DANCE BULLETIN

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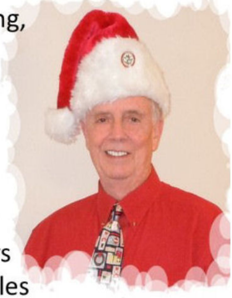
December 2018 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



With a strong threat of winter precipitation looming, eighty-three USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for an *Ole Fashioned Christmas Party*. Everything warmed up quickly as this group of friends took the dance floor to celebrate the season. Our Master of Decoration, Carole Eady, spread the Christmas cheer across the hall with her decorations of traditional toys on holiday mats with candle center pieces on the tables and buffet for our last dance of the year. Many of her creations can be seen in the photos, which follow in this newsletter.

During our first break, everyone was wowed by an exceptional Showcase by two of our Group Class Instructors, Ben Stovall and Jorja Jolly. We extend our gratitude to both of these professional dance instructors for sharing their talent and time. During our second break, the results of our recent election was confirmed with the introduction of the Chapter's Board of Directors for 2019.

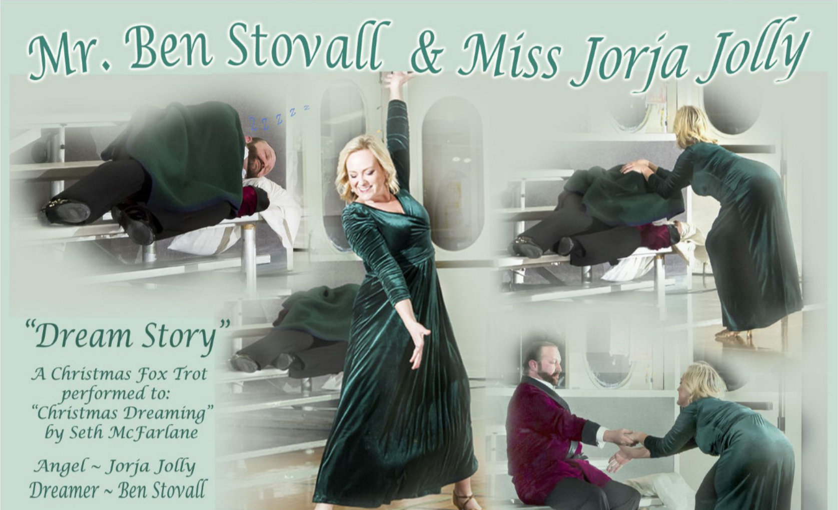
Tim Hnat again handled our sound equipment. We thank him for his dedication in this area for floating the music across the floor as well as making our announcements possible. His and Nastasya' s expertise with the camera is also greatly appreciated. Most of the photos in this newsletter are credited to them.

Throughout the dance, the fabulous buffet with its wide variety of goodies was open for everyone's enjoyment. We want to thank everyone who contributed their own special recipes to make our buffet delightful.

A very special *Thank You* to everyone who chose to brave the uncertain weather and attend our dance. Two USA Dance members from a sister Chapter, Chuck Garrett and Zachary Hopper, also joined us for the evening. Your attendance over the past twelve months makes it possible for us to continue into next year with our dances, lessons, and other outreach activities. Without your support, we would not exist.

Why not mark your calendar now to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of dancing? We will be at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center again on the second Saturday of January. Plan to be a part of this enjoyable event we have scheduled on the 12th. Black Tie

Dance Photos - December Dance



Mr. Ben Stovall & Miss Jorja Jolly

"Dream Story"

A Christmas Fox Trot
performed to:
"Christmas Dreaming"
by Seth McFarlane

Angel ~ Jorja Jolly
Dreamer ~ Ben Stovall

Ben, a member of USA Dance,
and Jorja are both professional
dance Instructors at Ultimate
Ballroom Dance Studio, Cordova

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USA Dance, chp. 2012 "Christmas Holiday Celebration" Dec. 8, 2018

* and The Christmas Dream continues ~

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Ben Stovall & Jorja Jolly
of the Ultimate Ballroom Studio
USA Dance, Dec. 8, 2018

Hi Ya'll!
RESTROOMS
that he gave his one and only SON.

You can't say that

I'm telling you...that is exactly the way it is.
No, No, No!
It's got to be like this!

USA DANCE
G ter Memphis Chapter 2012

I'm sure I saw a Tango here somewhere!

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:

Carole Eady, Lee Bodeen, and Lindy Ward

USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

Holiday 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.

IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
EVERYBODY DANCE!
IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING!
WHAT A SIGHT!
OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
EVERYBODY DANCE
IT'S SNOWING! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S...
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RATS!
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I OVERDID IT!
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USA Dance – 2019 Board of Directors

Robert White

Lee Bodeen Darryl Nowag Jenna Everman Larry Moore

Doyle Caldwell Pam Vaughn Kaitlyn Bass Sylvia Rose Jane Hester

Group Class Tid Bits

Merry Christmas To All !

It's been a wonderful 2018 and we Welcome in the NEW YEAR 2019 with Gusto and New Plans for building and improving our dance skills and for Beginner dancers to experience all the American and Rhythm Dances, getting to know all our incredibly talented, professional Dance Instructors from Studios and the Independent teachers, who teach for USA Dance, Greater Memphis Chapter 2012 throughout the Year ~

Sylvia Rose ~ Group Class Director

WE WELCOME *EVAN WELLEMEYER* TO OUR ROSTER OF INSTRUCTORS FOR 2019

EVAN is Staff Director & Owner of Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Memphis And Glastonbury Connecticut.

Evan began dancing at the age of 15, taking Ballroom and Latin classes regularly until age 20 when he was hired as an instructor. He then began competing professionally, winning regional titles, placing as finalist in larger national competitions and Placing in top 10 'finalist' (6 of 65) in Pro/Am Bronze to Open at Ohio Star Ball and Manhattan Amateur Pro/Am competition and Ball, as well as many other Dance Sport competitions. Evan joined the Fred Astaire team in the spring of 2007 and as manager in 2008. The Glastonbury studio is the Top Ballroom Studio in the New England area. Evan says: " I focus on creating a very high standard for the quality of dancing with the professionals and their students. It's not about the money and winning competitions, it's about dancing and all it has to offer an individual and with Memphis Dreams of Blackpool!"

Evan coaches Professional Couples, Teaches Beginners, is a Choreographer and studying for exams to be an adjudicator with NDCA. He is married to Kathrin, and has a 4 yr.old son, Grayson. If anyone says "I can't dance", Evan tells them: "You should have seen me when I first started!...Good... you are a blank canvas and I'll paint a master piece".

GROUP CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 6, 2019

"HUSTLE" IN THE NEW YEAR WITH BEN STOVALL, USA DANCE INSTRUCTOR FOR JAN.

I would like to thank our Instructors and their studios for their support in 2018: Ben Stovall & Jorja Jolly of the Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio; Stephanie Korpitz & Mike McKerlie of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio; Independent Instructors: Joseph Rukendorfer; Desiree McCain and Arman Sahakyan. *AND A BIG THANK YOU TO: LEE BODEEN,* ASSISTANT GROUP CLASS DIR. FOR HIS DEDICATION TO USA DANCE AND SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES!

All Group classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per class No Partner needed; For more information ph: 901-386-2003, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. (MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR)

Twelve dancers are dancing, and taking no rest,
and closely their hands together are press'd.
And soon as a dance has come to a close,
another begins, and each merrily goes;
and another year of dancing soon comes to a close.
Here's hoping we'll see you on the dance floor scene...
In twenty-nineteen.