

July 2011 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Pam Vaughn:

There were 123 members and guests who joined us for our "Celebrate America!" dance, July 9 at Covenant United Methodist Church. Old Glory was in evidence everywhere – she was seen in the table decorations; her image was featured in the sumptuous snacks and hors d'oeuvres; and most of the ladies proudly wore red, white, and blue! We enjoyed dancing to Matt's excellent music, and at the break we all saluted the wonderful men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. It was a patriotic evening to remember!

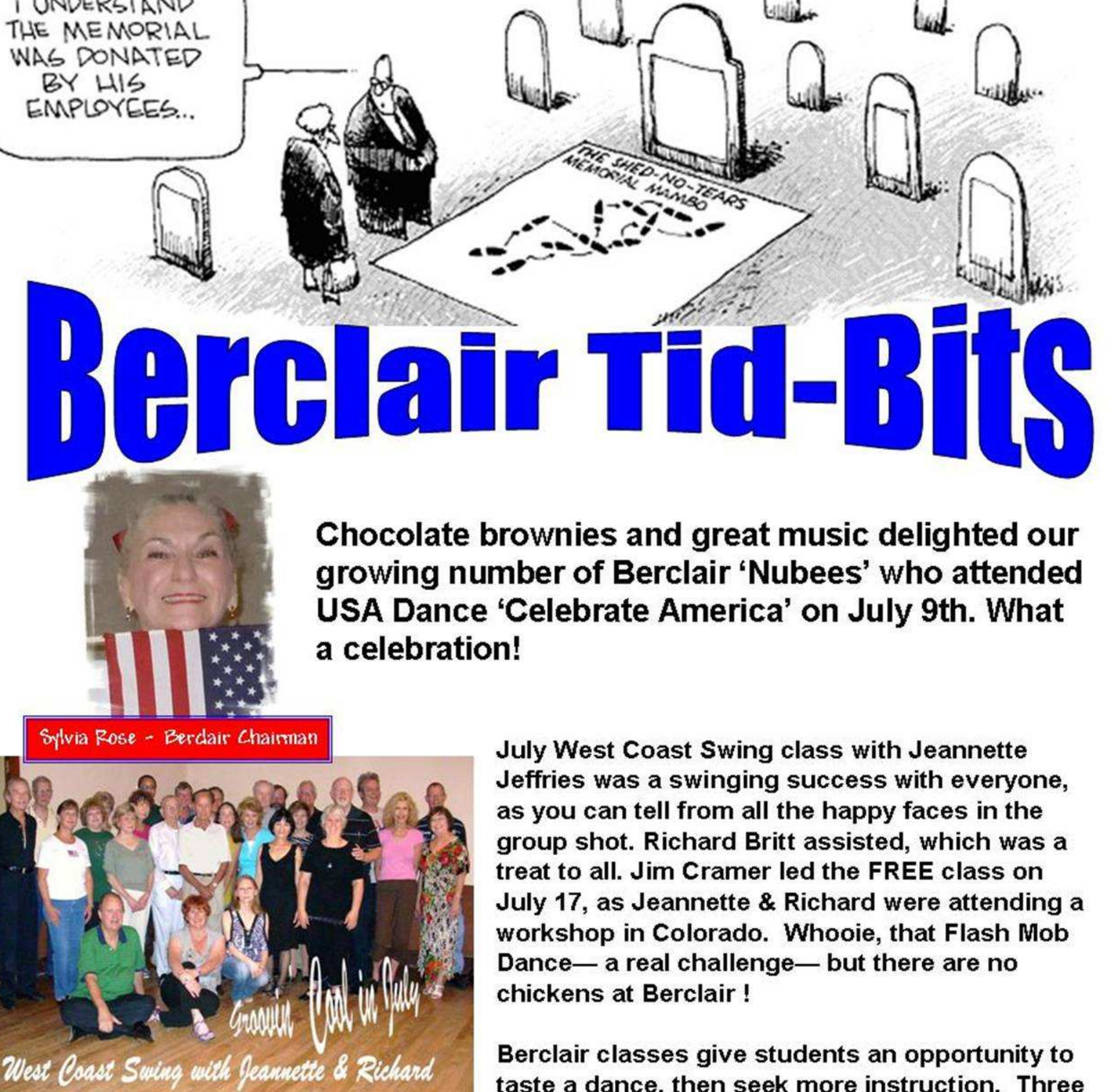
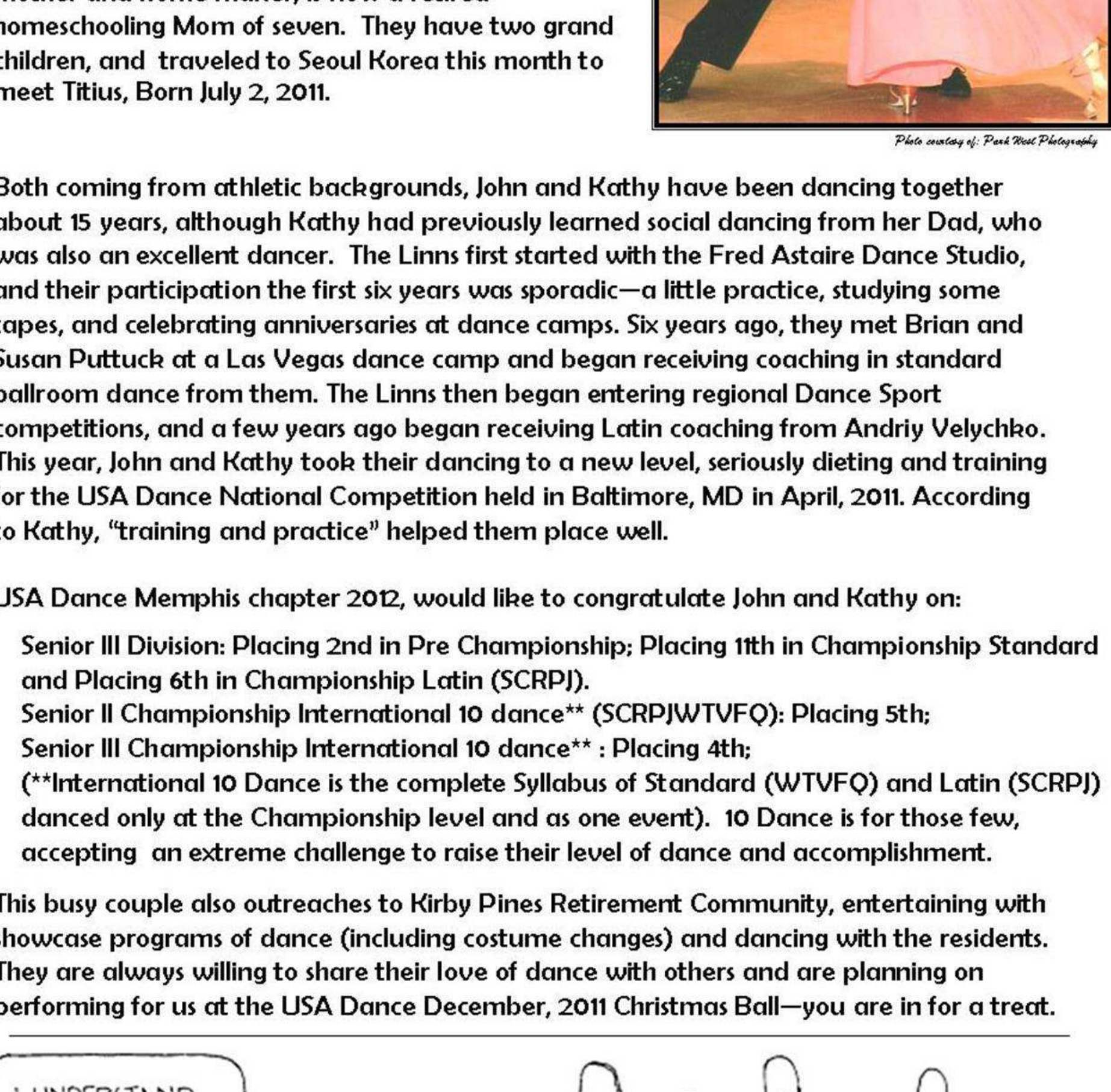
Coming up August 13, we're planning a theme dance that is custom made for long, hot, summer days – an Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social Dance. Join us as we take a trip back in time to enjoy the simple pleasures of sweet treats and dancing.



