DANCE BULLETIN

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February 2019 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

The February chill in the air did not deter the one hundred-nine USA Dance members and their guests as they poured into Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our Valentine Ball. Everything warmed quickly as a sea of red and pink dresses, in celebration of the occasion, moved onto the dance floor with their partners. Lovely Valentine décor completed the scene. As always, Tim Hnat, handled our sound equipment expertly to float the music across the floor. We also thank him and Nastasya for their proficiency with the camera, which provided most of the photos you see in this newsletter.

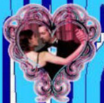
We welcomed a large contingent from Fred Astaire Studio to our event this month. Two of their instructors, Danila Dudin and Vivra Zhigulakaya, delighted everyone with two Showcases during the evening. They performed a lovely Foxtrot at our first break and a romantic Viennese Waltz during our second break. We thank Danila and Vivra for sharing their time and talent.

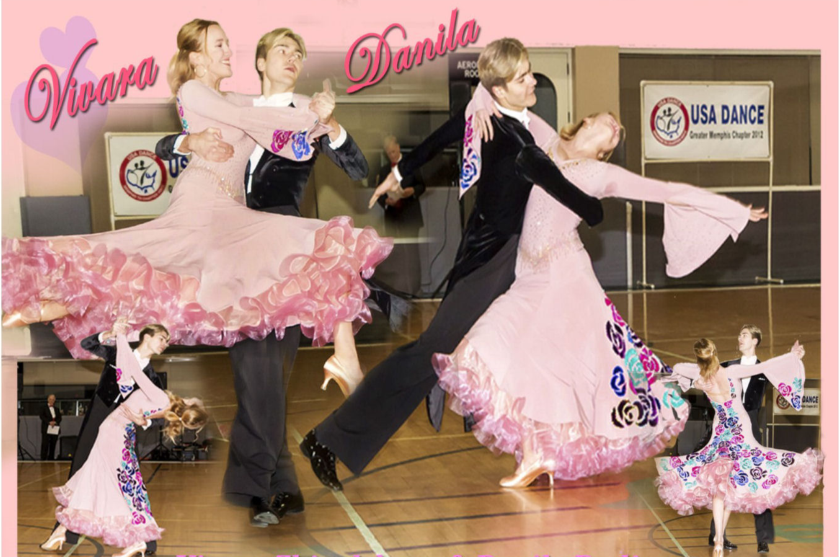
Our buffet table overflowed with goodies for everyone to enjoy during their breaks from the dance floor. We thank everyone who brought their special recipes. These additions make our buffet table an extra ordinary delight.

Our very special thanks to everyone who chose to attend our dance this month. It is your support, which makes possible everything we do. Without you, we could not continue.

Next month we celebrate the "*wearin' o' the green*" with our St. Patty Party. We will again be at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center on the second Saturday in March. So . . . get out your shamrocks, dust off your Shillelagh, and join the fun on the 9th.

Dance Photos - February Dance





Vivara Zhigulskaya & Danila Dudin

Professional Instructors with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Germantown Perform Two Romatic Showcases ...
... a Viennese Waltz to 'Tennessee Whiskey' by Chris Stapleton & a Fox Trot to 'What Is Love' by DJ Maksy

USA Dance ~ VALENTINE BALL ~ Feb. 9, 2019

WEIGHT ROOM

For GOD so loved

not perish but have eternal life.

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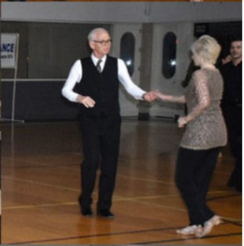
Double your dancing pleasure



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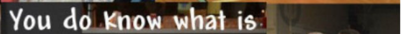


You do know what is

in that don't you?
And I had to Learn all ten patterns!
LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED
USA DANCE
RESTROOMS

RESTROOMS
VISITOR

RESTROOMS
USA DANCE
HOME
VISITOR
AEROBICS ROOM
RESTRO

I had nothing to do with it!

If he points that camera this way again, you punch him!
FIRESIDE ROOM

RESTROOMS
USA DANCE

MORE – Double Dancing Pleasure

Geeeeze....That really tasted BAD!
AEROBICS ROOM
AEROBICS ROOM
FOULS

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Shirley Windland** 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:

Einir Valdimarsson, Annette Green, Steve Green, Robin Wilson, Howard Glatstein, Charles Solis, and James Payne

