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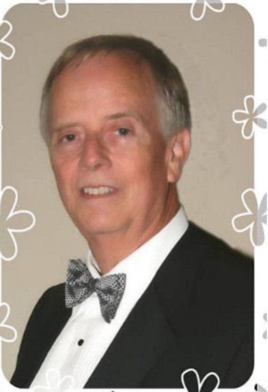
October 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



Fall weather finally arrived in the mid-South as one hundred-five USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center this month for our Harvest Moon Ball. Our celebration started as we glided on the dance floor to the outstanding tempos of The Edd Jones Orchestra, and continued throughout this joyous evening. Our own Carole Eady performed her traditional decorating magic spreading the theme of the evening throughout the hall with candles in glass towers surrounded by black and white ribbon along with seasonal accents on the tables and buffet. Doyle Caldwell, our Chapter VP, filled in on the sound equipment this month to make possible our announcements, performance music, and dance mixers during the breaks. This month we had a guest photographer, Doug Farris, to record the exciting activity on the dance floor, as well as the camaraderie and chatter around the buffet and seating area. His talent with the camera is appreciated. Most of the photos you see in this newsletter are the result of his expertise.

During our first break everyone was treated to an exceptional showcase performed by our October Group Class Instructor, Arman Sahakyan and his student Cathy Liao. They danced a breath-taking Argentine Tango to El Huracan.

We are always honored when professional dance instructors choose to attend our dances. This month Ben Stovall associated with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio, along with Joseph Rukendorfer and Arman Sahakyn, both independent instructors, joined us as we danced the evening away. This month our dance had a special visitor, USA Dance Director for District 8, Ms. Lori Yuzenko. Lori just recently assumed this important post with the Organization and we welcome her to her new duties.

We strive to serve high-end snacks, finger foods, and desserts at our events. The contributions made by our dancers, many of whom exhibit exceptional culinary talents, always round out our buffet. We are very grateful for their generosity.

Our special appreciation goes out to everyone who chose to attend this dance. Providing a quality ballroom experience is the basis of everything we do, and without your support we could not continue.

Next month we will be honoring our volunteers who make everything happen for the Chapter. This will take place at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center the second Saturday in November. Make your plans now to be a part of this fun event on the 10th.

Black Tie

Dance Photos - October Dance

Argentine
tango
CONVENTILLO HISTORICO DE 18
CENTRO CULTURAL DE LOS ARTISTAS
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ENTRADA LIBRE
FREE ENTRANCE

USA Dance chp 2012 ‘Harvest Moon Ball’ October 13, 2018

Preforming the ‘Dance of Argentina’ to the music of: ‘El Huracan’ Photos/ Doug Farris

ARMAN Sahakyan, Independent Instructor & Student **Cathy Liao**

The Edd Jones Orchestra
THE Edd Jones ORCHESTRA
YAMAHA
Ludwig

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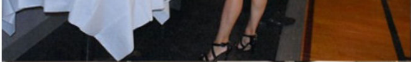
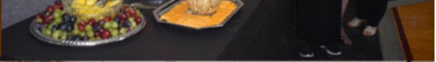
WEIGHT ROOM





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Yips!
Caught again!
For GOD so loved
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For GOD so love
only SON,
that whoever believes in

that whoever believes in

Can you believe she really did that!

AEROBICS ROOM
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rish but have eternal life.

And then she told me about...!

Would you hurry up and get that shoe on so we can get on the dance floor!

Is this next song a Samba?

If you come over here with that camera I'll wrap the strap around your neck!!!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Desiree McCain, Myrna Gammon, and Sharon Crisp** 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:

Susan LaVoy, Jenna Everman, Melinda Benham, Vickie Caldwell, Doyle Caldwell, and Peggy Jones.

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.

