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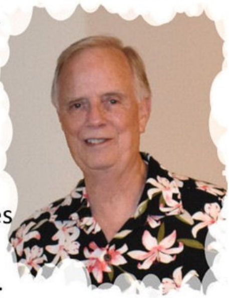
May 2019 Newsletter Spring Fling

Comments from our President – Robert White



Spring was popping out all over as ninety-two USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center this month for our Spring Fling Dance. The party began as Tim Hnat floated the dance music across the floor, and this joyous group of friends began their first dance of the evening. Thanks to our decorating team, all the tables including the buffet carried the theme of spring's arrival with lighted center pieces and real rose petals.

During our first break everyone was treated to a Showcase by Kathy's Kids, a group of high school students who are taught ballroom dancing by DanceSport champion, Kathy Linn. The group performed *Swing Is Back In Style*, which was USA Dance's Flash Mob Foxtrot/Swing routine created for National Ballroom Dance Week in September 2018. We thank both John and Kathy Linn plus her students: Hope Fallon; Elizabeth Podraza; Annie Commer; Joseph Gray; Sam Wright; Dominick Pierotti; Joanna Wunrow; Josie Pierce; Abigail Conrey; Ella Conley; Kristen Quiroz; Andrew Wunrow; Daniel Wunrow and Davis Fortenberry for sharing their time and talent for our enjoyment.

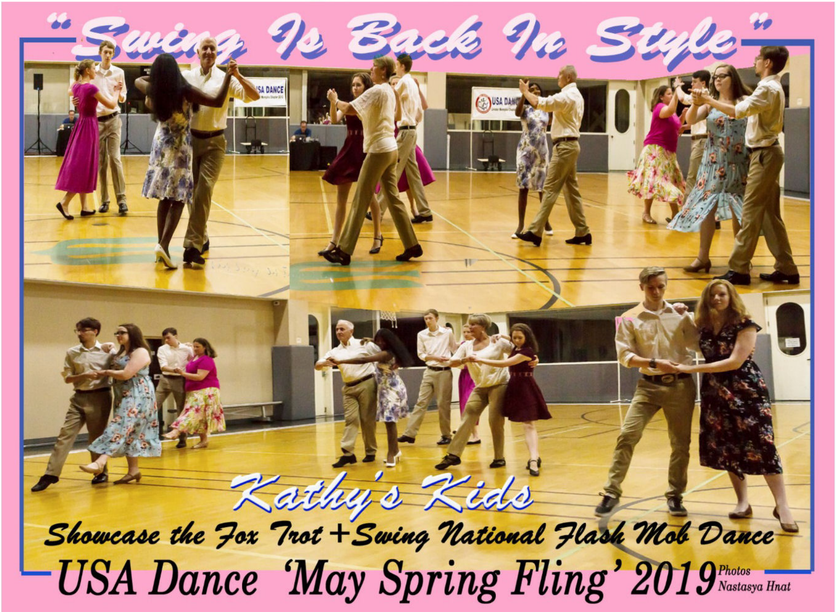
We appreciate Tim and Nastasya Hnat's photographic expertise to record the excitement of our event. Most of the photos used in this newsletter are the result of their work.

We are very thankful for the contributions our dancers bring to our buffet table each month. These wonderful recipes make our buffet a very special place for our dancers to enjoy.

We reserve our highest praise and thanks to everyone who chose to attend our dance. Without your support we could not continue. Thank you for dancing with us!

Mark your calendar now to be a part of our Summer Fiesta scheduled for June 8. You can expect outstanding music and food, friendly people, and excitement on the dance floor the second Saturday next month. We hope you will join us for a fun evening!

Dance Photos - May Dance


"Swing Is Back In Style"
USA DANCE
Kathy's Kids
Showcase the Fox Trot + Swing National Flash Mob Dance
USA Dance 'May Spring Fling' 2019
Photos
Nastasya Hnat

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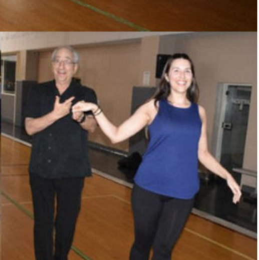

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VISITOR
BONUS
FOULS
!!!!!
ESTROOMS
OMS

HOME
VISITOR
PERIOD
PLAYER FOULS

I'm telling you, that is exactly what she said!

RESTROOMS
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EXIT

Stop!
ESTROOMS

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:

Judy Cole, Gail Hackney, Jean Hayden, Anna Khokhlova, Gordon Lohnes, Sylvia Rose, Jerry Rubio, and Andrea Sander

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.

