DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

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April 2022 Newsletter

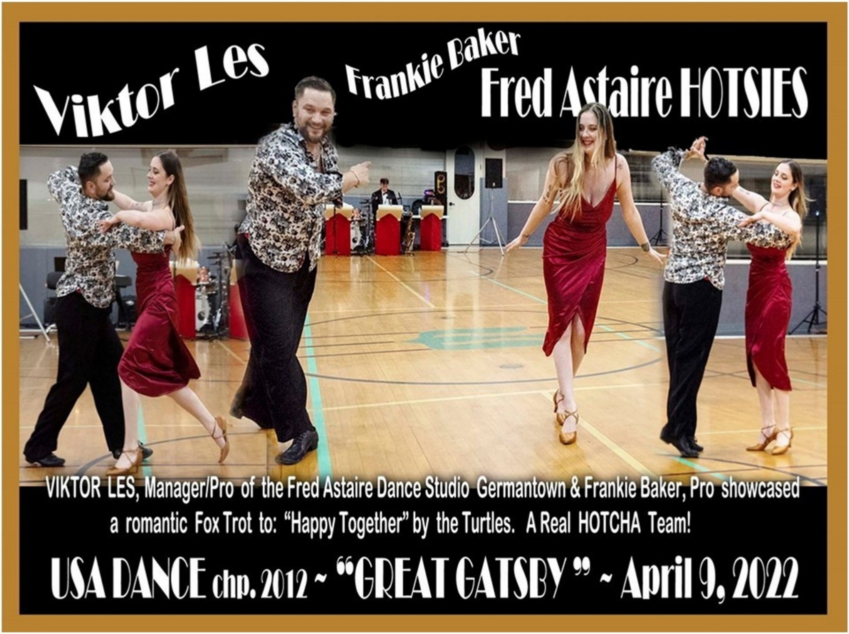
Comments from our President – Robert White

It appeared that all the riffraff from the speakeasies around town poured into Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center early this month for the *Greatest Gatsby Dance on Earth*! This motley assortment of one hundred-seven gangsters and their molls descended on the dance floor as the Drew White Orchestra cranked out wonderful music to start the celebration. The Art Deco themed center pieces on all the tables, designed by our creative decoration coordinator, Carole Eady, fit right in with the evening's festivities.

Professional dance studios and independent dance instructors support social dancing in our area. We are always honored when studios and independent instructors attend our events because it exposes our dancers to examples of highest quality of social dancing. This month, Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Germantown, along with many of their students, attended. We were treated to two showcases performed by the manager of FADS, Viktor Les, and two of the professional instructors at FADS, Vlad Pavlenko and Frankie Baker. This month, in addition to the montage of these showcases, we have links to videos (just below the showcase montage) so that you can view them.

No one seemed to locate any bathtub gin at this event but the merriment was intoxicating as evidenced by the excellent photos that follow. Doug Farris again contributed his photographic talents and Sylvia Rose, the evening's MC, added her photos and art.

Dance Photos - April Dance



Viktor Les

Frankie Baker

Fred Astaire HOTSIES

VIKTOR LES, Manager/Pro of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio Germantown & Frankie Baker, Pro showcased a romantic Fox Trot to: "Happy Together" by the Turtles. A Real HOTCHA Team!

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To view videos of the showcases at the April dance, click on the links below -
Foxtrot by Viktor and Frankie:
https://www.facebook.com/USADanceMemphis/videos/5183391981776123
Cha-Cha by Vlad and Frankie:
https://www.facebook.com/USADanceMemphis/videos/517729126527448

Vlad Pavlenko
Frankie Baker
FRED ASTAIRE DANCE STUDIO

Vlad & Frankie danced a Funky Cha Cha to: "She's a Lover" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers

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Photos by Doug Farris ~ Montage by Sylvia Rose

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Drew White Orchestra

I'm pretty sure someone spiked the punch!

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Did the punch taste OK to you?

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Rumor is that someone added Hootch to the punch. Are you the guilty one?

