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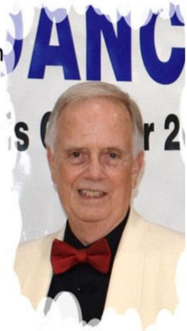
February 2020 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



It looked like a *Tide of Red* as seventy-nine USA Dance members and their guests arrived at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center this month for the Chapter's Valentine celebration. A vast array of stylish red dresses, red vest, red bow ties, red jackets, and many ladies with red hair frills were everywhere as this group took the floor for an evening of dancing joy. The Decoration Committee, headed by Carole Eady, outdid themselves this month with red tablecloths, red candles with glass globes, and special Valentine themed chocolate candy scattered around the tables. The same theme was reflected on the buffet table where there was a vast array of goodies for everyone to enjoy. We thank everyone who contributed their special Valentine recipes to the buffet. These donations add a very special touch to each dance.

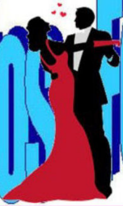
Everyone was treated to showcases by our Group Class instructor for February, Viktor Les, and his dance partner, Sandra Korpitz, both professional instructors at Fred Astaire Dance Studio. During our first break they performed a romantic Bolero to *Let's Get It On* by Marvin Gaye and during our second break they performed a Swing to *All About That Bass* by Meghan Trainor.

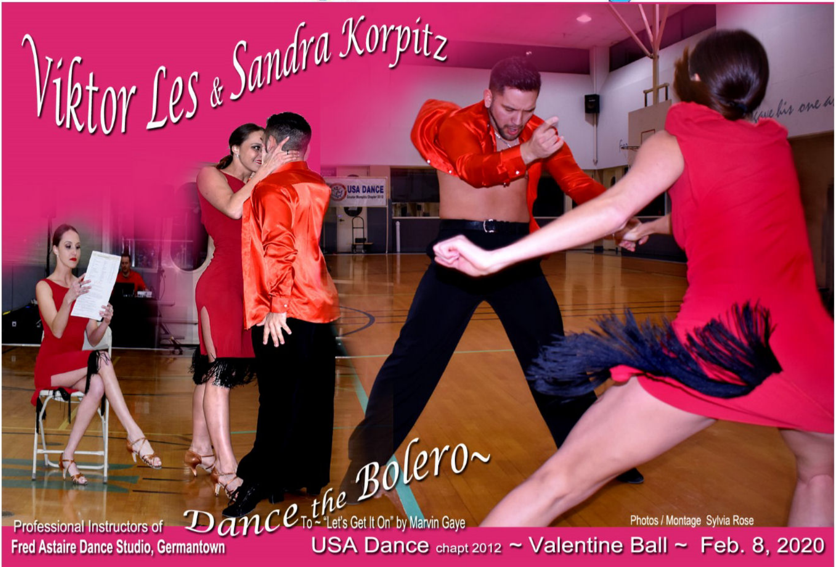
As always, our great appreciation goes out to Tim Hnat for his expertise with the sound equipment to float the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and for making announcements. We also appreciate his photographic talent for recording the fun.

And last, our special gratitude is reserved for those who chose to come and dance with us. It is your support which makes it possible for us to produce dance events. We thank you!

We will be returning to Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center the second Saturday of next month for our Saint Patty's Party. Please mark your calendar to join us as we celebrate the *Wearin' o' the Green* on March 14.

Dance Photos February Dance





Viktor Les & Sandra Korpitz

Dance the Bolero~

To ~ "Let's Get It On" by Marvin Gaye

Photos / Montage Sylvia Rose

Professional Instructors of
Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Germantown

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SWING
Viktor Les
SWING
Sandra Korpitz
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SWING

USA Dance Instructor for Feb., Viktor Les with Professional Partner, Sandra Korpitz of Fred Astaire Dance Studio, performed a 'Red-Hot' swing to: "All About that Bass by Meghan Trainor at .....

USA Dance, chpt 2012 ~ VALENTINE BALL ~ FEB. 8, 2020

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WEIGHT ROOM

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RESERVED
AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter

Hi Ya’ll
LOVE
ALL YOU NEED
GREEN ROOM
AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE
USA DANCE
CRAFT ROOM
LOVE
IS ALL YOU NEED
RESERVED

ve but have eternal life.

LOVE
IS ALL YOU NEED

LOVE
IS ALL YOU NEED
Coca-Cola
shall not perish
USA DA
RESTROOMS
PLAYER FOULS

Watch him jump
when I turn lose!

