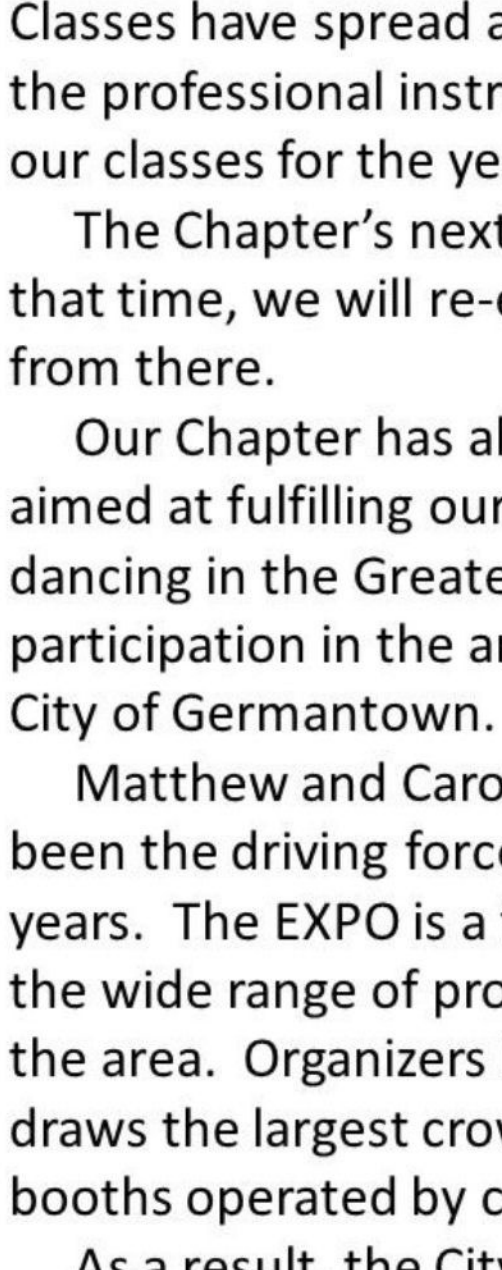


November 2020 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



We were all elated with the news reports this month that a vaccine for COVID-19 has been developed. As a result of this great news, we move onward to the Holiday Season and the end of 2020, optimistically looking ahead with real hope of resuming our dance activity. Of course, we do not know what next year holds, so the only thing we can do is watch and wait, and take appropriate actions to protect ourselves and our love ones.

Due to careful restrictions, there are no indications that our Group Classes have spread anything except outstanding dance instruction by the professional instructors who teach the classes. November will end our classes for the year.

The Chapter's next Board meeting is scheduled for mid-December. At that time, we'll re-evaluate the situation and make our 2021 plans from there.

Our Chapter has always been involved in various outreach programs aimed at fulfilling our goal of developing the quantity and quality of dancing in the Greater Memphis area. One such program is our participation in the annual Germantown Senior Expo produced by the City of Germantown.

Matthew and Carol Lybanon, two long-time Chapter members, have been the driving force behind our involvement in the EXPO for many years. The EXPO is a free admission event to expose Senior Citizens to the wide range of products and services available specifically for them in the area. Organizers learned very early that the dance sector always draws the largest crowds each year and helps to generate interest in the booths operated by commercial businesses.

As a result, the City dedicated a significant space in the EXPO to a dance floor for attendees to both participate and view dancing. Our Chapter has been the sponsor since 2015. The Lybanons have worked tirelessly with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation in planning for the event. They have also spent hours contacting dance studios, independent dance instructors, and a wide range of dance groups and clubs across the area to give them an opportunity to showcase their dance specialties.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 EXPO did not take place; however, we have an array of photos from previous years for you to peruse. Some of these dancers sure do look young!



A major concern is that our members will not maintain their membership as renewal dates roll around. The strength of our organization is our membership. Please take action to renew your membership with USA Dance during these trying times. Your continued support is needed! If you experience any problems with the online system, please contact the Membership Chairman, Howard Glatstein, (howardglat@comcast.net or call 901-484 - 3315) promptly so that we can assist before your membership expires.

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Did You Know

"The Dancing Plagues," or dancing manias, occurred sporadically throughout Western Europe from the 14th to the 17th centuries. For reasons unknown, people, sometimes hundreds at a time, danced until they collapsed from exhaustion or died. *Maybe the COVID-19 is not all that bad after all.* 😊
 Dancers and choreographers rank first as the professions with the highest divorce rates. Bartenders and massage therapists round out the top three.
 Dancers at an Italian wedding invented ballet in 1495. At the banquet, the performers' dances represented the dishes that were being served. *Broccoli dance, anyone?*

NOVEMBER TID-BITS



Happy Thanksgiving
 AS you all know, I am retiring, and this is the last class of the year 2020 and perhaps the last class of the USA Dance sponsored class program. This program was run as a nonprofit for the development of social dancing to increase the quality and number of participants in Ballroom dancing. Throughout the Pandemic, USA Dance held classes to support the instructors in our community and our loyal students. In the coming year 2021 we look forward to all of our professional instructors to entertain with Showcases at our monthly dances as in the past. Dance is a lifetime sport with many health benefits, and we hope everyone will continue their pursuit of dance to reach their individual goals.
 Sylvia Sez: Visit our web site: usadancememphis.com and our Face Book pages: USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012 & Memphis Area Ballroom Dance to keep up with the latest news of upcoming monthly dances and check out our listing of fabulous instructors who have taught for us throughout the years. Give them a call about classes and instruction. Some are independent instructors and some teach at studios, but they all are there for you with smiles, energy and experience!
 Sylvia Sez: Look for the "TID BITS" in future newsletters. There always will be some news of coming events, maybe are work shops, mini competitions, and of course ENTERTAINMENT!
 Thank you all for your support of USA Dance. Hugs - CU on the LOD - Sylvia Rose

As another month of dance void passes into the Fall, we look back at the months where we have missed it all. The media continues to report of the COVID-19 danger, and at our weakness to overcome it we focus our anger. We look forward toward a vaccine before the Spring, with hopes it will finally end this thing. The Holiday Season is ahead of us still, where we must again swallow this bitter pill.