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/

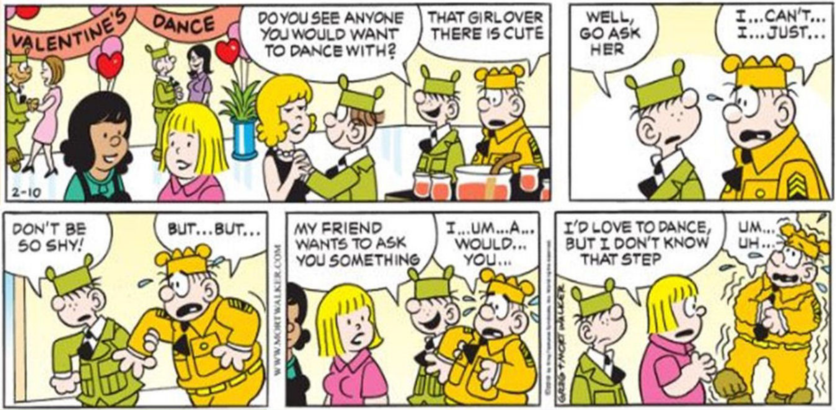
Visit other chapters as you travel - visit our "find a chapter" page at http://usadance.org/chapters/find-a-local-chapter/ to see if there is a chapter in an area you will be visiting. Click on the name for an opportunity to email the chapter directly or visit their website. Enjoying dances hosted by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

C'MON, SARGE, HOW CAN A PARTY BE SCARIER THAN FIGHTING A BATTLE?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SOCIALIZE WITH ANYONE DURING A BATTLE


VALENTINE'S DANCE
2-10
DO YOU SEE ANYONE YOU WOULD WANT TO DANCE WITH?
THAT GIRL OVER THERE IS CUTE
WELL, GO ASK HER
I...CAN'T... I...JUST...
DON'T BE SO SHY!
BUT...BUT...
WWW.MORTWALKER.COM
MY FRIEND WANTS TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
I...UM...A... WOULD... YOU...
I'D LOVE TO DANCE, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT STEP
UM... UH...
GREG+MORT WALKER

Eugene (Gene) Craven Callaway

We are all saddened by the recent death of one of our long time USA Dance members, Eugene (Gene) Craven Callaway. He was a teacher and principal for the Memphis City Schools for 35 years and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. In addition to being an accomplished Ballroom dancer, Gene was a talented artist, specializing in oil painting. His interests also included gardening and genealogy. We extend our most sincere condolences to his wife, Sara, also a longtime friend of our dance community. Gene will be missed!

Love and Group Class Tid Bits

USA Dance, February 2019

West Cost Swingers with our Valentine DESIREE'

...And...Ah...One...

February was a very eventful month for the Ladies and Moi! Desiree brought Dance Hosts and everyone had a partner in the Beginner class. Now that is something new for USA Dance to offer! Technique and connection were stressed with the 'rubber band' starting count of "AND-A-ONE". See pix #1- gives you momentum and a real cool look to your West Coast Swing. Then 2 & 3 (sugar push) & 4 (step back) 5- 6- (anchor step) 7 & 8. UR W.C. Swinging. At least I got to try the 'cool' advanced move before I fractured my neck.

See below ~ A forward, turn, spin. Reverse, around & Duck under and out to basic – I think ? ☺

Watching this advanced move was so cool, looked easy but very challenging. We gave it a 'go' with LOVE and guess what, EVERYONE HAD IT DOWN COLD! Loved it all the way!

MARCH GROUP CLASSES start Sunday, March 3rd continuing March 10-17-24
JORJA JOLLY of Ultimate Ballroom, *Instructs Salsa at 6pm & Bolero at 7:15pm*

PERKS PERKS PERKS ~ 2 FREE GROUP CLASSES – **FREE** FIRST MONTHLY DANCE (RECORDED MUSIC); ONLY IF YOU JOIN USA DANCE AT GROUP CLASS ON ANY SUNDAY NIGHT! PLUS YOU RECEIVE A $4 DISCOUNT ON ALL MONTHLY DANCES WHEN YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter #2012 FOR ONLY $35 A YEAR! *COME JOIN THE FRIENDLIEST GROUP OF DANCERS ANYWHERE!*

All Group Classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per class, students & Kids $3.; No partner needed. Visit our Web Site: usadancememphis.com and our Face Book page USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter #2012. USA Dance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization!

***For more info please phone* 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose Group Class, Dir.**

A BIG THANKS TO: Lee Bodeen, Asst. Dir. and Volunteer Elissa Fine for Hosting while I am absent!

In February the farm fields around Memphis are looking bare,
with the harsh chill of winter in the cold twilight air.
Even with the evening in winter gray,
this group of USA Dance friends gather from near and far away.
Their joy to celebrate Valentine's on the floor does reign,

though the weather outside they disdain.
The magic of dancing feet on the floor this night is all but spoken,
for we all know the evening's delight will soon be broken.