Is it time to go home yet?!

Hey! Move it over here.
USA DANCE

Whoa! You have too much dessert on your plate!

LOVE
IS ALL YOU NEED

Two-fisted Drinker

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.

We will again report Chapter renewals in this section of the newsletter as soon as the National Data Base is updated to an improved version and this data is available data to us. This new system should be up and running soon.

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.

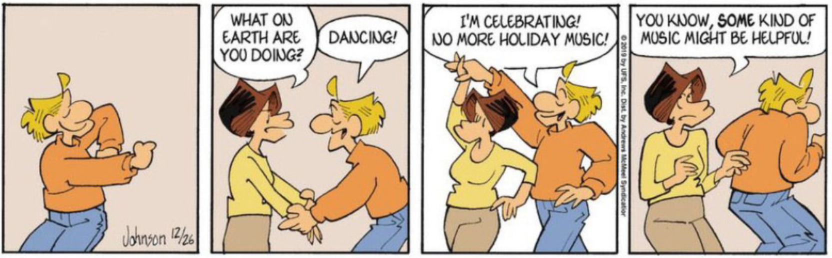
Please renew your membership before the expiration date. Once your expiration date passes, the National Membership Computer pulls your name from the active member file.

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.

Current 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.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WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?
DANCING!
I'M CELEBRATING! NO MORE HOLIDAY MUSIC!
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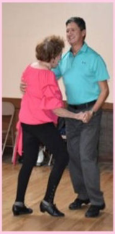
YOU KNOW, SOME KIND OF MUSIC MIGHT BE HELPFUL!

Fab-U-Lous February TID BITS

FABULOUS FEBRUARY with VIKTOR LES (of Fred Astaire)
Cha Cha Cha & Swing Swing Swing Classes / USA Dance chp 2012, 2020

Swing
Swing
Swing
and Here's Viktor
USA DANCE



Well, Well Well ~ Guess You are Wondering about this Chicken? ***Viktor LES*** *(of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio Germantown)* taught the ***"Chicken Walk"*** in Swing Class on the second Sunday of February. WOO HOO, did everyone have fun! This pattern has never been taught in my 15 years of organizing these group classes…It was amazing to watch beginners and intermediate dancers accomplish this Silver level of swing with arm styling, sexy "looks" and dance it as if they had been practicing for 20 hours! ~ Tee Hee, I videoed each couple as they demonstrated their expertise at the end of class. I don't want to short sight our CHA CHA CHA class ~ the first week everyone worked and worked on proper footwork and technique. With muscle memory helping, a perfect "Cha Cha "Chase" was accomplished the following week. Things picked up throughout the month as Viktor shared his talents and enthusiasm to all, giving special attention to our novice dancers. **We danced and danced and danced!**

What a group ~ What an Instructor ~ And he *will teach November.* *Welcome Viktor!*

Last Class with ***Viktor*** *this session*: **March 1st** ~6pm Cha Cha~ 7pm Swing

BEGINNING MARCH 8 through **MARCH 29 ~ WE WELCOME: DESIREE McCain**, Independent Instructor! Desiree will be teaching **Waltz** at 6pm and **Tango** at 7pm. And will treat us to a special showcase, March 14, "St. Patty Party"

All USA Dance group classes are taught at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7/$3 Kids & Students; No partner needed; Level I/II 6pm, Level II/Adv. At 7pm. Join our National Organization, USA Dance for only $35 a year and get a Class PERK of 2 Free Classes and a Monthly theme Dance (recorded music) FREE plus Member prices at all 156 chapters through out the US! USA Dance is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization promoting the health and social benefits of Dance and well as holding National Competitions, sponsoring Training camps for International and American Style dancing for youth and adults as well as Local Dance and outreach programs for Seniors and Charities. USA Dance, Chapter #2012 is proud to be a part of the USA Dance organization

Please visit our Web site: usadancememphis.com and LIKE our Face Book Page, USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter #2012. ~ ***C U on the LOD*** *Sylvia Rose, V.P./ Group Class Dir. -901-386-2003*

The USA Dance crowd gathered in February's icy breeze,
as all around the outside seemed destined to freeze.
We moved on to the floor at Advent with a smile,
because we knew our time together would be worthwhile.
With Tango, Waltz and Rumba's pleasures,
we celebrated Valentine's special treasures.
Our special time together, we knew would not forever last,
but the evening always seems to pass so fast.