How does this thing work?

Wow! The punch taste pretty good!

It surely looks like Rita is pouring more Hootch into the punch.

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Did either of you notice how strong the punch tasted?
For GOD so love
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I'm innocent. I did not spike the punch!
Don't stand there looking innocent! I saw you. You poured something into the punch.

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Shhh! Don't tell anyone but it was me.
I slipped a gallon of bathtub gin
into the punch.

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to welcome these new members who recently joined the Chapter, **Robert Scoff and Joy Scoff.** We also acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Carole Eady and Elizabeth Massengill.** 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.

Special Dance Party for Dr. Jean Hayden

Happy 100th Birthday!

Very few experiences we have in life are truly unique like the birthday party earlier this month for our fellow dancer, Dr Jean Hayden. Over one hundred attendees celebrated the remarkable occasion of Dr Jean's 100th birthday party held at the McWherter Senior Center.

Of course, there were ice cream, cake and other treats, but there were also special acknowledgements from the Governor of Tennessee, the Shelby County TN Mayor (who attended in person), and the Mayor of Memphis, TN. Proclamations were presented from Dr. Jean's high school in NY and Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. A special plaque recognizing Dr Jean's involvement and support of social dancing over the years was presented by USA Dance. Several Board Members of the local Chapter of USA Dance (see lead photo below) took part in the festivities.

Excellent music was provided by Fernando and Dr Jean danced with every lady who attended. Congratulations Dr. Jean!

Dr Jean & daughters

Dance Music
by
FERNANDO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THE GREATEST GATSBY DANCE ON EARTH

TID BITS OF NEWS AND COMING ATTRACTIONS

We want to thank Viktor Les of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Germantown and his gang of Hotsies, Gangstas and Dolls who entertained at the 'Speak Easy' with professional Showcases and generally dancing with all…Viktor, Pro/ Manager and Frankie Baker Pro, danced a Fox Trot. Vlad Pavlenko and Frankie danced a feisty , funky Cha Cha…You can link to their Videos in this newsletter! HOTCHA!

HOTCHA
THE GREATEST GATSBY DANCE ON EARTH
USA Dance chp 2012 ~ Fred Astaire Dance Studio Memphis, 4/9/22
Doug Farris, Photography

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK *DOUG FARRIS* for Volunteering to take the photos of the Gangstas & Dolls at the dance and the FADS Showcases!

A thank you to *Nastasya Hnat* for the Showcase Videos.

THE SET-UP CREW: Corey Eubanks, Mathew Rose, Hunter Rose and my G. Grand Reid. HOTCHA !

And Now for Spring News

"Spring Fling"

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2022

All Your favorite D.J. recorded Ballroom Music for Dancing with Timothy Hnat
Advent Presbyterian Life Center ~ 1879 Germantown Pkw. ~ Cordova

For entertainment, we welcome: The Dance Studio of Tupelo and TBDC

Showcasing professionals, Benjamin Pryor and Sara Wood.

OTHER NEWS

New Opportunity at USA Dance Chapter #2012

USA Dance Chapter #2012 now offers you the opportunity to honor a friend, family member, or attain recognition of your organization and its activities (if it falls within our purviews) by sponsoring one of our twelve monthly dances with a donation. USA Dance is a 501c3 non-profit organization and all donations to it are tax deductible. Details on our website or by contacting any of our Board members.

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 Dance Floor, Sylvia

Fedoras, tommy guns, and flapper dresses survive.
as groups of gangsters and their molls did arrive.
On to the dancefloor, we strolled at Advent with gladness,
as we gathered to enjoy the fun of Great Gatsby madness.
The Drew White Orchestra filled the hall with music measure,

and it thrilled our dance shoes to pleasure.
As we moved to the tempo of the QuickStep on this day,
it refreshed our memories all the way.
An evening dressed in 30s vintage like attire to behold,
our dancers all Bronze, Silver, and Gold.
At times like this to enjoy along life's way,
with such a group of friends we always wish to stay.