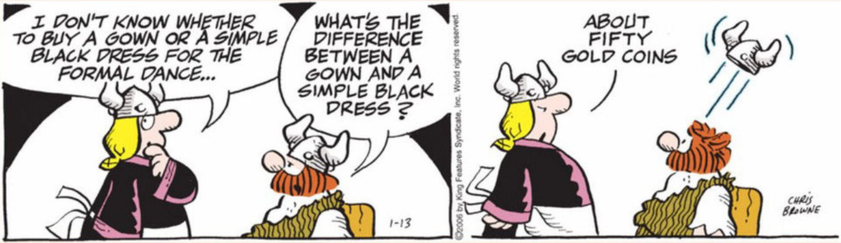
Read more about it on our website at http://usadance.org/extra/membership-value/

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.


I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BUY A GOWN OR A SIMPLE BLACK DRESS FOR THE FORMAL DANCE...
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOWN AND A SIMPLE BLACK DRESS ?
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ABOUT FIFTY GOLD COINS
CHRIS BROWNE

CALLING ALL DANCERS

free event

USA Dance is sponsoring the dance exhibit at the Germantown Senior Expo on November 1
9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Germantown Athletic Center – 1801 Exeter Road – Germantown, TN

There will be plenty of open dancing, plus you will be treated to several showcases. Make your plans now to support USA Dance and enjoy the dancing.

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GREATER MEMPHIS TN #2012

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 officially in force:

In Helena, Montana, a woman cannot dance on a table in a saloon or bar unless she is wearing at least three pounds, two ounces of clothing.

There is no specification as to the types of clothing required or what must be covered, so presumably a criminal record could be avoided by simply wearing a heavy belt buckle to satisfy this law ☺

Class Tid Bits

MAGIC OCTOBER

Arman Sahakyan
and the Waltzing "Milongeros"

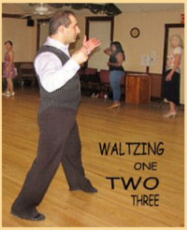
Arman Sahakyan, an Independent Instructor, teaches not only all styles of American & International Ballroom dances but the Latin Dances. He is unique in that he teaches Latin dances that are intrinsic to their country of origin. In the Waltz, Beginner & Advanced dancers, received a unique experience in training exercises, movements, musicality, technique and styling *in Basics*. It was amazing to see our beginners catch on so quickly. Arman did not let us stop to chat and I just love to chat.

"ARGENTINE TANGO"…Ahhh …the romance, the emotion, expressed in un-choreographed moves of pure dance enjoyment. No Tango can enthrall as the TANGO of Argentina!

We are fortunate to have Arman as a Master Instructor of Argentine Tango ~

Students of the "ARGENTINE TANGO" of Argentina
With Instructor, Arman Shahkyan

ABRAZOS!



Always Watching - Always Ready to Help

AND NOW FOR NOVEMEBER GROUP CLASSES WE WELCOME ~

MR. JOSEPH RUKENDORFER, an Independent Instructor, who has taught for USA Dance for almost 20 years since our Chapter was chartered in 1998. We are pleased to announce classes for Basic 1 in the Viennese Waltz at 6pm and Quickstep at 7:15 pm. Group classes will start Nov. 4 and continue thru Nov. 28.

COME JOIN US ~

All group classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler, Memphis, TN.; $7/$3 for Students; No partner necessary and there are **PERKS!**

Perks: Join USA Dance at Group Class ($35 per year) and you receive 2 FREE classes (your choice) plus one free monthly dance (recorded music) and the National USA Dance magazine, 'American Dancer' WHAT A DEAL!

For more information ph. 901-386-2003 ~ C U on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director.

The clouds were scattered in the sky,
and the harvest moon hung round and high.
As the USA Dance crowd gathered at Advent with mirth,
awaiting the tempo of Edd Jones to give the evening birth.
On to the dance floor we moved to celebrate,
for none wanted to enter late.
Practiced placement of each dancer's feet,
interpreting the music's spellbinding beat.
The joy shared on this special evening will long survive,
yet knowing the evening's end will all too soon arrive.