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# USA DANCER

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December 2023 Newsletter

## Comments from our President – Robert White

As most of you are aware, I am dropping off the Chapter Board of Directors at the end of this month. As I leave the Board, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving you in recent years. It has been a pleasure and joy for me to be a part of this dynamic group, but it is time for a change.

Sixty-nine USA Dance members and their guests joined together on the dance floor at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for our Christmas Celebration Dance this month. The holiday atmosphere was reflected everywhere in the hall from the festive attire to the special decorations on the tables created by Carole Eady. The holiday themed music inspired us to move our feet. Many examples of the fun the evening held can be viewed in the photo section that follows.

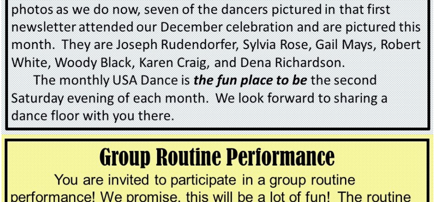
We thoroughly enjoyed two outstanding showcases during the event. At our first break the owners of Prestage Ballroom 901, Anthony Parks and Sophia Blunt, performed a Christmas Swing to *All I Want For Christmas Is You*. Our Chapter's Senior DanceSport Competitors, John and Kathy Linn treated us to a fusion Rumba/Slow Waltz to *September Morn* at our second break. Montages of both of these stellar performances begin our photo section.

# Dance Photos - December Dance

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to acknowledge the following who renewed their membership recently: **Larry Moore and Pam Vaughn.** 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 – Memphis 2024 Board of Directors



Genenne Wilson, Jason Kelly, Chuck Garrett, Lee Oswalt
Pam Vaughn, Dena Richardson, Barbara Cook, Gail Mays

## Editors Note

This e-newsletter is the 167th edition published since the Chapter decided to circulate a monthly record of the joy we were experiencing on the dance floor starting back in 2010 and broadcast what we were planning. Our website carries a section showing all of these back to 2014 and it is interesting to go back and see ourselves and our friends (…how young everyone looked) along with photos of friends who are no longer with us. It is interesting to note that even though the first newsletter (in March 2010) did not carry as many photos as we do now, seven of the dancers pictured in that first newsletter attended our December celebration and are pictured this month. They are Joseph Rudendorfer, Sylvia Rose, Gail Mays, Robert White, Woody Black, Karen Craig, and Dena Richardson.

The monthly USA Dance is ***the fun place to be*** the second Saturday evening of each month. We look forward to sharing a dance floor with you there.

## Group Routine Performance

You are invited to participate in a group routine performance! We promise, this will be a lot of fun! The routine is not difficult. It is an interesting mix of bronze level Rumba, Hustle, West Coast Swing, Cha-Cha, and Night Club 2-Step. It is a very doable dance and will be fun for everyone from beginners to advanced dancers. We will learn and practice the routine in two sessions. You do not need a partner. If the leads and follows are unequal in numbers, we will perform it twice.

The first practice is scheduled on January 6, 2024 at the home of John and Kathy Linn. They have a very nice sized gym. We will begin at 9:30 AM and take a 30-minute lunch break at 11:30. We will begin again at noon and end at 2:00 PM. Thank you Kathy and John!!

Contact Chuck Garrett with any questions you have concerning this at (662) 316-3944 or cgarrettt@gmail.com

**Come and join us!! It will be a lot of fun!**

# ENTERTAINMENT & NEWS BITS

A Big thank You to Anthony Parks & Sophia Blunt, Professional instructors/owners of Prestige Ballroom 901 for the adorable Christmas performance. And to John & Kathy Linn for always willing to give of their time and talent whenever asked. A Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night…with Hugs and happiness in the New Year!

## Ring In The New Year JAN. 13 2024

### Entertainment Featuring The Tupelo Dance Studio & TBCD

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

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 be on the floor…
and join us again in twenty twenty-four.

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