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# USA DANCER

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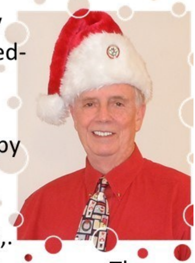
December 2022 Newsletter

## Comments from our President – Robert White

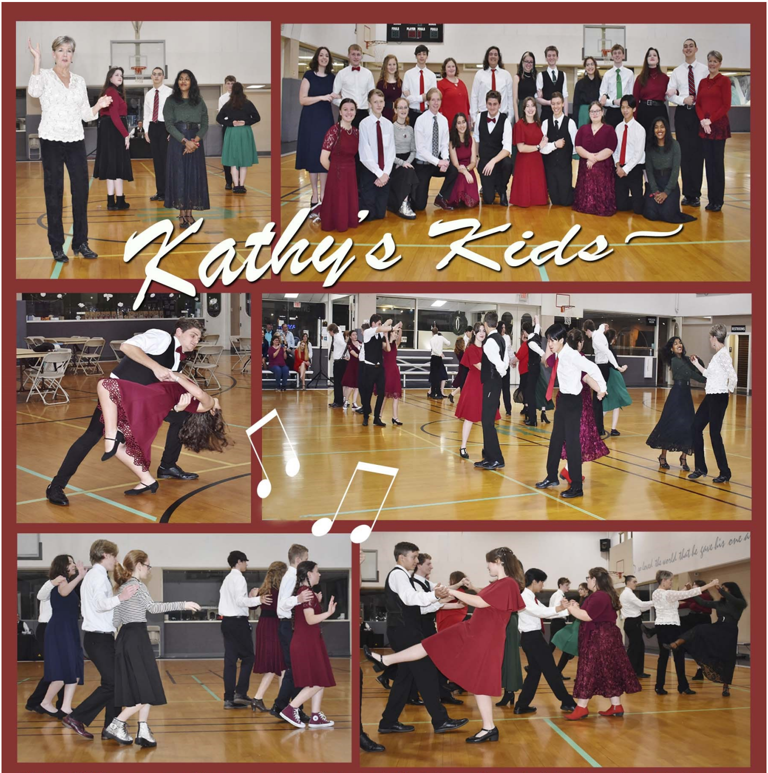


It almost seemed a *providential sign* that the heavy rains subsided just in time for the arrival of one hundred-seventeen USA Dance members and guests for our Christmas Gala this month. The dance floor at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center was filled with a happy crowd as they enjoyed the music and each other's company. Red and green holiday attire could be seen everywhere and the special centerpieces on the tables,. designed by Carole Eady, complemented the spirit of the season. The event got an extra shot of energy from the large group of high school students who joined us. Young enthusiasm brings joy with it.

We welcome the professional dance studios and the independent dance instructors when they attend our events. Their presence gives us an opportunity to learn directly what these professionals have to offer. This month, Dream Ballroom Academy along with several of their students joined us and offered an invitation to their free Christmas Showcase this month.

Our Chapter has two members who are National USA Dance Senior IV, 10 Dance Champions, John and Kathy Linn. They treated us to a spirited holiday Quickstep showcase to *Sleigh Ride* by the Ronettes. The outstanding talent that won them National Dance Champion status was easily recognized by everyone. Kathy also teaches dance to a group who refer to themselves as "The Catholic Homeschoolers". She teaches them once a week for a fall then winter/spring semester. Each semester ends with a formal dinner/dance. Her goal is to teach them how to interact socially in a fun and acceptable way through dancing. She brought 23 students who performed during one of our breaks. Besides being future USA Dance members (who will be excellent dancers), these young people will be very popular at their next prom because they will be the best dancers there. Our photo section begins with a montage of these showcases

# Dance Photos - December Dance


Kathy's Kids~

**"Kathy's Kids" are a group of home-schooled youth, instructed in Ballroom Dance by Kathy Linn. They entertained with an American style 'Team' Fox Trot to "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" by Kelly Clarkson. They also participated in the Dance Mixers and danced with USA Dance attendees. What a talented group of teenagers ~ Merry & Bright!**

# USA Dance chp. 2012 ~ 'Christmas Gala' ~ Dec. 10, 2022

## John & Kathy Christmas Quickstepping!

A Little Charleston?

