DANCE BULLETIN

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April 2020 Newsletter

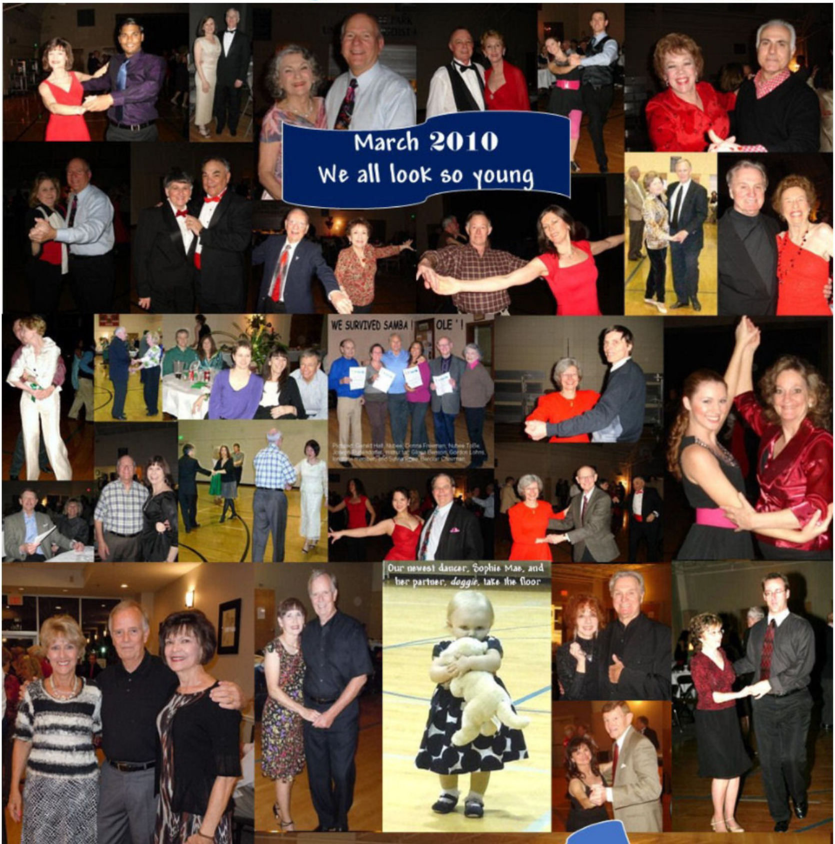
Comments from our President – Robert White

I'm sure most of us never imagined a time when we could not gather on the dance floor and enjoy our favorite hobby/addiction. Nor could we envision a time when we could not enjoy a meal in our favorite restaurant, get a haircut, or find a supermarket with a full assortment of anything we want. We've had to adjust our daily routines and make some major changes and there is no sugarcoating it: we are living in uncertain times with circumstances changing daily. That being said, what we are currently living with is temporary. I have every confidence that things will return (for the most part) to normal and we will resume our lives including FUN on the dance floor!

Our dance last month was the last major dance in the area and the March newsletter was relatively normal. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Chapter has suspended all dances and Group Class events until further notice. As a result, this newsletter is far from what we normally publish.

The Chapter started publishing an e-newsletter ten years ago (March 2010), and at that time its major aim was to showcase the fun we were having through photos taken during our monthly dance. Over the years, it expanded to include our community outreach activity, classes aimed at getting new dancers started and improving skills of experienced dancers, celebrating key events, welcoming new members, highlighting entertaining showcases, and sadly acknowledging members who had passed away. The vision of this month's newsletter is to look back over the past ten years, to sample highlights, and to share fun times with any of you who are interested in going along for the ride.

Dance Photos – A Look Back In Time

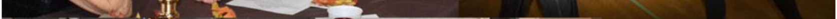

March 2010
We all look so young
WE SURVIVED SAMBA ! OLE '!
Our newest dancer, Sophie Mae, and her partner, doggie, take the floor

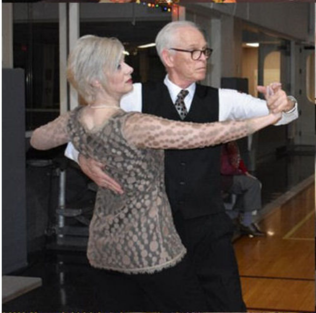
2011
Double Your
Dancing Pleasure!
Yea? Who told
you that!
2013
2014
Yea? Who told
ey! Who let the
ld gimpy guy
ith the cane in?

you that!
2015
There he is surrounded by good looking women again.
Some guys have women in their hair all the time.
2016
MATCH
POINTS
PAID IN FULL

2017
The Edd Jones Orchestra
2018

Irish Knees are smiling...
2019
I'm telling you, it was at least this big!





