DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

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February 2022 Newsletter

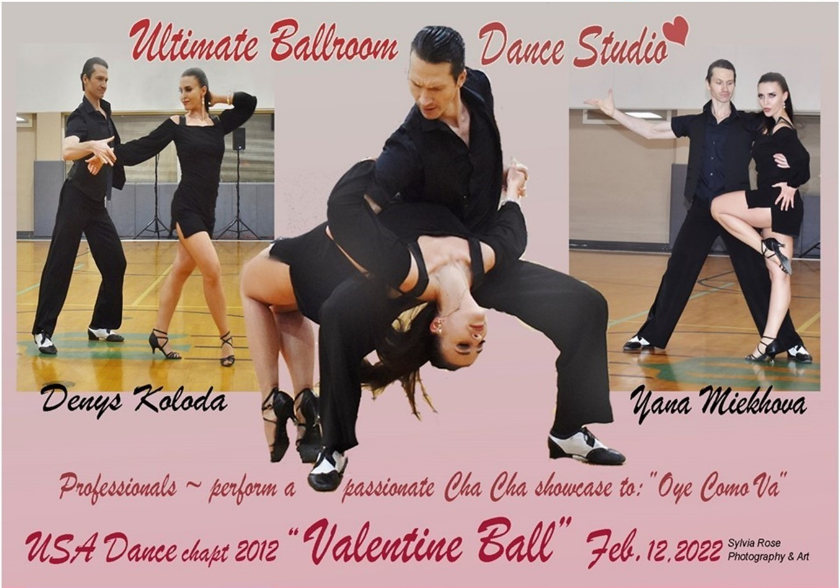
Comments from our President – Robert White

The days leading up to our dance this month were filled with sadness. We lost two of our Chapter members (one a Board member and one the husband of a Board member) to tragic accidents. Even with heavy hearts, one hundred three USA Dance members and their guests braved the winter cold to fill the dance floor for our annual Valentine Dance. This was the largest group we have had at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center since we restarted our dances following the pandemic. The hall was decked out in a lovely Valentine theme and our music included many of the romantic classics.

Local dance studios and independent dance instructors are the support of Ballroom dancing in the area. They provide the education elements, which show us how to maximize our fun together on the dance floor. We are grateful when they choose to attend our event. Our dancers can experience the best in ballroom and meet and question these professionals about their classes. This month, Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio attended along with a large group of their students. We also welcomed independent instructors and their students as well.

The dance mixers during both breaks had full participation, another positive indicator of reduced pandemic fear. Everyone was treated to showcases during both breaks. At the first break, Denys Koloda and Yana Miekhova performed a hot Cha-Cha followed by Jorja Jolly Sims and Eugene Jaw performing a romantic Bolero. During the second break, Jorja Jolly Sims and Frank Vick performed a lovely Rumba. The photos reflecting the joy of our February dance begin with a montage of these fabulous showcases.

Dance Photos - February Dance



Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio

Denys Koloda

Yana Miekhova

Professionals ~ perform a passionate Cha Cha showcase to: "Oye Como Va"

USA Dance chapt 2012 "Valentine Ball" Feb. 12, 2022

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Our Sweetheart ~ Jorja Jolly Sims and Students

The Ultimate Ballroom Dance Studio ~ Jorja Sims, Pro with Student **Eugene Jaw** (Upper R) dances an Amorous Bolero to: "Secret" also showcasing with Student **Frank Vick** (Lower L) **Jorja** dances a Romantic Rumba to: "How Deep Is Your Love".

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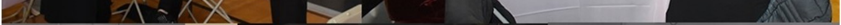
Maybe if we just ignore him, he won't put a picture of us in the newsletter with one of those silly dialog lines in it.

Valentine Ball Chair Dance, Feb. 12, 2022 USA Dance chp. 2012
Chair

Did you see what she did?
Yea, that was funny!

HOME
BONUS
FOULS
Surely you two saw
what she did!?



Me neither!
I don't care what she said, I didn't see anything!

Ultimate Ballroom Instructors and Students

Wishing You a Happy Valentine

USA Dance chap. 2012 ~ Feb.12, 2022

S.Rose:Photography

VISITOR
BONUS
FOULS

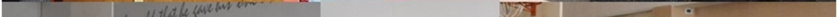
FIRESIDE
ROOM
OOMS

I'm sure I saw everything that happened!
Everything?
LOVE
HIGHER GROUND COFFEE SHOP

Did either of you see what she did?

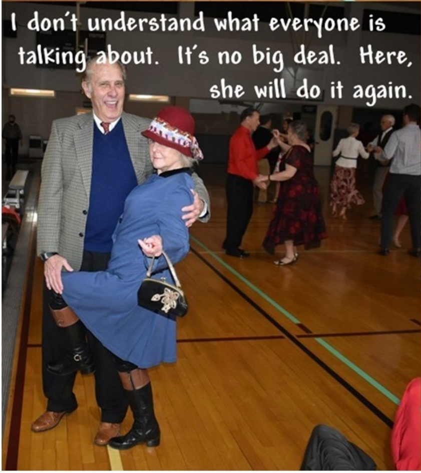
I'd bet that all of you saw what she did!

