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October 2019 Newsletter

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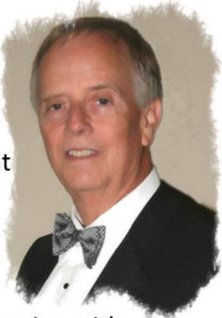
Comments from our President – Robert White



The heat of a lingering Memphis summer finally gave way to a seasonal autumn temperature as seventy-six USA Dance members and their guests arrived for our Harvest Moon Ball. Black ties and formal dresses were seen in every direction at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center. The Edd Jones Orchestra filled the hall with their signature dynamic ballroom music and this crowd of friends celebrated on the dance floor. Our Decoration Committee, headed by Carole Eady, captured the theme of the evening with decorations featuring black and orange Halloween lanterns, decorated with witches, pumpkins, jack-o'-lanterns, even a magician's hat – it was charming!

The delightful showcase performed during our first break was choreographed by Desiree McCain, Group Class Instructor for October, and performed by her student couples: Markel Briones & Tonya Patterson and Mark & Ginger Hawk dancing an elegant Foxtrot to 'Sweet Dreams' by Thomas Anders and a bewitching Cha Cha to 'Maria' by Santana. Many thanks to these dancers for sharing their time and talent for our entertainment.

We also want to thank Doug Farris for capturing the evening's pleasure with his camera. Most of the photos you see in this newsletter are the result of his photographic expertise. Doyle Caldwell shared his expertise with the sound equipment for our performances, announcements, and dance mixers. His extra work in this area was most appreciated.

We have many dancers whose talents extend to the culinary arts. It is their gracious donations to our buffet table each month that make it shine, and we thank them for sharing their special recipes.
The support of everyone who shared this evening, as well as our other dances and lessons is the backing that makes it possible for us to continue. Our appreciation goes out to you ALL -- because without YOU, we could not continue!

Next month we celebrate all the volunteers who contribute so much of their time and talent to make our Chapter successful. Our **HARVEST OF THANKS** event will be held at our usual venue – Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center the second Saturday of November. This will also be your last opportunity to vote for your Board of Directors for the coming year. An electronic opportunity has already been sent to every member of the Chapter, but if you would rather use a paper ballot, they will be available at the November dance. We hope you will mark your calendar now for this special celebration on the 9th.

Dance Photos - October Dance

Harvest Moon Ball

DESIREE & Students

Choreographed by Desiree: Student Couples from Jackson Tennessee; Markel Briones & Tonya Patterson ~ Mark & Ginger Hawk showcased a Foxtrot to 'Sweet Dreams' by Thomas Anders and a Cha Cha to 'Maria' by Santana.

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Photos/Doug Farris
Art by Sylvia Rose

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The Edd Jones Orchestra

rnal life.
John 3:16
CRAFT ROOM

AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE

For GOD so loved the world the
and onl

only SON
Coca-Cola
that whoever believes in
JOHN 3:16

Oh! Did you see this?

gave his and only SON.

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gave his one and ly SON.

Yea, looks like all SIX are there.

AEROBICS ROOM
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BREAK ROOM
HIGHER GROUNDS

Would you take a look at that!

HIGHER GROUNDS

AEROBICS ROOM

Wow! Finger lick'in good!

You did hear about
this, didn't you?!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Jim Bingham** 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:

Peggy Jones, Rita Grant, Ronald Grant, Timothy Hnat, Desiree McCain, and Barbara Cook

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.

USA Dance has an agreement with Affinity Marketing Group to provide discounts for USA Dance members on many services and products.

To view the full list, log into your member record at https://usadance.org/Login.aspx using your user name and password. Click on the menu bar at the top of the page under "Quick Links" and select Membership Value-Affinity Program for a listing of discounts available to you as a USA Dance member on hotels, car rental, insurance, office supplies and more. We hope you take advantage of these discounts. Affinity Marketing Group and the associated providers are under contract and cannot share your personal information.

Office Depot has scheduled a webinar for USA Dance members to outline the discounts available to you.

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 any of your Board members know (usadancememphis@att.net or call 901-757-9267) 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 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.

PEANUTS
THIS IS MY INDIAN SUMMER DANCE..
11-4
ACTUALLY, I'M NEVER QUITE SURE JUST WHEN INDIAN SUMMER IS..SOME SAY IT'S THE WARM DAYS THAT FOLLOW THE FIRST FROST OF LATE AUTUMN..
I DON'T KNOW..MAYBE INDIAN SUMMER IS OVER... MAYBE IT NEVER CAME...
ANYWAY, IT'S A NICE DAY, AND JUST IN CASE THIS IS INDIAN SUMMER, THIS IS MY INDIAN SUMMER DANCE!
SCHULZ

USA Dance Members off the Dance Floor

Photo Portrait by Sylvia Rose

Many of us know each other by our connection at dances; however, all of us have a life away from the dance floor. Dr. Larry Moore, who currently serves on your Board of Directors, has recently retired from a long career as Attorney at Law. Larry continues in his very long academic career as University of Memphis Professor of Legal, Social & Political Environment of Business, he's a political analyst, and he has produced several award-winning movies.

