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MEMPHIS TN CHAPTER #2012

March 2020 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

As the month developed, the world as we had known it began to change significantly. Concern about the pandemic caused by the spread of Covid-19 quickly developed into suspension of a vast number of normal gatherings across the country as well as locally. After significant deliberation combined with just two cases present in the local population, we decided to proceed with our monthly dance and re-establish some sense of normality to our lives.

As expected, our attendance was low. Fifty-one USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our annual St. Patty Party. In the spirit of the celebration, all things Irish and green were everywhere. The low attendance did not dampen enthusiasm and energy as this group of friends happily danced to the music provided by our Music Committee and floated across the floor by Tim Hnat. Tim always handles our sound equipment for the music and announcements with expertise and his work is greatly appreciated. His talent with the camera is also responsible for most of the photos in this newsletter.

Everyone was treated to an inspiring Waltz during our first break performed by our Group Class instructor for March, Desiree McCain and student, Frank Elliott. Desiree is a professional independent dance instructor in the greater Memphis area and Jackson, and Frank is a member of the Jackson Ballroom Dance Club.

Our buffet was again blessed with special recipes by many of our members and we thank everyone who contributed to the array of finger food enjoyed by all during their dance breaks.

As always, we reserve very special appreciation to everyone who chose to attend our dance. It is your loyalty that makes it possible for us to continue.

As a result of the recent COVID-19 developments in this area, your Board of Directors for Chapter #2012 has decided to cancel our scheduled April dance event as well as our current Group Classes at the Berclair Civic Center. The health and safety of our members and the Greater Memphis dancers is our utmost priority during this pandemic. As the situation with COVID-19 changes, we will make proactive decisions regarding future dances and classes.

Dance Photos - March Dance

Desiree McCain, Independent Instructor of Memphis & Jackson, TN, with student, Frank Elliott of the Jackson Ballroom Dance Club, Performed an inspiring WALTZ to 'Pastarole', for Violin & Piano, composer Rolf Undsaet Lovland; from the "Secret Garden", 1955. Photos /Art Sylvia Rose

USA Dance Greater Memphis Chpt. 2012 ~ 'St. Patty Party' ~ March 14, 2020

WEIGHT ROOM

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THE SAMBA LINE DANCE TAKES OFF

AEROBICS ROOM
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world that he gave his one and only SON

Are you sure of that?
Sprite

WEIGHT ROOM
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If he comes any closer
With that camera, I'm
going to hit him!
AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

Looks like two easy points to me!

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.

ISN'T THAT A BEAUTIFUL DRESS?
I LOVE IT! WHY DON'T YOU BUY IT, MOM?
REALLY? DO YOU THINK SO?
ABSOLUTELY! SEE IF THEY HAVE IT IN GREEN, THOUGH...
I NEED SOMETHING TO WEAR TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DANCE!!

Tiz Tid Bits-O-March

Wearin'th green n'learnin' ta dance th Tango n' Waltz

wi a bit o Irish jig ~ Faith n' Begorrah what a group a followin' Desiree~

DESIREE' McCAIN Independent Instructor of Memphis and Jackson TN.
USA Dance-Chapter 2012 ~ March 8/15, 2020 ~ Waltz & Tango Dance Class

Posture & Frame

Journal entry: March 8, 2020 ~ A perfect Sunday evening, waiting for Waltz class to begin and later Tango! Desiree' McCain, instructor for the month came bouncing in to greet everyone with so much energy, I knew it was going to be a special night for Ballroom instruction. We announced the "St. Patty Party" dance for the following Saturday and a special entertainment showcase, featuring Desiree and her student, Frank Elliott of Jackson. Everyone gave ooos, aahs and cheers for that!

Beginner dancers were instructed in partner connection, body posture, frame, balance, and how foot/leg push movement should be used to make the movement fluid in the Waltz…Desiree' pointed out that Intermediate American Tango uses the same principles of partner connection and body movement with exception to the partner stance and frame. Counting, counting, counting with precise steps to the beat. Several Bronze and Silver patterns were practiced in that one hour of Tango.

Journal entry: March 15, 2020 ~ Each and everyone who attended stayed till the very end of class and a little over for questions. Videos were taken of Desiree demonstrating that week's lesson. Desiree' just could not leave. There was an uneasy question hanging over us: "were we going to have class next Sunday" ?

Journal entry: March 17, 2020 ~ ALL classes canceled for the rest of March. The CDC sounded the alarm: COVID19 is a positive threat in Memphis, Shelby County and Tennessee! All the shelves in stores ARE empty of TP and hand sanitizer!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to COVID19 Virus precautions ~

USA Dance is canceling ALL APRIL Group Classes at this time.

April Big Band Dance has been Rescheduled for June 13, 2020.

We apologize for the inconvenience and disappointments but for the welfare of our dance community we feel that these decisions are in your best interests. Instructor changes for April, May and June are being considered at this time and you will be notified in ample time to continue with fabulous Dance Classes and Fabulous Instructors. Thank you for your patience in these feverish times. Find a place of solitude for meditation in Dixon Gardens or take a walk at Shelby Farms but stay safe. Sylvia Rose

Please stay in, wash your hands, stay safe. We will notify you of any and all changes in instructor and class scheduling for possibly May, June, and July. Turn on your music and practice. Be happy and thank the Lord for who you are and what you have. Please feel free to call me any time. We will be dancing again soon!

HUGS ~ C U on the LOD Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director 901-386--2003

In the shadow of the pandemic caused by Covid-19
the USA Dance crowd did gather at Advent with their hands clean.
Shades of Winter were still on the outside earth,
but with hints of Spring's arrival and its welcome rebirth.
Though we were far from the Emerald Isle,
all in attendance entered with an Irish smile.
For a St. Patty celebration throughout the night,
with Foxtrot, Mambo, and Tango to our delight.
An evening of joy on the dance floor did refresh our heart,
though we knew our time together would soon depart.