

January 2012 Newsletter

**Comments from our President – Robert White:**

We started the New Year off right with 94 members and guests in attendance at our Snowball Gala held on January 14 at Covenant United Methodist Church with a dance celebration complete with wonderful music, decorations, and food. The weather even cooperated!

Your Board for 2012 was presented at the beginning of the dance and we all expressed our grateful appreciation to Pam Vaughn, as she passed the gavel, for her exceptional leadership during her tenure as President of our club. We all look forward to another year of organizing outstanding dance events and Berclair lessons for our members and guests.



Mark your calendars now for an extra special Sweetheart Ball, February 11 featuring the music of the Debbi Bailes' Trio from Nashville. Details about this new band will follow later in a special section of the newsletter. This will be an elegant event in every way; you don't want to miss this one!

## Dance Photos - January USA Dance



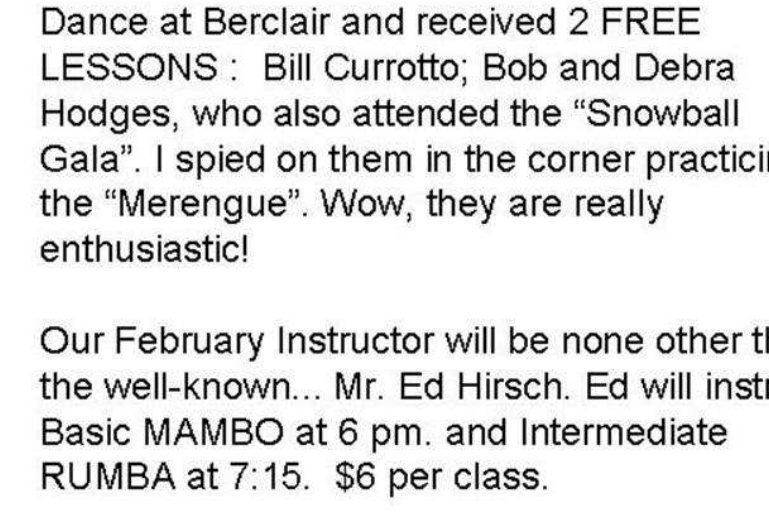
USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Bill Currotto, Bob Hodges, and Debra Hodges** that joined our club since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.

## 2012 Board of Directors



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### USA DANCE, MEMPHIS Presents on February 11th... THE DEBBI BAILES TRIO



Debbi joins the Trio from her five member group to Memphis for USA Dance "Sweetheart Ball"

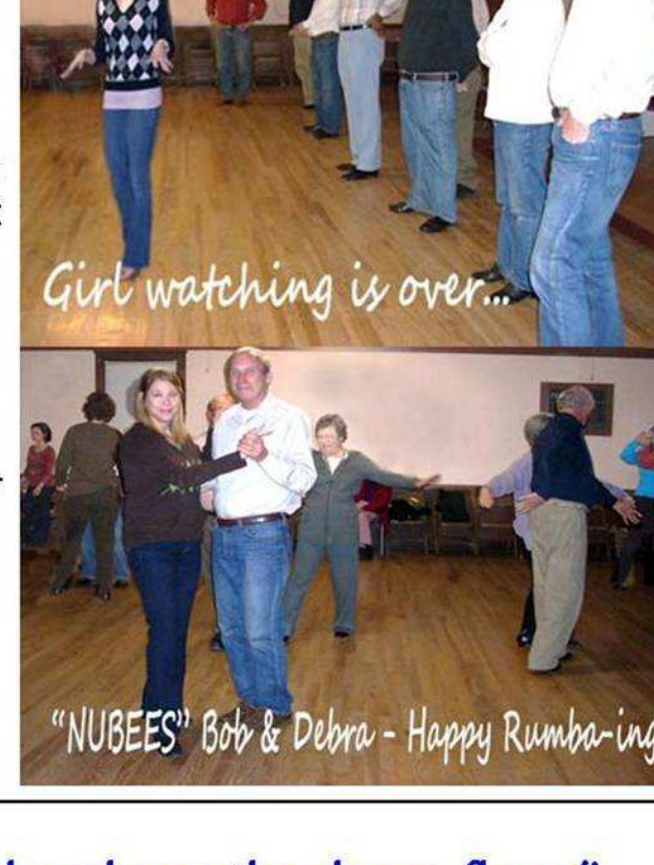
Known for their vast repertoire of dance favorites, from Big Band Era, 50's Rock; Standards, Swing, Latin to Requests.

Debbi has appeared with stars such as Marty Robbins, M. "Gillee", as well as Headlining a Las Vegas National Convention; song writing and TV appearances. All are lifelong musicians who have entertained from Hawaii to Hollywood and to Europe for the winter Olympics.

Debbi is an accomplished Dancer so she knows what Dancers want and they play it with a solid beat. Come experience the music of Debbi Bailes Trio: "Where your dance request is always welcome"!

**We're now on Facebook and Twitter!**

Check out our Facebook group (USA Dance Chapter #2012 - Greater Memphis) or follow us on Twitter (USADance\_2012) to keep up on the latest news and events.



"Look, Jones, you can't just waltz in here like that and demand a raise."

## USA Dance visits The Gardens of Germantown

On Saturday, January 7, the residents at the Gardens of Germantown received some unusual visitors when several members of USA Dance Chapter #2012 arrived. The residents liked watching the dancing, but they enjoyed dancing with the members even more. Residents Bill and Marguarette Simmons shared their memories of competing and dancing in clubs in Florida and on cruise ships. Music was provided by USA Dance member and deejay Matt Thomson.

The visit had been arranged by the Gardens of Germantown events coordinator Erika Meriwepher and Chapter #2012 volunteer coordinator Jane Hester. It was such a success that USA Dance has been invited back and will be returning for quarterly visits.

## USA Dancers Travel South

Several of our USA Dance members took their dance shoes to Tupelo earlier this month to take part in the All Star Dance Weekend sponsored by the Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club. Two of our members, Gail Cockrell and Glen Garner, performed dance exhibitions at their Saturday evening dinner dance.

One of the many joys of being a member of the dance community is the opportunity one has to experience dances outside one's normal sphere, renew old dance friendships, and cultivate new dance friends. We all grow when we experience and learn from others.

## Berclair Tid-Bits

Happy New Year Wishes from your "Chief Cook & Bottle Washer".  
 Sylvia Rose

We are having some wonderful Rumba and Cha Cha Classes this January. Leigh Ann Bishop is as charming as she is a wonderfully gifted instructor.

Of Note: Leigh Ann & Eric Snyder will perform a Showcase Number at the USA Dance "Sweetheart Ball", Feb. 11th.

We welcome 3 "NUBEEES", who joined USA Dance at Berclair and received 2 FREE LESSONS: Bill Currotto; Bob and Debra Hodges, who also attended the "Snowball Gala". I spied on them in the corner practicing the "Merengue". Wow, they are really enthusiastic!

Our February Instructor will be none other than the well-known... Mr. Ed Hirsch. Ed will instruct Basic MAMBO at 6 pm. and Intermediate RUMBA at 7:15. \$6 per class.

Come join the Berclair "NUBEE" family. When you join USA Dance at Berclair you get 2 FREE lessons. Then as a USA Dance member you get the Basic I Class Free on the First Sunday night of each month.

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Rumba & Cha Cha with Leigh Ann



Plenty of Latin Motion Here!  
Go - Girls!



Ok Guys,  
Girl watching is over...



"NUBEEES" Bob & Debra - Happy Rumba-ing

**"Opportunity dances with those already on the dance floor."**

