sign up sheets and began with a planning session of participants, July 8. We viewed the Video of the Foxtrot/Swing Flash Mob Dance, "Swing is Back in Style", choreographed by professional volunteers of USA Dance. Some new moves were introduced but most were familiar, only put together in a different sequence. What fun we had at our first Practice on June 21st! Ben Stovall was leading the group practice with 9 of us in attendance. L- R in pix: Patti Williams, Robert White, Martha Jones, Ben Stovall, Carol & Matthew Lybanon, Jan Harris, Leo Koulogianes and Sylvia Rose (no pix).

Oh me, Oh my, such a PITTY ~ We have to CANCEL our participation in the Flash Dance Mob for September. The group from New Albany had a conflict date on Sept. 22, then unforeseen personal issues and conflicts of travel interfered. **SO MUCH FUN and WE GAVE IT A GO!** ***THANK YOU ALL!***

SYLVIA ROSE, Group Class Dir.

Sylvia Rose Photo

NBDW 2018 July 8 First Meeting USA Dance chpt. 2012

NO GROUP CLASSES IN AUGUST

We Begin Classes This Fall

Sept. ~ Desiree McCain; Rumba & WC Swing

Oct. ~ Arman Sahakyan: Waltz & Argentine Tango

Nov.~ Joseph Rukendorfer; Quick Step & Viennese Waltz

We gathered at Advent in the heat of July,
already knowing our time of joy would fly.

We express our freedom to dance,
and to our feet this is pure romance.
Together we Rumba, Foxtrot, and Waltz,
’til our short time together halts.
Hard to fathom it’s already July,
and half the year we have now danced by.