His film making accolades and awards are numerous and include: Winner of the award for "Creative Innovation in Filmmaking", IFFNY 2018; New York Aphrodite Film Awards Festival - New York, New York - "Best Fiction Feature Film", July 2018; and other international awards for his most recent movie, *Top Models are Deadly.*

Among his vast array of talents, Larry is also an author. He has written textbooks in his academic career, and most recently he has written a book titled *Images of Beale Street*, a historical novel based on the City of Memphis. This publication is just being introduced to the public, and if you are interested in reading it, copies are available on Amazon.com as well as Novel Book Store here in Memphis, where he had a book signing earlier this month.

Calling All Dancers

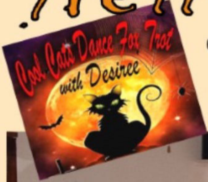
USA Dance is sponsoring the dance venue at the Germantown Senior Expo on November 7
9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Germantown Performing Arts Center 1801 Exeter Road – Germantown, TN

One of the highlights of the Germantown Senior Expo each year is dancing. There will be exhibitions in several different dance styles (West Coast Swing, Ballroom, Bop, Tap, Line Dancing), and open dancing throughout the day.

There is no admission charge.

Make your plans now to attend and enjoy the free dancing.

Hello OCTOBER


Cool Cats Dance Fox Trot
with Desiree

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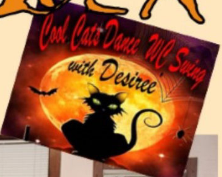
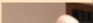
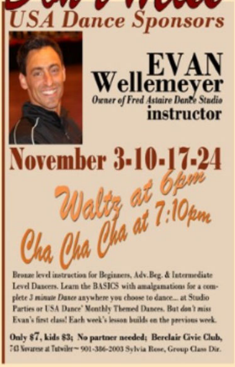

Cool Cats Dance WC Swing
with Desiree

USA Dance Group Class ~ Desiree' McCain Instructor OCt. 2019

A Harvest Moon Ball, Halloween and Desiree' ~ what more could Memphis dancers hope for? Everyone attending classes from beginners to advanced dancers had basic technique and partner connection emphasized. Desiree brought in molded collars to try out for perfect frame in Foxtrot and big hula hoops for couples to feel distance and connection so as to dance well in WC Swing…I really enjoyed the molded collar which helps stretch the spine, holds the frame up and straight and reminds you to tighten your core ~ and we all need that! Sways were taught in the Foxtrot and the men really worked hard on that as well as a new pattern in WC Swing. Everyone was ALL Smiles calling: "Fabulous, CU next week"!



Don't Miss the November Group Classes!



USA Dance Sponsors

EVAN Wellemeyer
Owner of Fred Astaire Dance Studio
instructor

November 3-10-17-24

Waltz at 6pm
Cha Cha Cha at 7:10pm

Bronze level instruction for Beginners, Adv.Beg. & Intermediate Level Dancers. Learn the BASICS with amalgamations for a complete *3 minute Dance* anywhere you choose to dance... at Studio Parties or USA Dance' Monthly Themed Dances. But *don't miss* Evan's first class! Each week's lesson builds on the previous week.

Only $7, kids $3; No partner needed; Berclair Civic Club,
743 Novarese at Tutwiler~ 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

November is an exciting month! USA Dance once again sponsors EVAN from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Classes open to all level dancers. Learn techniques while learning the basic patterns and have a 3 minute dance you will be able to dance at the fanciest parties!

November's monthly dance, "Harvest of Thanks" Nov.9 will recognize our steadfast and dedicated Volunteers who make everything happen for your enjoyment and learning experiences in Ballroom Dancing.

All Group Classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler, Memphis; No partner needed; $7 per class / Kids & Students $3. First class begins at 6pm and second class begins at 7:10pm…Come a little early for warm up! PLEASE NOTE: Monthly Dances (recorded music) now $10 Members and $13 for Non members… Visit our Web site: www.usadancememphis.com and our FB pages: USADance Greater Memphis Chapter.2012 & FB group: Memphis Area Ballroom Dancers.

CU on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

The Harvest Moon over Memphis hung round and high,
as the autumn clouds gathered in the sky.
The change to crispy air signals the Fall season giving birth,
as we gathered on the dance floor at Advent with mirth.
This group of friends moved across the dance floor with ease,

as the Edd Jones Orchestra drifted the tempo as a Fall breeze.
Outside the leaves are changing to red, bright gold, and brown,
and to Mother Earth will soon come tumbling down.
With seasonal bright all around and cobalt skies,
the evening of dancing for the USA Dance crowd flies.