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

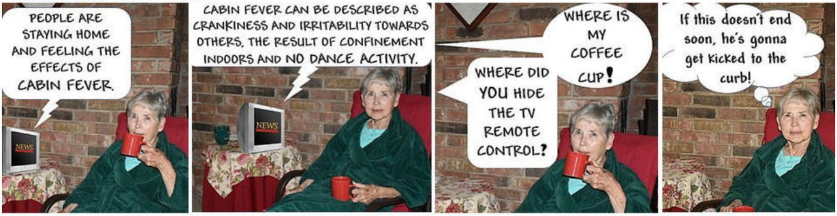
I just start at the top, like this, and pack it all the way down!

No! You understood exactly what I said.

RED!, WHITE, & BLUE
SOUTHERN GIRL

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. Please do not allow your membership to expire during this time of the pandemic. 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.

Around the White house


PEOPLE ARE STAYING HOME AND FEELING THE EFFECTS OF CABIN FEVER.
NEWS
CABIN FEVER CAN BE DESCRIBED AS CRANKINESS AND IRRITABILITY TOWARDS OTHERS, THE RESULT OF CONFINEMENT INDOORS AND NO DANCE ACTIVITY.
NEWS
WHERE IS MY COFFEE CUP!
WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE TV REMOTE CONTROL?
If this doesn't end soon, he's gonna get kicked to the curb!

Outreach to the general public is a major function of our Chapter. It is one of the ways we fulfill our purpose to expand Ballroom Dancing. Here is a sampling of our activity over recent years.

On The Road With USA Dance

USA Dance Volunteers Entertain at Wolfchase Galleria

USA DANCE
KAY
AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS

Germantown Senior EXPO

Music Master at Work
USA DANCE

USA Dance Ice Cream Social McWherter Center

Fernando - DJ

The Master DJ at Work

USA Dance Volunteers visit Heritage at Irene Woods

USA Dance

visits

The Village At Germantown

THE RESIDENT MUSIC MAN
Curtis Ringold

USA Dance at Le Bonheur

USA Dance Volunteers "Dancing For the Chlidren" Sept.14, 2016
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Foundation, Child Life Program

National has recognized the Chapter several times over recent years. We have been awarded Chapter of the Year, National Volunteer of the Year, Regional Volunteer of the Year, and we achieved a cover photo & write up of our Great Gatsby Dance on the organization's national magazine.

Chapter of the Year

USA Dance Chapter 2012 - Chapter of the Year 2014
Memphis, Tennessee

AMERICAN DANCER

July-August 2015

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION of SOCIAL DANCE in AMERICA

From Grand Ballrooms to City Streets For Social Connection, Health and Well-Being, Community, and the Sheer Joy and Love of Dance

Official publication of USA Dance Inc.

50th Anniversary Gala in Dallas!

GRASSROOTS

GREATER MEMPHIS CHAPTER 2012

THE GREATEST GATSBY DANCE (ON EARTH) GANGSTAS & DOLLS, TOMMY GUNS & FRINGE

By Sylvia Harris Rose Most Photos also by Sylvia Harris Rose

GREAT GATSBY COMES TO MEMPHIS

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National Volunteer of the Year
2015-2016

Proudly Presented to

Sylvia L. Rose

Greater Memphis TN Chapter # 2012
District 8

Presented by

USA Dance, Inc.
Peter Pover, President
Jean Krupa, Social Vice President

March 7, 2016

AEROBICS ROOM
USA DANCE
Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

District Volunteer of the Year
2019

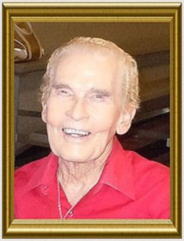
Proudly Presented to

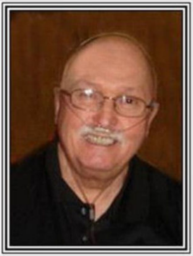
Pam Vaughn
Greater Memphis Chapter #2012
District # 8

Presented by

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

Through the years we have all been saddened by the loss of Dance Family Members. Knowing them brought us great joy and left us with many fond memories.





