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March 2019 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

The stormy March winds relaxed as one hundred-sixteen USA Dance members and their guests arrived in the early evening at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our annual St Patty Party event. Green could be seen in every direction, in dresses, jackets, hats, and ties as this joyous group of friends claimed the dance floor. The decorating team, Carole Eady and Jane Hester, along with Dance Director, Gail Mays, filled the hall with green shamrocks on green and white tablecloths and all things IRISH! Green was the dominate color but fun and joy was the mood all evening.

Tim Hnat performed his usual magic with the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure. He and Nastasya again recorded the excitement with their camera. The exceptional job they do for us each month is greatly appreciated.

Our Group Class instructor for March, Jorja Jolly, and Ben Stovall (both professional instructors at Ultimate Ballroom) entertained all with their wistfully beautiful Bolero to *Songbird* by Eva Cassidy. We thank Jorja and Ben for sharing their time and talent for our enjoyment.

Professional dance instructors are the supporting element of Ballroom Dancing in the Memphis area and we are always honored when they choose to attend our events. Attending our March dance were two independent instructors, who also teach in our Berclair program, Joseph Rukendorfer and Arman Sahakyan. Attending from Fred Astaire Studio Germantown were Sandra Korpitz, Mike McKerlie, and Anya Drake. Attending from Ultimate Ballroom were Jorja Jolly and

Ben Stovall. These professionals train us to truly enjoy ourselves on the dance floor and we thank them for the valuable service they provide.

Many dancers attending our events have culinary talents that rival their dance expertise. We are grateful for the delicious contributions these individuals add to our buffet each month.

We appreciate everyone who chose to attend our dance. It is your continued support that makes everything we do possible. We thank you!

Next month we host our Great Gatsby Dance, featuring the music of the Edd Jones Orchestra, on the second Saturday in April. This is one of our signature events of the year and a large crowd is expected. There is a high probability you will have an opportunity for a photo with a vintage auto of this era, so plan now to arrive early to take advantage of this prospect. We Look forward to sharing a dance floor with you on the 13th.

Dance Photos - March Dance

Jorja Jolly & Ben Stovall
of the ULTIMATE BALLROOM DANCE STUDIO
Perform for USA Dance ~ St. Patty Party ~ March 9, 2019

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Ya'll did take all the carbs out of this, didn't you!?

EXIT
RESTROOMS

Irish Knees are smiling...
RESTROOMS

EXIT
USA DANCE
What is this green stuff?!

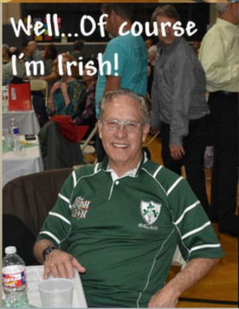
AEROBICS ROOM

Future
USA Dance
Member

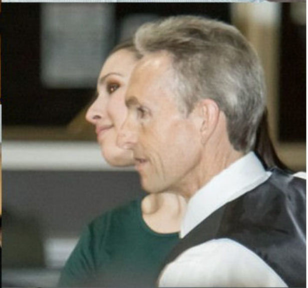
No! You understood
exactly what I said.

RACQUETBALL 8

He Sure looks Irish to me!



Well...Of course I'm Irish!



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Yvonne Humphries** 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:

Terry Akins, Shirley Akins, Linda Westbrook, Nancy Hamilton, Gary Johanyak, Susan Johanyak, Leo Koulogianes, Jerry Dino, and Charles Solis

USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

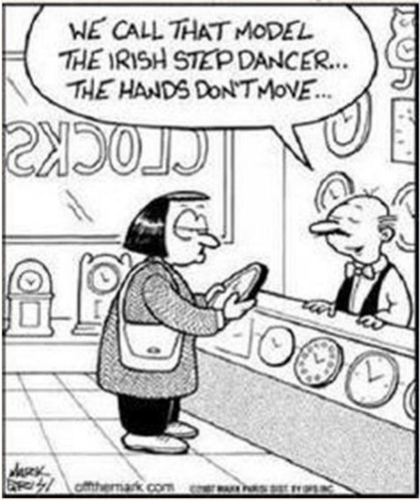
As you plan your summer travel - be sure to check out the values on car rentals, hotels and more with the USA Dance Membership Value Program.

As a member of USA Dance, you are eligible to access special benefits and discounts (a full list is on the website) Contact the vendors directly for more information on the items of interest to you and *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.

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.


WE CALL THAT MODEL THE IRISH STEP DANCER... THE HANDS DON'T MOVE...
CLOCKS
offthemark.com

Did You Know?

After several thousand years, dancing has managed to completely infuse itself into our way of life:

Waltz, one of the most popular dances today, came into popularity in mid-19th century by the efforts of the famous composer Johann Strauss, but its origins can be traced even to the distant 16th century.

At first, waltz was performed with arm's length between **male and female dancers**. The shocking transition to the close embrace happened only after English Queen Victoria fell in love with the dance and forced this change.

We are expecting an unusual gathering of gangsters and their molls to be present on April 13, 2019 for the USA Dance Great Gatsby event at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center. Rumor has it, hit men and their entourages may be coming into town from surrounding states to join this unsavory gathering of *ne'er-do-wells* on the dance floor. This is one of our signature events of the year - so...mark your calendar, grab your Tommy-gun, and plan an exceptional evening of dancing featuring the EDD JONES ORCHESTRA.

Tip-off...If you are challenged as you enter the *Speakeasy* on that evening, the password is *"USA Dance"*.

TIZ TID BITS O'MARCH

FAITH N' BEGORRAH ~

TWAS A BIT COLD 'N WET AS WINDY MARCH SET TO ~ BUT THEMSELVES DANCED WITH GLEE IN TH 'GLEN' AT O'BERCLAIR!

JORJA JOLLY of the **Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio**, Cordova taught an enthusiastic group of Dancers Salsa and Bolero. She stressed technique in both dances and the importance of maintaining connection in proximity to your partner. Such a Happy Friendly Group of Elves!

JORJA JOLLY with her
Salsa & Bolero Leprechauns

NOT NICE TO SNICKER ~

As March comes to a close, we are anticipating APRIL ~
Evan Wellemeyer of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Germantown will be Instructing American Tango at 6pm and Rumba at 7:15pm. You can expect the unexpected! The Basics of Bronze syllabus with amalgamations incorporated so that you may DANCE the dance anywhere you choose.

FYI ~ Tango was very popular during the Roarin'20s as well as a brand of *Hotcha* Rumba. So come on out for that first class!
APRIL 13: THE GREATEST GATSBY DANCE ON EARTH!

All Group Classes are taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; NO partner needed; only $10 per class, students & kids $3; We have PERKS for NUBEES ~ JOIN USA Dance (ONLY $35 PER YEAR) during our classes, you will receive 2 FREE classes of your choice, and admittance to your first, recorded DJ music, monthly dance complimentary AS WELL AS discounts on all dances. USA Dance is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the quantity and quality of dance for its enjoyment as a lifelong sport & health benefits.
Thank You, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director 901-386-2003

As we gathered for our St. Patty Party in March's cold breeze,
Spring's soon arrival was marked by a hint of new growth on the trees.
We all enjoyed Advent's welcome from the cold air,
and our feet moved to Foxtrot, Tango, and Waltz tempos so rare.
Our joy together on this special night,
fills our lives with blissful delight.
Knowing all too soon the dance floor will be bare,
as we change our shoes and again don our coats to wear.

Happy St. Patrick's Day