DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

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September 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

Temperatures and humidity of the *Dog Days of Summer* became torrents of rain as ninety-seven USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church’s Life Center this month for our Barn Dance Social. The deluge outside in no way dampened the dancers’ enthusiasm as they took the floor for a night of dancing pleasure. Our talented, Carole Eady, again performed her decorating magic to spread the Barn Dance theme around the hall with red and white plaid table cloths and gas lamps on the tables. Tim Hnat’s handling of the sound equipment to float the music across the floor and to make possible our announcements was superb as always. His and Nastasya’s expertise with the camera captured the excitement of the dance throughout the evening. Their volunteer work is most appreciated. Most of the photos that appear in this newsletter were taken by them.

Everyone was wowed by the spectacular West Coast Swing showcase performed by our September Group Class Instructor, Desiree McCain, with her “Westie Beaus” to a recording of *Live Part 1* by BB King with John Mayer – Jam at Guitar Center’s King of the Blues. Photos capturing the fun appear in other sections of this newsletter.

Many of our dancers brought dishes of their special recipes to supplement our buffet table. Their contributions are very much appreciated, and they always raise the level of enjoyment for everyone.

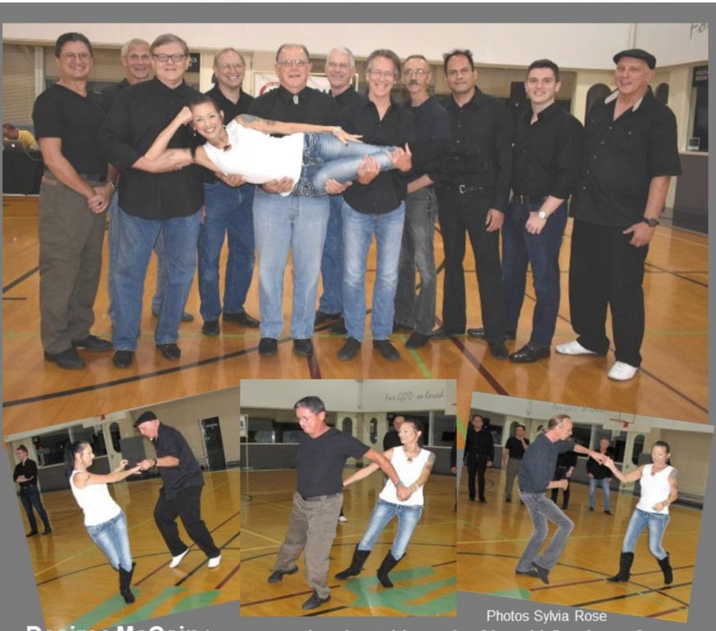
Our very special thanks go out to all of you who attended our dance. It is your support that sustains us and makes everything we do possible. Without you, we could not continue

Why not make your plans now to join us the second Saturday in October as we celebrate the arrival of Fall with our Harvest Moon Ball. This exciting and formal event will feature the fabulous music of the Edd Jones Orchestra. Hope you will join us on the 13th.

Black Tie

Dance Photos - September Dance

Desiree & her Westie Be



Photos Sylvia Rose

Desiree McCain Instructor, dancing with each of her 11 Students from

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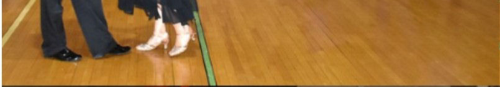
Jackson & Memphis, brought the house down with a WC Swing to: BB King with John Mayer, Live part 1, Jam at Guitar Centers King of the Blues.

USA Dance “Barn Dance Social” ~ September 13, 2012

USA DANCE
WEIGHT ROOM



THE FAN CLUB
strikes again!

There´ a rumor going around...

Not another one!

RESTROOMS
EXIT

There it is, just like I said!
Watch out! Here Comes that camera again!

I had never noticed that extra hand you have on the top of your head!

And then she said...

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Robert Sanford, Sandra Brooks, and Barbara Cook** 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:

Rita Grant, Kaitlyn Bass, Stanley Smilowitz, Frederique Zindy, James Payne, and Jan Harris.

USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

Summer is travel season - be sure to check out the values on car rentals, hotels and more with the USA Dance Membership Value Program.

As a member of USA Dance, you are eligible to access special benefits and discounts as listed below. Contact the vendors directly for more information on the items of interest to you.

Read more about it on our website at http://usadance.org/extra/membership-value/

Visit other chapters as you travel - visit our "find a chapter" page at http://usadance.org/chapters/find-a-local-chapter/ to see if there is a chapter in an area you will be visiting. Click on the name for an opportunity to email the chapter directly or visit their website. Enjoying dances hosted by other chapters is great way to get new ideas for your own chapter.

