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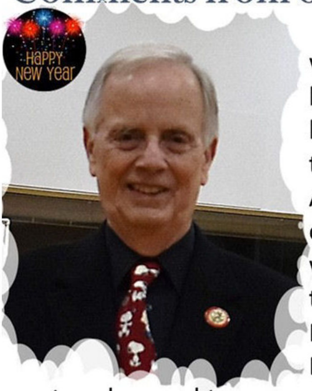
January 2020 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



Greater Memphis was plagued by stormy weather as the day of our dance dawned. But by opening time, only scattered showers were left over. Ninety-six USA Dance members and their guests arrived to take the dance floor at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center to celebrate a new decade of dancing. To welcome the New Year, a winter wonderland theme was spread around the hall by our Decoration Committee, headed by Carole Eady. There were elegant mirror balls centered around towers and candles on each table and on the buffet. Examples of this can be seen in many newsletter photos, which also reflect the fun of the evening. At our event, Pam Vaughn, who was named the Chapter's Volunteer of the Year late last year, was presented as the USA Dance District 8 Volunteer of the Year. This is the second Nationally recognized Volunteer of the Year from our Chapter in less than ten years. This recognition speaks volumes for the quality of our members and their dedication to Ballroom Dancing in the Greater Memphis Area.

We were honored to welcome a group of dancers from The Village at Germantown. This Retirement Community has a very active group of accomplished dancers. We look forward to them joining us at future dances.

New Year revelers in attendance were treated to Team Formation and Solo Showcase performances by our January Group Class Instructor, *Arman Sahakyan* and students: Kang Cheng, Albert Du, Shuang Fu, Cathy Liao, Mary Ouyang, Jenny Wang, Shengjie Wu, Wang-Ying Glasgow, Michelle Gan, Jing Xie and Xiaoyan Zhu. Arman Showcased a Lyrical Argentine Tango with student, Cathy Liao and an Argentine Tango, Latin-Swing Vals (Waltz) with student, Yuki during our second break of the evening.

It was good to have Tim Hnat back to handle our music and announcements. His and Nastasya's work with the camera was also appreciated. We thank them for all the outstanding work they perform for the Chapter. We also appreciate every one of our dancers who contributed their special recipes to our buffet for everyone's enjoyment. Your donations make our buffet a special part of our dances.

We reserve our special gratitude to those who chose to dance with us. It is your support which makes it possible for us to continue. Thank you!

Mark your calendar now to be a part of our Valentine Dance on the second Saturday next month. This is a special time for our Dance Family as we celebrate the romantic music associated with this holiday. Hope to see you at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center on February 8.

Dance Photos - January Dance

New Year

Latin/ Swing And Waltz Showcases performed

by ARMAN
and his
Students

USA Dance
Memphis
January 11,
2020

Tango Argentine

ARMAN SAHAKYAN & Student Cathy Liao
Showcase a Lyrical Argentine Tango VALS

January 11, 2020 ~ USA Dance chpt.2012, Memphis

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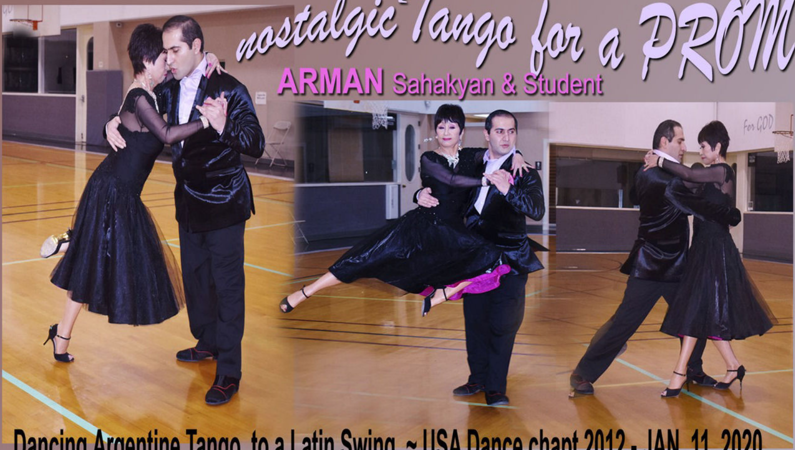
ARMAN Sahakyan & Student



Dancing Argentine Tango to a Latin Swing ~ USA Dance chapt 2012 - JAN. 11, 2020

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I'm telling you;
it's over there!
WEIGHT ROOM

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For GOD
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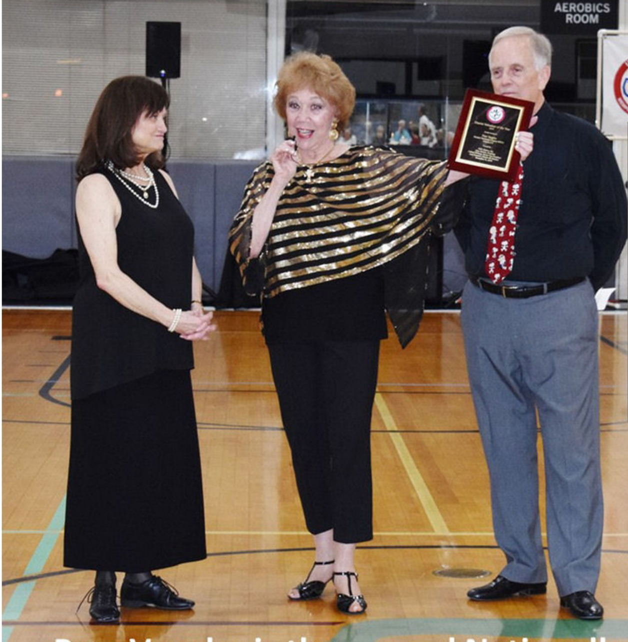
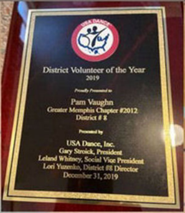




District Volunteer of the Year
2019

Proudly Presented to

Pam Vaughn
Greater Memphis Chapter #2012
District # 8

Presented by

USA Dance, Inc.
Gary Stroick, President
Leland Whitney, Social Vice President
Lori Yuzenko, District #8 Director
December 31, 2019

Pam Vaughn is the second Nationally recognized volunteer from the Chapter in less than a decade

HOME
VISITOR

Hi Ya'll
at he gave his one and only SON,

Do you think I should wake him up?

