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MEMPHIS TN CHAPTER #2012

January 2019 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

The chilly damp weather, which descended on the Memphis area, did not diminish the enthusiasm of eighty-eight USA Dance members and their guests as they took the floor for our Snowball Gala this month. This group blossoms each time they gather for an evening of dance, and this winter evening was no exception.

Everyone was wowed by another outstanding performance by our January Group Class instructor, Ben Stovall and another of our Group instructors, Jorja Jolly – both professional instructors at Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio. Their rhythm medley, which included WC Swing, EC Swing, and Hustle to the song “Stayin’ Alive” by N` Trance, heated up the dance floor. Jorja is scheduled to teach at our Group Class later in the year. We thank this duo for again sharing their talent and time. And, I must mention, we were captivated by the retro costume Ben wore for this showcase!

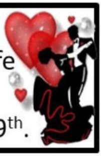
We also thank Tim Hnat for his expertise in handling the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and making our announcements possible. Tim and Nastasya Hnat’s skill with the camera are also responsible for the majority of the photos you see in this newsletter. Their work for the Chapter is always valued.

Professional instructors are the backbone of Ballroom Dancing. They teach us how to truly enjoy ourselves on the dance floor, and we are honored when any of them choose to attend our events. Attending our January dance were: Ben Stovall and Jorja Jolly (both instructors at Ultimate Ballroom), Joseph Rukendorfer, independent instructor, and the new owner of Fred Astaire Dance Studios Germantown, Evan Wellenmyer and wife Kate. This was their first appearance at our USA Dance event and they both danced with us.

Our buffet table is a great hit because our dancers contribute their special recipes each month. We thank you for sharing your outstanding dishes.

Most important of all are the dancers who choose to attend our events and classes. We thank you! Without your support we could not continue.

Mark your calendar now to join the fun dance scheduled for next month. We will return to Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center on the second Saturday of February for our annual Valentine Ball. Hope to share the dance floor with you on the 9th.



Dance Photos - December Dance

the Snowball HUSTLE
USA DANCE
the ULTIMATE DUO
BEN STOVALL AND

JORJA JOLLY Of Ultimate Ballroom Studio

USA Dance ~ SNOWBALL GALA ~ JAN. 12, 2019

Art/ Sylvia Rose ~ Photos/ Nastasya Hnat

WEIGHT ROOM
RESTROOMS
USA DANCE

ESTROOMS
THE
SOUND MASTER
AT WORK

Oh! Did you see what just happened over there!

his one and only SON
And you will never guess what I did next!
OMS
RESTROOMS

For GOD so loved
hat he gave his
Hi Ya'll !

FIRESIDE ROOM
Where is that Samba I saw on here?
RESTROOMS
have eternal life.

USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
THE
SOUND MASTER
AT PLAY
so loved
hat he gave
For GOD so loved
that he gave his one
VISITOR
RESTROOMS
Is That
So !

Just Look!
It says so right here!

I'm telling you. That is exactly what she said!

I said, get that camera away from me!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Raney Azada and Elizabeth Edwards** 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:

*Quite a few of our members have renewed recently; however, due to the change in our National Database for membership we are having some difficulty determining exact data on this. Hopefully by next month things will have improved and we can once again note renewals.

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.* The most recent issue included an inspiring article "For Cancer Survivors, Dancing Gives Hope" and one of our loyal chapter members, Rita Grant, was featured. What a great story!

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.

THE LAST TIME I SAW HER SHE WAS DANCING TO CHUBBY CHECKER...

Special Notice

As we move into a new year, we want to reiterate our core standards with everyone who chooses to attend our dances and group classes.

Specifically, USA Dance is an alcohol and smoke free organization. Any violation of this places our Chapter's USA Dance Charter AND the relationships with our venues in extreme jeopardy. Therefore, we must strictly enforce the no alcohol and smoking policy at all USA Dance events and activities.

Robert B. White

President
Chapter #2012

Note from the Editor -

If you know anyone who would like to be added to our e-mail *Dancer's*

List to receive this newsletter and notices about dance activity in the area, just have them e-mail their request to be added plus give us their name to usadancememphis@att.net and we will be happy to include them.

2019 Class Tib Bits

HAPPY NEW YEAR

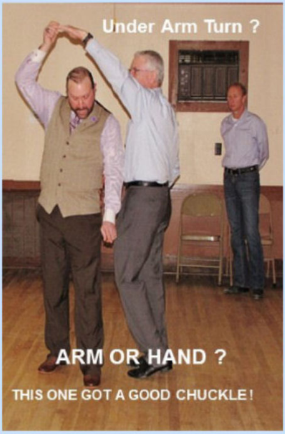
It was a fairly warm January but I got my Dad's Mountie, Fur Hat out just in case! We started the NEW YEAR out with our Famous, Annual Hustle Class and the Fabulous Ben Stovall as Instructor for Hustle & Fox Trot.

Ben emphasized Technique in both the Classes. Tricks to keep you looking like a dancer and encouraging you to practice a LOT! What more do we need ?

Ben Stovall and the Foxy~Hustlers

Ben Stovall is an Instructor with Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio

Practice Pushing The Wall For Good Connection


Under Arm Turn ?
ARM OR HAND ?
THIS ONE GOT A GOOD CHUCKLE!

So much fun dancing the Hustle – The Fox Trot challenged the Intermediates and some of the more advanced dancers who took the instruction with a serious demeanor…***Ben*** Said: *"You will be able to lead a proper Promenade when you finish this series of classes."* AND everyone finished 'looking like dancers! P.S. Ben had 2 new pair of Brown Dance shoes to match his outfit!

FEBRUARY, 2019 GROUP CLASS SCHEDULE – Feb. 3-10-17-24

DESIREE McCain, Independent Instructor, will be teaching in February: **WEST COAST SWING** for Beginners/Adv.Beg.at 6pm and **ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING** at 7:15pm for all the 'Kool Kats' and the rest of us. **LADIES ~** *Don't worry* *about Super Bowl Sunday, Desiree is Bringing a few Dance Hosts for you!*

Plan to attend the Valentine Ball, Feb. 9; Advent Presbyterian. We will treat everyone to a special showcase performed by Evan Wellemeyer's professional Instructors from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Evan is our Newest, Roster Instructor who will be teaching in April.

USA Dance is a non profit organization and we support the dance community by offering inexpensive ballroom dance classes with qualified & certified dance professional instructors. We rotate the dances and instructors each month to give you a little sampling of the styles of different instructors. You may wish to further your dancing skills by choosing an instructor and/or studio to match your goals; social, showcasing or competitive dancing. We want to keep on giving you the best. Support us by attending classes and our monthly dances, volunteering and joining USA Dance Memphis Greater Chapter 2012. When you join USA Dance at Sunday evening dance class, you receive 2 FREE classes (your choice) and your first, recorded music, monthly dance Complimentary! IT'S A WIN WIN SITUATION!

All group classes (American style Smooth & Rhythm) taught at Berclair Civic Club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler, Memphis. $7 per class, Students & Kids $3. Beginners to Advanced Dancers; No partner needed. EVERYONE WELCOME! For more information please call: 901-386-2003, Sylvia Rose Group Class Dir. Happy New Year, C U on the LOD, Sylvia

As we began a new year of dancing in Winter's light of gray,
the USA Dance crowd gathers to again dance the year away.
Outside Advent's doors blow winter's cold,
while inside the Tango, Waltz, and Foxtrot still hold.
The delight these friends share is joyous peace,
as they move their feet in measured time release.
Our happiness on this evening is delicious play,
but we know the evening will all too soon go away.