New Perks for Membership

Help Your Chapter recruit new members

1. When a member brings or gets someone to join as a member of USA Dance, that member is granted free entry into one of our non-band dances.
2. When a member gets a member, who has been inactive for longer than 12 months, to renew their membership, that the member will be granted free entry into one non-band dance.
3. When someone joins our Chapter they receive free entry into one non-band dance after their membership is confirmed from the national database plus they receive two free lessons at our Sunday Group Classes at Berclair Civic Center.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PROMPTED THIS ORDINANCE, BUT SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE DANCING
ABSOLUTELY NO INTERPRETIVE DANCE IN THE CROSSWALK

Neringa Jastiene

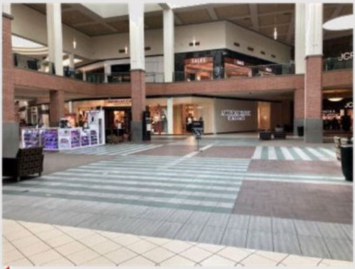
We all have a life away from the dance floor but the athletic accomplishments of one of our finest dancers, Neringa Jakstiene, are unique. In addition to holding 10 gold medals in the Tennessee Senior Olympics, in December she set world records for the 55-56 age division in the pentathlon, long jump, and triple jump. Then in March of this year at the USA Indoor Track and Field Nationals in Winston-Salem NC, Neringa broke her own pentathlon world record, set a new world record in the 60-meter hurdles and matched her world record in the triple jump and long jump. A short time after that, during the World Master Athletics Championships in Torun, Poland, she broke her world records in the long jump and 60-meter hurdles again and set an American record as part of the 4x200 -meter relay. We are proud to have such an accomplished athlete in our dance family. Neringa serves as an inspiration to everyone and especially to those of us who are also "seniors". As she says, "you can compete as long as you live".

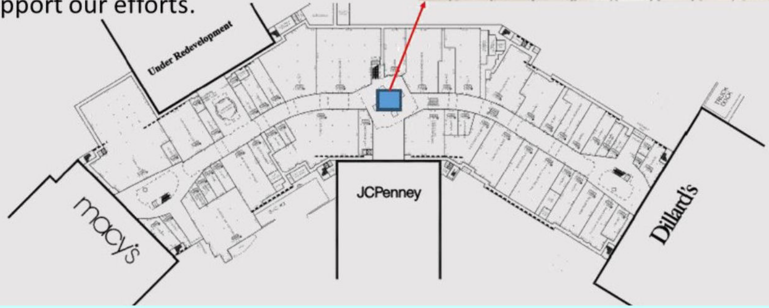
USA Dance at Wolfchase Galleria

Mark your calendar to be at Wolfchase Galleria (2760 N. Germantown Pkwy – Memphis, TN) on June 1, 2019. USA Dance – Greater Memphis Chapter #2012 will be holding an educational event in the Center Court of the Mall starting at noon on that Saturday.

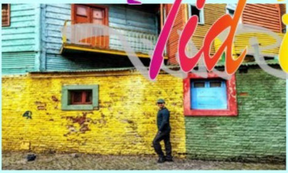
We plan to demonstrate many of the ballroom styles danced in local venues here, make the general public aware of us and what we are all about, plus open opportunities for anyone interested to join in on the fun of social dancing.

Please make plans to attend and support our efforts.





TidBits ~Spring Into Summer



Announcing: June Classes
JUNE 2 ~ 9 ~ 16 ~ 23

He's *ba-aack* ♫ with loads of new and wonderful experiences in dance to share with you from his travels to Cuba, Argentina, Las Vegas, and who knows where. His students are winning championships in Standard & Latin; Smooth & Rhythm and ARGENTINE Tango…Who is HE ? None other than our ***"Dance and Be Happy"*** USA Dance instructor ~ *ARMAN Sahakyan*

ARMAN will instruct WALTZ at 6pm & ARGENTINE TANGO at 7:10pm

Classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; No partner needed; Only $7 per class and Students and Kids ONLY $3; Join USA Dance and receive 2 Classes FREE!

Our last classes until September ~ Come Join Us ~ Everyone Welcome

NO CLASSES JULY OR AUGUST – But you can join me on a trip to Buenos Aires in August to dance TANGO, attend Milongas, Workshops, buy Shoes and taste exotic foods in a country full of excitement, beauty, friendly people and TANGO!

Call for more information: 901-386-2003 ~ Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director

Visit our Web Site: usadancememphis.com and our FB page USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter #2012

The USA Dance crowd's longing ever shall abate,
for the Spring Fling dance, we could not wait.
On to the dance floor we moved with grace,
the Foxtrot, Tango, and Waltz to embrace.
The showcase at our break was ecstasy sent,
Kathy's Kids, your talent brings great content.
For our love of dance, we meet and share our hearts,
but dismay the time when this group departs.