Sylvia Rose

John and Kathy Linn of USA Dance Chp.2012, hold the current National, Snr. IV, 10 Dance Championship. They love dancing and sharing their talent. John & Kathy danced a spirited Christmas Quickstep to "Sleigh Ride" by 'the Ronettes'. p.s. ~ they added Revelry to the Quickstep with a bit of Charleston!

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OUR MUSIC MAN

(Is he drinking on the job?)

Yep, they left it off again.
No, not again!
I can't believe it!!!

FIRESIDE ROOM

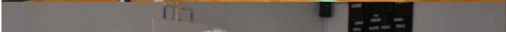
I can't believe it but you're right. They did leave it off AGAIN!

For GOD so loved the

the samba line dancers tune up their voltas and botas

RESTROOMS
only SO

at he gave his one and only



but have eternal life
ROOMS

But they told me they would place one on the program?!?!
Who cares!

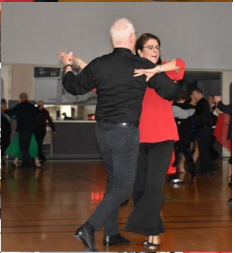
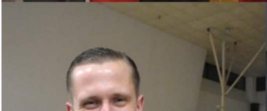
his one and only SON,

he gave his one and only SON,

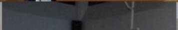
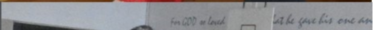
Can't you find it?
I don't think it's on here!

I had nothing to do with removing it from the program?

Do you know
who did it?

Are you planning to stop
attending if they don't put it
on the program?



An Excellent
Vintage.



For GOD so loved
that he gave his one an

You're right! *Disco Santa* is not on the program.

As we end the evening, Justin & Lilley demonstrate an excellent Night Club Two-Step

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to welcome **Christine Hamilton** as a new member and acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Charles Garrett, Larry Moore, and Lee Oswalt.** Our members are the strength of our chapter, and we appreciate each and every one.

Dancers are generally the nicest and friendliest people you will ever meet and attending USA Dance events is one of the best places to meet them.
You may join or renew your membership at any of our dances or online at www.usadance.org. If you experience any problems with the online system, please contact our Membership Chairman, Barbara Cook, at (901) 292-7782 or barbaramimi2@gmail.com.
We look forward to sharing a dance floor with you somewhere soon.

# USA Dance – Chapter # 2012 Board of Directors 2023

Jason Kelly Robert White Charles Garrett Lee Oswalt
Dena Richardson Jan Kouloglanes Barbara Cook
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# Entertainment & News Bits

**THANK YOU ~ JOHN & KATHY LINN for a fabulous Christmas showcase. It's always a pleasure and a treat to watch you perform! Kudos to "Kathy's Kids"…Kathy, you are a super organizer and instructor. Your home school youth group are wonderful dancers. Everyone loved dancing with them in the mixers and complimented you & them Highly!**

# Happy New Year 2023

## Janurary's entertainment will feature Board Members, Chuck Garrett & Lee Oswalt

## *Mark your calendar for January 14, 2023*

**USA Dances are the BEST!** With the Board of Directors and help of volunteers, we organize and plan to bring you the Best in Dancing throughout the year. Your enjoyment includes: Photos of you at the dances; Dance mixers; Entertainment; Recorded DJ music with strict ballroom timing; the Venue at Advent Presbyterian; a Live Orchestra for your dancing pleasure twice a year; and professional entertainment by the various studios and independent dance instructors of the area. JOIN USA Dance, chp.2012.

***KEEP-UP-TO-DATE*** with all the USA Dance NEWS and PHOTOS: **Dance related items may be posted on our FB Group: *Memphis Area Ballroom Dance*; National & Local 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 Greater Memphis chapter 2012; one of 150 National Chapters. USA Dance is a Non Profit 501c3 Organization! ***Join or Re-new your Membership NOW*** ~ ***YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS DANCE MOVING FORWARD!***

**C U On The Dance Floor, Sylvia Rose**

***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.

Twelve dancers are dancing, and taking no rest,
and closely their hands together are press'd;
And soon as a dance has come to a close,
another begins, and each merrily goes;
Yet another year of dancing soon comes to a close.
Here's hoping you will not flee…
and join us again in twenty twenty-three.

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