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USA DANCER

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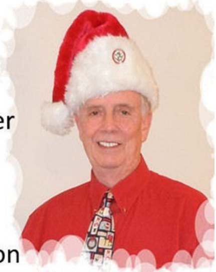
December 2019 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



What a fantastic way to end our year of dancing – with one hundred-fourteen USA Dance members and their guests at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center gathered to dance the evening away. Our Decorations Committee spread the beautiful holiday theme throughout the hall with center pieces of Christmas ornaments and holly along with a splendid poinsettia on the buffet. Many of the photos you see in this newsletter show their creative effort. During our second break, our 2020 Board of Directors were introduced to the Chapter members.

Everyone was wowed during our first break by Kathy's Kids performing the USA Dance Flash Mob group Salsa to "All I Want for Christmas". At the second break, our Senior Competition Champions, John and Kathy Linn performed a uniquely choreographed and dazzling Viennese Waltz/Tango Showcase to "Bound To You". We thank all these gifted dancers for sharing their talent and time for our enjoyment.

Many thanks to Matt Thompson for handling the sound equipment for our music and announcements at the event. We appreciate Doug Farris for his camera expertise to record all the fun and excitement of our time together. Most of the photos in this newsletter are the result of his work.

Our buffet table overflowed with holiday and standard fare thanks to the many dancers who contributed. Their extraordinary recipes always make our buffet special for everyone. We especially thank Kathy's Kids (and their parents) for their generous donations to the buffet.

As always, we reserve our very special thanks to everyone who chose to dance with us this month. Without your support we would not be able to produce our monthly dance. Thank you for your backing!

Next month we will ring in the NEW YEAR, celebrating another year on the dance floor. The excitement will start at 7 p.m. on the second Saturday of January at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center. You can expect an evening of dancing fun, so make your plans now to be a part of a delightful evening on the 11th.

Happy New Year!
2020

Dance Photos - December Dance

Kathy's Kids entertain at USA Dance with a Salsa to: "All I Want For Christmas"

Kathy Linn choreographed and directed 33 home-school youth for the Christmas Showcase of USA Dance, December 14, 2019. These young dancers stayed till the end of the dance, dancing with all the adults and participating in the 'chair dance mixer'. We would like to thank the parents who brought finger foods and Christmas goodies to share for the buffet table. "The KIDS" are such a delight - we hope they will become *dancers of USA Dance in future years. Thank you Kathy for diligently working for Dance in our community!*

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John & Kathy Linn

Christmas Showcase Dancing a Viennese Waltz/Tango to “Bound to You”

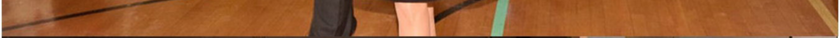
USA Dance chapter 2012 December 14, 2019 Photos Douglas Farris / Art Sylvia Rose

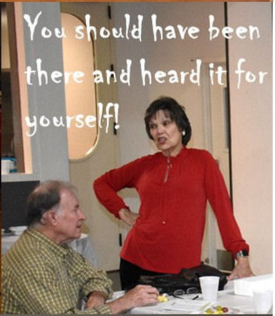
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
The DJ at Work...?!

AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

USA DANCE
For GOD so loved
that he gave his one and only SON,

Well...just look!
It's right there.
Yes, it's there.
It sure is!





You should have been there and heard it for yourself!

The Samba Line Dancers

Yes, now I see how you took the carbs out!

I'm telling you...This is where the fun is!
USA DANCE
AEROBICS ROOM
For GOD so loved the w
ut have eternal life.

Hey! I think you broke this thing!
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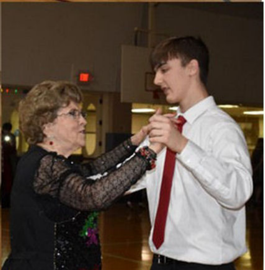
Greater Me 2012

USA DANCE
For GOD so loved … that he gave his one and only SON, that whoever bel



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Diane Sable** 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:

The National Data Base is currently being updated to an improved version and as a result we do not currently have accurate information on membership renewals. This new system should be up and running in January and we will report all of the renewed memberships at that time.

As you plan your 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.

IT SAYS, "DEAR RUDOLPH: NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS OVER, WE'D LIKE YOU TO BE A CONTESTANT ON DANCING WITH THE STARS."
COOL!
AWESOME!
RUDOLPH
DONNER
VIXEN
DANCER

Special Notice

As we move toward a new year, we want to reiterate our core standards with everyone who chooses to attend our dances and lessons.

Specifically, USA Dance is an alcohol and smoke free organization. Any violation of this places our Chapter's USA Dance Charter AND the relationships with our venues in extreme jeopardy. Therefore, we must strictly enforce the no alcohol or smoking policy at all USA Dance events and activities.

Robert B. White

President

Chapter #2012

USA Dance - Chapter #2012
2020 Board of Directors

Larry Moore Howard Glatstein Leo Koulogianes Robert White

Jane Hester Dena Richardson Sylvia Rose Pam Vaughn Gail Mays

Tid Bits

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

ANNOUNCING:

GROUP CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 5, 2020

Arman Sahakyan will instruct ***Foxtrot*** at 6pm and ***Argentine Tango*** at 7pm

As always for only $7 per class and $3 for students/youth; All classes taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler .

INTERNATIONAL
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LOS ANGELES
ARGENTINETANGO
WORLD CUP
UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY

Our new time schedule is: First class from 6 to 6:50 pm - Second class from 7 to 7:50pm. **Foxtrot** will emphasize structure and technique of the dance for beginners and advanced beginners. Each class will build on the previous class. Argentine Tango welcomes Beginners to advanced Tango dancers. Enjoy the uniqueness of this dance AS DANCED IN ARGENTINA !

Join USA Dance ($35 a year) ~ Get 2 Classes & 1 Monthly Dance (recorded music) **FREE !**

For more information: phone 901-386-2003 Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir.

Twelve dancers are dancing, and taking no rest,
and closely their hands together are press'd.
And soon as a dance has come to a close,
another begins, and each merrily goes;
and another year of dancing soon comes to a close.
Here's hoping we'll see you on the dance floor a plenty...
In twenty-twenty.