The local dance studios and independent dance instructors are the backbone of Ballroom Dancing in this area and we encourage the dancers who start with us to develop their skills through them. Our purpose is to introduce new dancers to social dancing in a welcoming/non-threatening way. We hire top local professional instructors to teach these classes in order to ensure the instruction is solid. Our goal is to give new dancers a good start in social dancing so they can have a lifetime of enjoyment from the activity. Our Chapter has been offering these classes at the Berclair Civic Center for over ten years.

Below is a sampling of our Group Classes

2010

Rick Pellegra also taught our opening dance lesson and we had lots of fun learning new merengue moves

Great September - with "Mr. Top Hat Eric" Swing & Tangoers

Stephanie Korpitz
PASO DOBLE - SAMBA Class, April 2011

2011

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March on with Frank's Fox Trot & Mambo Class

September Basics with Kerry Richardson

2012

Rumba & Cha Cha with Leigh A

Salsa
Mambo
& Waltz with Jorja Jolly, "Miss October"

Samba & Fox Trot Class - Stephanie Korpitz - Nov. 2013

2013

AND THE HUSTLERS FOR 2013

Rumba & Bolero Class with Instructor Charles Cox
USA Dance May 2014

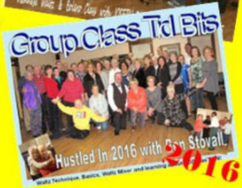
Group Class Tid Bits
Viennese Waltz & Bolero Class with JOSEPH

2014

Rumba and Fox Trot Class with Jorja in June
USA Dance, chapter 2012, June 2015

2015

Group Class Tid Bits
Stephanie Korpitz
USA Dance Class - Cha Cha & Waltz - Feb. 2015

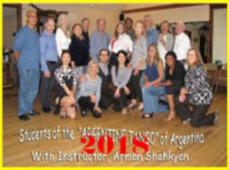

Group Class Tid Bits
Hustled In 2016 with Don Stovall
Waltz Technique, Basics, Waltz Mixer and learning

2016

2017

SAMBA & FoxTrot Klass with Mike McKerlie
A HIGH FIVE FOR ALL OUR HAPPY DANCERS ~ USA DANCE GROUP CLASS ~ Oct. 2017

2018


Students of the "ARGENTINE TANGO" of Argentina
With Instructor, Arman Shahkyan

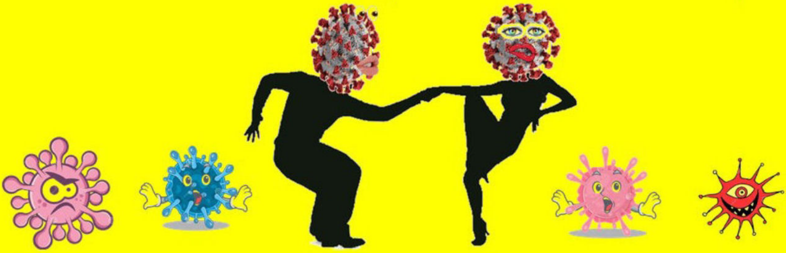
2019

USA Dance Group Class ~ Desiree' McCain Instructor Oct. 2019

The Last Group Class before COVID-19 Struck
Hopefully we will continue very soon.

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

The photos you have perused above are only a very small sample of the hundreds of photos in our newsletters over the past ten years. If you want to spend more time reminiscing, our website, usadancememphis.com, has a complete file of newsletters by month and year for you to enjoy any time you wish.

As the COVID-19 virus arrived in town,
to spare our members and guests, USA Dance closed down.
For everyone's safety we could not allow the virus to reign,
but missing activity on the dance floor we did disdain.
Until this danger is over, we'll spend a lot of time at home.
but sooner or later this will pass, and we will no longer be alone.
Together with all our dancing friends we'll take our place,
but until then, the virus will keep us from our dance floor space.