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September 2019 Newsletter

Comments from our Vice President – Doyle Caldwell

The waning days of summer brought us to our annual Barn Dance Social. Sixty dancers joined us at Advent Presbyterian Church to enjoy a ballroom hoe-down. The talented Carol Eady provided a festive western design to fit the dance's theme. Tim Hnat did his usual excellent job of playing the music for our event. All the while, Sylvia Rose captured memories with her photographic expertise.

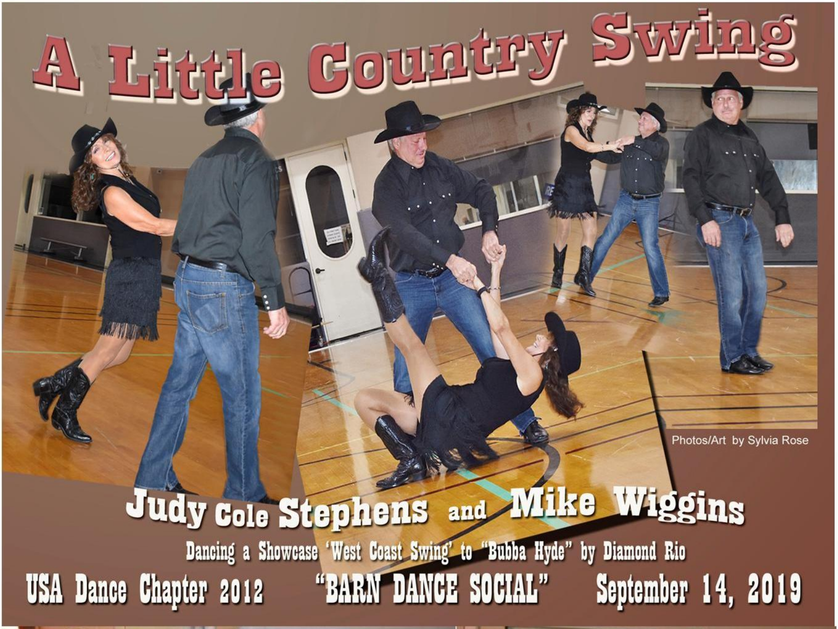
The buffet table was filled with delicious goodies, many of which were donated by our dancers. It is heartwarming to have such a generous group who are always sharing their favorite recipes with us.

The entertainment for the night was provided by Michael Wiggins and Judy Cole Stephens. Their West Coast swing performance to Diamond Rio's "Bubba Hyde" was energetic and great FUN!

Our special thanks goes out to all of the dancers who support us by attending our events. Without you, we would not be able to continue promoting dance in the Mid-South Community.

Many thanks to Doyle Caldwell for handling all of the announcements for our September dance. Make your plans now to join us the second Saturday in October for one of our signature events, the Harvest Moon Ball, featuring the outstanding dance music of the **Edd Jones Orchestra**. Hope to see you on October 12th!

DANCE PHOTOS – SEPTEMBER DANCE



A Little Country Swing

Photos/Art by Sylvia Rose

Judy Cole Stephens and Mike Wiggins

Dancing a Showcase 'West Coast Swing' to "Bubba Hyde" by Diamond Rio

USA Dance Chapter 2012 "BARN DANCE SOCIAL" September 14, 2019

WEIGHT ROOM

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BREAK ROOM
whoever believes in him
perish but have eternal life
one and only SON

Oh! I can't believe
she did that!

No! You can't have it!
that whoever believes in
that he gave his one and only SON

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USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Neville Mayfield** 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:

Elizabeth Massengill, Glen Croker, Barry Stanley, Gail C. Cockrell, Pam Vaughn, Stanley Smilowitz, and Frederique Zindy

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 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.

OKAY
WHOA.
STOP!
ON SECOND THOUGHT, DANCE LIKE EVERYBODY IS WATCHING.
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Did You Know

Most Ballroom dancers think Texas Two Step is far away from the ballroom; however, there is a connection which goes back a long way. The country/western two-step, often called the Texas Two-Step or simply the "two-step", is the same step known to ballroom dancers as the international Foxtrot. As with many dance styles, this dance has changed over the years. The original Two Step was a simple dance that caught on with the public when John Phillip Sousa came out with the *Washington Post March* in 1891. The first common name coined for this dance was the "valse a deux temps," however; a French name just didn't quite match with the feeling of the dance, so it was eventually just called, by those who dance it, the Two Step.

Source: Wikipedia

September Tid Bits

What a September turnout for USA Dance! We really hit on a winner this time ~ Texas Two Step and EC Swing! Jorja Jolly our Instructor for the month was almost overwhelmed with our group...She had as much fun as we all did! Jorja guided us through the steps, turns and diversified holds we could use while dancing the Two Step. Jorja gave us a new twist on the Shoulder to Shoulder around our partner in the EC Swing and some great pointers on Connection. Jorja is a pro with the Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio in Cordova. She has been teaching for USA Dance for more than 10 years!

Jorja Jolly & USA Dance Swingin' 'Texas Two Steppers'

Ladies Here ~

Gents There ~

Swing Your Partner ‘Ballroom Style’

OCTOBER GROUP CLASSES ~ OCT. 6 - 13 - 20 & 27

Desiree McCain, independent pro Instructor will teach Beg./Int. ***FOX TROT*** at 6pm & **Advanced *WC SWING*** at 7:10pm ~ Join us each Sunday evening for some *Sweet October* Classes…and Don’t forget USA Dance Harvest Moon Ball, Oct.12.

All USA Dance Group Classes are taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per class/ students $3; No partner needed; We teach the best for the best! Don't forget our CLASS PERKS ~ Join USA Dance for only $35 a year, receive a (recorded Music) Monthly Dance and 2 Group Classes **FREE**; Plus a BIG Discount each time you come to a monthly dance as a member and receive discounts as a member to other chapters. Visit our FB Pages: Memphis Area Ballroom Dancers & Like our Page: USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012. ***C U on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.; 901-386-2003***

The Dance group as they gathered at Advent seem dressed a little strange,
looked more like they had just come in off the range.
We'd seen signs all 'round town,
'bout something different for USA Dance was coming around.
The Foxtrot and Tango was still there as usual with timely light,
but tempered with a Texas Two-Step - what a glorious sight.
Turned out this group of friends have no fear,
we all had a phasal of fun together 'fore getting' out'a here.