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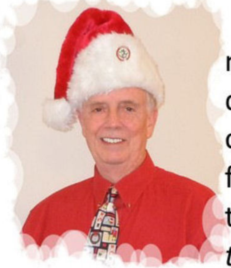
December 2020 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



The Holiday Season has always been a magical time when we share our joy on the dance floor with friends. The pandemic has changed that for us this year but recent news from the pharmaceutical industry indicates there is a *light at the end of the vaccine tunnel*. However, at present we must continue to take precautions to protect ourselves and our loved ones. That being said, we sincerely hope that we can again be together on the dance floor very soon.

Our situation reminds me of the three visions, which appeared to the “Scrooge” character in Dickens’ story *A Christmas Carol*. This Holiday Season we have no *Ghost of Dancing Present* and I am optimistically forecasting a *Ghost of Dancing Yet to Come.* BUT we do have a *Ghost of Dancing Past* that we wish to share with you, our Dance Community. The following Holiday dance photos stretch back about a decade. As you look through them, you will see some dancers who are no longer with us, as well as much younger versions of ourselves. Hope you enjoy this delightful trip into our *Dancing Past.*

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The Ghost of Dancing Past

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Your Membership Renewal is Needed!

The pandemic has shown us all too clearly what life is like without dance and with highly curtailed social interactions. Since the epidemic hit, new members joining our Chapter have dropped to zero and our membership renewals have suffered dramatically.

You may think with reduced dance activities, membership support for USA Dance is not needed. The truth is that there are many fixed overhead costs that still must be supported.

These costs include:
the very necessary insurance blanket which covers all chapters' activities;
the license fees for the music at all events;
the correct and timely filing of all tax forms/returns; and
educational programs supported by the National Organization.

We recognize that you may have tried to navigate the difficult website and membership system to renew and got discouraged. If you would like to send a check to your local Board, we will get you renewed. The basic level membership is the "Social Dancer" and is $35 per year. You can send a check made out to "USA Dance" to Robert White, 8764 Birch Park Lane, Germantown, TN 38139. Please send a note indicating changes to your contact information, (i.e. address/phone/e-mail). Many thanks for your support!

Gail Clark Hackney

We were all saddened by the recent passing of one of our most loyal and long time USA Dance members, Gail Clark Hackney. Gail was a native Memphian, who worked as a local realtor for many years prior to retirement. She was devoted to her precious family, friends and church. AND she **loved** to dance! Gail was noted for the help she provided to so many in need and for mentoring countless women in the recovery community over the years. Her presence on the dance floor at our monthly events was always a delight as well as her attendance at the dances held at the senior centers around town. She brought food to dances, gave others a ride, and was always quick to volunteer when help was needed. Gail will be missed by all in our dance community!

Did You Know

(source – Fact Retriever LLC)

Some pop singers create their own dances to fit their songs. For example, Michael Jackson created the "moonwalk" for his hit "Thriller" in 1982.

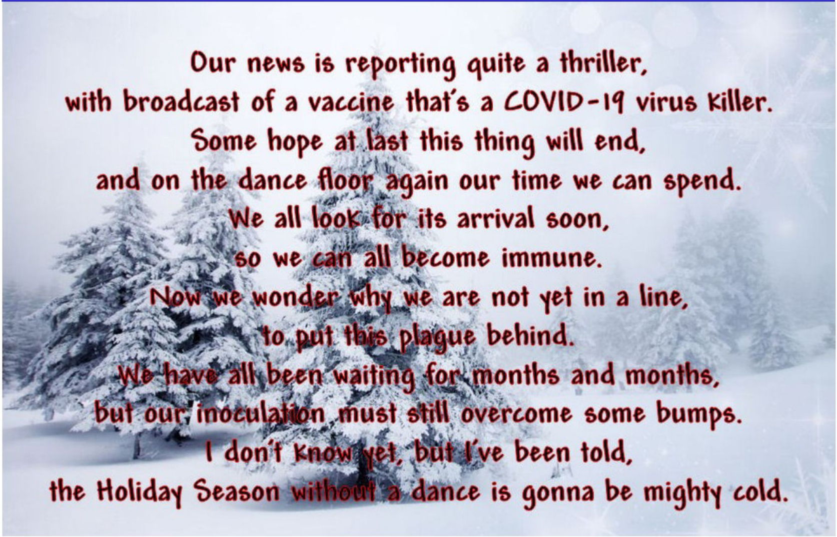
The leotard is named after its inventor, Jules Léotard, a French acrobat who performed the first flying trapeze act in 1859. He wore his tight-fitting ensemble to show off his muscles.

In 1996, approximately 72,000 people gathered to do the chicken dance at a fair in Ohio, setting the record for the largest dance in modern history. *Does anyone wonder how so many people could be persuaded to do such a thing?*

Merry & Bright Tid Bits

Wihing You A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We will keep you posted with up-dates on our web site (usadancememphis.com) and Face Book pages: Memphis Area Ballroom Dance and USA Dance Greater Memphis Area Chapter 2012. Take care, Stay Safe, Support USA Dance by renewing your membership.. Support your Independent Dance Instructors and Dance Studios. We will CU on the LOD in the coming year 2021. God Bless and Hugs, Sylvia Rose



Our news is reporting quite a thriller,
with broadcast of a vaccine that's a COVID-19 virus killer.
Some hope at last this thing will end,
and on the dance floor again our time we can spend.
We all look for its arrival soon,
so we can all become immune.
Now we wonder why we are not yet in a line,
to put this plague behind.
We have all been waiting for months and months,
but our inoculation must still overcome some bumps.
I don't know yet, but I've been told,
the Holiday Season without a dance is gonna be mighty cold.