I saw the whole thing and I can tell you all about it!
HIGHER GROUNDS
COFFEE SHOP



I don't care what she did. It's getting late. I'm leaving!

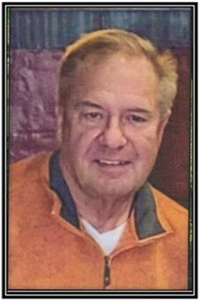
THE SAMBA LINE DANCERS AT PLAY



I don't understand what everyone is talking about. It's no big deal. Here, she will do it again.

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Jane Hester and Kathy Linn.** Our members are the strength of our chapter, and we appreciate each and every one.

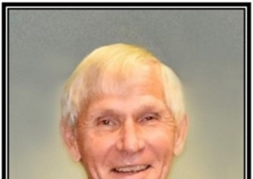
Dancers are generally the nicest people you will ever meet and attending USA Dance events is the place to meet them.
You may join or renew your membership at any of our dances or online at usadance.org. If you experience any problems with the online system, please contact us usadancememphis@att.net or (901) 757-9267 at once so we can assist.



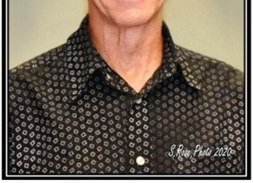
James Douglas Oldham, III

We were very sorry to hear that Doug the husband of our newest Board Member, Jean Oldham, passed away this month. Doug graduated from Millington Central High School and earned a civil engineering degree. He worked in the construction industry, and for Firestone and International Harvester before, he and his father started Oldham Construction Company, which specialized in plant maintenance and was a premier crane company. In additional to Jean, Doug is survived by a very large family including several siblings, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He lived a well-rounded life with many interests - traveling, wine making, fishing, hunting, gardening as well as being an accomplished dancer. He and Jean participated in several swing dance organizations as well as being USA Dance Members. Doug will certainly be missed!

Leonidas "Leo" Constandinos Koulogianes



We bid a sad farewell this month to our dear friend and USA Dance Board Member, Leo Koulogianes. Leo led an exemplary life from childhood, excelling in everything he pursued. After graduation with honors from High School in Tampa, Florida he served our country in the Marine Corps and reached rank of Sergeant.



Leo studied music at the University of South Florida before settling in Memphis to work with his uncle Clyde Gridley. He became a self-employed locksmith while actively pursuing his many hobbies including fishing, soccer, softball, cycling, geology, and of course -- ballroom dancing where he met his loving wife, Jan.

Jan and Leo shared many interests, from swing and ballroom dancing to scouring the surrounding areas for interesting stones, including agates, geodes, and petrified wood. They also shared their Christian faith as members of Desoto Hills Baptist Church. In addition to Jan, Leo is survived by two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews. Leo is also survived by the enormous Greater Memphis dance community who will remember his friendship, generosity, and love of dance every time we hear his favorite - a West Coast Swing song.

TID BITS & ENTERTAINMENT

Valentines was Romance & Dance

I WANT TO THANK THE ULTIMATE BALLROOM DANCE STUDIO FOR PROVIDING OUR ATTENDEES WITH SHOWCASES REFLECTING VALENTINE LOVE & FUN. Professional Instructors, Denys Koloda and Yana Miekhova showed us how to get sexy with a Passionate Cha Cha; ALSO Jorja Sims, Pro. with Student Eugene Jaw showcased a sensual Bolero; AND Jorja also danced a dreamy Rumba with Student Frank Vick. THANK YOU JORJA JOLLY SIMS FOR COORDINATING ~ OUR SWEETHEART!

ST. PATTY PARTY ~ MARCH 12, 2022

Advent Presbyterian Life Center, 1879 N. Germantown Parkway

TIS WEARIN' O'TH' GREEN AND LOTS O'FANCY DANCIN'

ENTERTAINMENT

WE WELCOME IURII KORA & ALISA HRYN, owner/professionals, of the DREAM BALLROOM ACADEMY who will entertain with showcases for the 'St. Patty Party'! ~ FAITH N' BEGORA ~ KISS ME I'M IRISH!

Other Announcements ~

Keep Up-To-Date with all the USA Dance NEWS and PHOTOS: Anything dance related may be posted on our FB Group: Memphis Area Ballroom Dance; National & Local dance related USA Dance news is posted on FB PAGE: USA Dance Greater Memphis Chapter 2012. Visit our Web Site: usadancememphis.com … here you will find information to become a Member of USA Dance chapter 2012, one of 150 National Chapters. USA Dance is a Non Profit 501c3 Organization!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP DANCE GOING FORWARD !

C U on the L O D ~ Sylvia

The USA Dance crowd gathered joyously on this February day,
though the day was chilly, and the clouds were gray.
Our Valentine celebration is always a special night,
as this group of friends take the floor to everyone's delight.
Our patters of Tango, Waltz, and Swing were so bold,
trying to chase away the outside cold.
Red dresses in celebration of Valentine's were all around,
and the joys of the evening could not be bound.
We knew our evening of delight would not last

We knew our evening of delight would not last,
but while it did, it was a blast.

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