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April 2021 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

The warmth of spring has arrived, and we rejoice at the rebirth of the trees, flowers, and songbirds as we have moved into month number twelve without a Greater Memphis USA Dance. The Covid 19 vaccinations aimed at getting us back to something approaching normal lives appear to be progressing well, as we see the availability opening up for individuals age 16 and older. Shelby County Health Department restrictions on large gatherings are still in effect. We are watching the situation closely and staying in touch with our Advent Presbyterian Church contact so we can plan a dance as soon as allowable.

Over the last several months, our newsletter has focused on many of the Chapter's past events and brought back fond memories shared with our dance family. This month our newsletter will focus on our efforts toward support of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis. For several years our Chapter sponsored an annual Charity Ball aimed at raising funds to aid the marvelous work of this hospital. Our event encompassed many diverse activities – silent auctions, on-site artist, prize drawings, etc. It also included annual showcases of dance styles performed at the public areas of Le Bonheur and televised to all the rooms of the hospital for the enjoyment of the patients. So much fun to help a wonderful cause!

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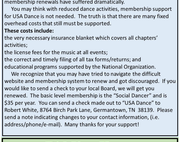
Dancing for Le Bonheur

Dancing For The Children - Le Bonheur Childrens' Hospital Child Life Program
USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter- National Ballroom Dance Week Sept. 22, 2015



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to acknowledge the following who have received their membership recently: **Natalie Sprunt, Camilla Wilson,** and **Christine Allen.** Hopefully, we will all be back on the dancefloor together soon.

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!

Did You Know

(Source: Free Dictionary.com)

In *bharata natya*, a classical Indian dance, performers decorate their feet instead of wearing dance shoes.

The word "disco" is from the French *discotheque*, meaning "library of phonograph records."

In 1913, the German army and navy prohibited any personnel from dancing the tango. **Is it possible the Tango could give away military secrets?**

Heard the music, felt the beat, and danced a step that was as the dance picture again and again

Our return to the dance floor seems an endless maze, with many lulls, twists, turns, and delays. Our immunity with vaccinations seems not to pay to plan, we continue to wait and hope, doing the best we can. Our absence from dance is tough, there's no doubt, but our hope is that our dance joy will come about, for it is in activity we can't do without.