AEROBIC ROOM
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

NO BASKETBALLS OUT DURING GAMEPLAY

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Michael Nagy and Linda Nagy** 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 our available data is not accurate on membership renewals. This new system should be up and running soon and we will report all 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.

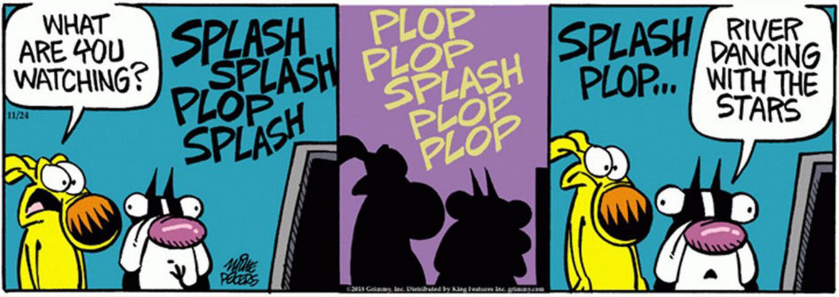
Please renew your membership before the expiration date. Once your expiration date passes, the National Membership Computer pulls your name from the active member file.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. If you experience any problems with the online system, please let the Membership Chairman, Mr. Howard Glatstein, know (howardglat@comcast.net or call 901-484-3315) 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.


WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
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11/24
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PLOP PLOP SPLASH PLOP PLOP
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SPLASH PLOP...
RIVER DANCING WITH THE STARS

Have You Moved?

If you have moved since joining the Chapter or your last membership renewal, we need your change of address information in order to keep our records up to date. You may conveniently do this by contacting the Chapter's Membership Chairman, Howard Glatstein at (901) 484-3315 or e-mailing your new address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc. to: howardglat@comcast.net .

Chapter Contact Information

Do you need to contact the Chapter concerning a specific matter or subject? If so, you might be able to resolve your issue with the following:

Music & Food: Pam Vaughn (901) 491-5074 pvaughn@uthsc.edu
Membership: Howard Glatstein (901) 484-3315 howardglat@comcast.net
Group Classes & Showcases: Sylvia Rose (901) 386-2003 sharrisrose@bellsouth.net
Volunteering & Decoration: Jane Hester (901) 853- 1413 janehester@bellsouth.net
Newsletter: Robert White (901) 757-9267 Robert_b_white@bellsouth.net

2020 TID BITS

AN EXCITING NEW DECADE FOR DANCERS

Happy New Decade To Everyone in the USA Dance Greater Memphis chapter 2012 and the entire Dance community of Memphis & the Mid South!

We began ***FoxTrot-ing*** into the New Year with a taste of 'Bubbly', ***THE*** *exciting* ***Argentine Tango*** ~

Arman Sahakyan from Armenia is an Independent Professional Instructor. His talents and methods of instruction exceeded students expectations…Beginners and Advanced dancers were challenged with a workshop-style of instruction in technique, using frame, proper footwork and body for movement.

Dance – It's Healthy!

Arman's Happy Group of 2020 Dancers

BECOME A "NUBEE" – Join USA Dance (ONLY $35 A YEAR) and U get 2 FREE Classes + 1Monthy Dance (recorded music) FREE and a Big reduction as a member (only $10) at Monthly Dances and other USA Dance discounts.

What a Nubee is: He/she is drawn to the good life of Dancing, tastes the offerings presented throughout the year, Waltz, Foxtorot, Tango, Swing, Rumba, Cha Cha + more AND keeps on buzzing round and round the dance floor with new friends.

FEBRUARY 2020 BRINGS US ~ NEW CLASSES AND A NEW INSTRUCTOR

NO CLASSES SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ~ CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 9TH

Feb. 9- 6- 23 and MARCH 1st ~ 6pm Cha Cha Cha ~ 7pm Swing Swing Swing

Viktor Les Professional Instructor with Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis ~ Viktor, a native of Zagreb, Croatia comes to Memphis by invitation of Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Germantown. He began dancing at the age of 12, later traveling to Italy, Germany, and Switzerland to compete in Latin and Standard. Some of his titles include: Swiss Latin Champion, 2017; Finalist in Croatian Championships, as well as receiving Finalist in many International Competitions throughout Europe. Viktor has trained under Peter Maxwell and Nina Langalla. *WE WELCOME VIKTOR to our Roster of USA Dnce Instructors.*

All USA Dance group classes are taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; no partner needed; $7 per class/ students $3. First session classes begin at 6pm and second session classes begin at 7pm. EVERYONE WELCOME!

CU on the LOD, Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. ~ For more info Ph.- 901-386-2003,

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With fresh resolutions to pave the way,
we went into a new decade of dancing on this day.
On to the floor we moved our feet,
to join the music's tempo, we longed to meet.
Our joy of Tango, Waltz, and QuickStep to fill,
it was impossible to sit still.
Our evening of dancing fun was gone too fast,
but we started knowing it would not last.