



# USA DANCER



**Where The Beat and Friendly People Meet**

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December 2010 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Pam Vaughn:

Holiday Dance Memphis at our new venue was festive and fun – we decked the halls of Covenant United Methodist Church with poinsettias and lots of great dancing to favorite Christmas tunes. During the break, I reviewed the Chapter's achievements for 2010. Here are some of the highlights:

Berclair lesson attendance was around 1,200; attendance at Dance Memphis events was over 1,100. We've sent out monthly e-Newsletters since March to approximately 500 subscribers.

We brought up a really cool new website - check it out at [www.dancememphis.com](http://www.dancememphis.com).

We raised \$1,900 from our Mavis Stanley event, and donated \$1,000 to our charity, the Berclair Civic Center.



We're looking forward to another wonderful year, starting January 8 at Covenant United Methodist Church when "USA Dance Welcomes the New Year 2011 with an Enjoyable Evening of Ballroom Dancing".

# Dance Photos - December USA Dance









# You Don't Want To Miss This



*Edd Jones Orchestra*  
plays for  
*Ballroom Dancers*

Dancers in the Greater Memphis area are in for a real treat early next year. USA Dance has scheduled **The Edd Jones Orchestra** for the Valentines' Dance on February 12th.

Composed of eight talented and versatile musicians, the Edd Jones Orchestra is known for its ability to please the varied tastes of the dancing public. Specializing in music for ballroom dancing, the band has earned an enviable reputation for dynamic instrumentals and unique vocal styles. One of the featured bands at "The Club", an exclusive dinner and dance establishment in Birmingham, Alabama, this popular musical group continues to maintain a busy schedule of engagements throughout the Southeast as a regular for many of the dance clubs in major cities around Memphis.

Edd Jones, leader and trumpeter, has enjoyed a dual career as a music educator and performer. He earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Alabama and his PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi. Edd's career as a music educator spanned over 40 years. The last 22 years of his career were spent as Director of Bands at the University of North Alabama, where he retired in 2000 as Professor Emeritus. He was inducted into the Alabama Bandmaster's Hall of Fame in 1999. During his long and distinguished tenure as a band director, Edd continued to play professionally with his band and others. Through the years, he performed with such renowned musical acts as Sammy Kaye, Jan Garber, Vaughn Monroe, Pat Boone, Joni James, June Valli, Holiday on Ice, and Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus Band.



**Marsha Frommel**  
**TREASURER**

Profit is not the focus of USA Dance's activity; however, money is necessary for us to accomplish our goals. Even a non-profit/volunteer organization, such as we are, must manage money properly in order to operate efficiently and successfully.

Not only does our own Marsha Frommel make the dance floor *sizzle* with her Rumba but she also excels in managing the Club's funds as our Treasurer. It is her monthly review and analysis of our finances that keeps the Club on track fiscally. The membership of USA Dance Memphis gives her a clear and emphatic round of applause for all that she does for our club.

### 2010 Election Results

The Chapter 2012 Board election results are in. The ballot count was verified and accepted by the Board of Directors at the December 16 meeting. The five Board members elected will serve for the next two years.

They are:

Carole Eady            Jane Hester            Gail Mays  
Dena Richardson    Pam Vaughn

We had an excellent response from our members with almost 80 ballots turned in. Although the incumbents won, the other nominees, Charles Cox and Larry Moore, each got a LOT of votes!

The Board of Directors elected 2011 officers at the December 16 meeting. They are:

President – Pam Vaughn  
Vice President – Robert White  
Secretary - Dena Richardson  
Treasurer - Marsha Frommel

Board meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month and will be held at the Cordova Library from 6:30 to 8:30. Meetings are open to all members.



### BERCLAIR PASSING TID BITS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !. We had great Nov. & Dec. classes at Berclair and hope to see all our "Nubees" and Members return in January 2011.

**PLEASE NOTE: LEIGH ANN TIGER BISHOP IS OUR NEW INSTRUCTOR FOR JANUARY 2011.**

Leigh Ann instructed for 4 years with Fred Astaire Dance Studio and was chosen District Instructor of the Year among other accolades. Her enthusiasm and dedication to dance will be welcomed by all.

**CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 9, 2011** with BASIC I: MAMBO at 6pm and BASIC II: RUMBA at 7:15 pm.

*Love, Peace, and all the Good Stuff*

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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;  
And another year of dancing soon comes to a close.  
Hope to see you on the dance floor for *Fundamentals*,  
again at seven...in 2011.