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.

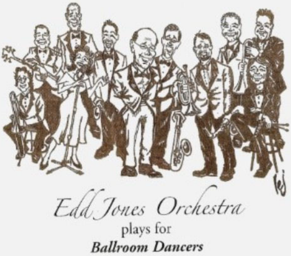
RUMBLE RUMBLE
BOOM!
YOU WERE RIGHT... YOU CAN DANCE UP A STORM!

Note from the Editor

The National Data Base for USA Dance is currently being rebuilt. As a result, there are some problems with the reliability of tracking membership renewals as well as reporting of new members. There is no problem with your data being lost; rather there are delays in the records being updated. If you recently joined the Chapter or renewed your membership but your name is not shown on this month's newsletter, you are not lost. You will surely be listed in next month's newsletter after the National Data Base catches up.

The Edd Jones Orchestra

Back by Popular Demand: USA Dance Harvest Moon Ball



Saturday Oct 13 – 7 til 10 p.m.
Advent Presbyterian Church Life Center
1879 N. Germantown Pkwy - Memphis, TN

Composed of eight talented and versatile musicians, the Edd Jones Orchestra is known for its ability to please the varied tastes of the dancing public. Specializing in music for ballroom dancing, the band has earned an enviable reputation for dynamic instrumentals and unique vocal styles. One of the featured bands at "The Club", an exclusive dinner and dance establishment in Birmingham, Alabama, this popular musical group continues to maintain a busy schedule of engagements throughout the Southeast as a regular for many of the dance clubs in major cities around Memphis.

Edd Jones, leader and trumpeter, has enjoyed a dual career as a music educator and performer. He earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Alabama and his PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi. Edd's career as a music educator spanned over 40 years. The last 22 years of his career were spent as Director of Bands at the University of North Alabama, where he retired in 2000 as Professor Emeritus. He was inducted into the Alabama Bandmaster's Hall of Fame in 1999. During his long and distinguished tenure as a band director, Edd continued to play professionally with his band and others. Through the years, he performed with such renowned musical acts as Sammy Kaye, Jan Garber, Vaughn Monroe, Pat Boone, Joni James, June Valli, Holiday on Ice, and Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus Band.

Our Gang~Tid Bits

Rumba & WC Swing with Desiree' McCain

USA Dance chapter 2012 ~ October 2018

TIME OUT! Sugar Push?

Desiree McCain an** Independent Professional Instructor, taught **RUMBA** and the ever popular, **WEST COAST SWING (The REAL THANG)** starting out **September classes** for* USA Dance' with *a **huge crowd of smiling, eager, enthusiastic, beginner and advanced Dancers! Desiree instructs all levels of American Smooth and Rhythm and taught for USA Dance,12 years. She is all energy, loves her students and dancing. Thank you Desiree!

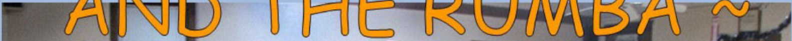
WE ADDED 7 NUBEES to our Friendly Family of Ballroom Dancers – Whoope! **Desiree McCain**, Bobby Sanford, Sabrina Pierotti, Dominic Pierotti, Maria Strini, Sharon Cris, and Myrna Gammon. **WELCOME!**

October Class Schedule : Oct. 7-14 - 28 & 30th

ARMAN SAHAKYAN will instruct our October Classes of **Waltz** and **ARGENTINE TANGO** (the authentic dance of Argentina). Arman is an Independent Professional versed in all American and International Ballroom dance Instruction. He has traveled extensively and trained in numerous ethnic dances of the Latin Countries. He is the only professional instructor in the area who teaches and loves the Argentine Tango. Arman says: "I did not choose Argentine Tango, it chose me".

October Waltz: 6pm, Beginners & Adv. Beginners – Argentine Tango: All Level Dancers ~ Beginners to Advanced, Milonguero, Milongueras, at 7:15pm - all classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler, $7 per class, students 1/2… CU on the LOD….Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director.

AND THE RUMBA ~



IT'S ALL in the I E B O F + Weight Change + Connection =
THE character of RUMBA with the *'cool'* Latin Motion!

USA DANCE offers ALL the American style dances throughout the year, rotating these dances and the wonderful professional instructors who teach for us.

We can not keep holding these classes without your support, come to class ~ Thank you all! Sylvia Rose

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As we gathered at Advent beneath the autumn moon,
we welcomed sweet September none too soon.
Our dancers all – Bronze, Silver, and Gold,
approach the dance floor for all to behold.
With friends we have all grown to treasure,
on a special evening like this for its pleasure.
We covet our time to share with special friends,
while knowing our time together too soon ends.