Dance Photos - July USA Dance



BEAUTY IN RED, WHITE, & BLUE



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to Susan Schaeffer, Jim Fletcher, Don Anishanslin, and Linda Brown 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.

John and Kathy Linn - Memphis' Own Champions

USA Dance Nationals- Baltimore, MD- April, 2011

George and Gracie Burns gave us laughter; Fred and Ginger gave us modern ballroom dance; John and Kathy Linn gave USA Dance Memphis national championship honors.

John and Kathy attended high school in Chicago, and as the story goes, John asked Kathy to the Senior Prom two years in advance. After high school, the Senior attended Oregon State to study physical education. In 1977, while John was in his second year of medical school, their long distance romance culminated in their wedding.

John is an Ophthalmologist in Memphis. Kathy, a mother and home maker, is now a retired homeschooling Mom of seven. They have two grand children, and traveled to Seoul Korea this month to meet Titus, Born July 2, 2011.



Both coming from athletic backgrounds, John and Kathy have been dancing together about 15 years, although Kathy had previously learned social dancing from her Dad, who was also an excellent dancer. The Linns first started with the Fred Astaire Studio, and their participation the first six years was sporadic—a little practice, studying some tapes, and celebrating anniversaries at dance camps. Six years ago, they met Brian and Susan Puttuck at a Las Vegas dance camp and began receiving coaching in standard ballroom dance from them. The Linns then began entering regional Dancing Sport competitions, and a few years ago began receiving Latin coaching from Andriy Velychko. This year, John and Kathy took their dancing to a new level, seriously dieting and training for the USA Dance National Competition held in Baltimore, MD in April, 2011. According to Kathy, "training and practice" helped them place well.

USA Dance Memphis chapter 2012, would like to congratulate John and Kathy on:

- Senior III Division: Placing 2nd in Pre Championship; Placing 11th in Championship Standard and Placing 6th in Championship International (SCRPI).
- Senior II Championship International 10 dance** (SCRPIJWTVFQ): Placing 5th;
- Senior III Championship International 10 dance** : Placing 4th;
- (**International 10 Dance is the complete Syllabus of Standard (WTVFQ) and Latin (SCRPI) danced only at the Championship level and as one event). 10 Dance is for those few, accepting an extreme challenge to raise their level of dance and accomplishment.

This busy couple also outreaches to Kirby Pines Retirement Community, entertaining with showcase programs of dance (including costume changes) and dancing with the residents. They are always willing to share their love of dance with others and are planning on performing for us at the USA Dance December, 2011 Christmas Ball—you are in for a treat.

Berclair Tid-Bits

Chocolate brownies and great music delighted our growing number of Berclair 'Nubees' who attended USA Dance 'Celebrate America' on July 9th. What a celebration!

July West Coast Swing class with Jeannette Jeffries was a swinging success with everyone, as you can tell from all the happy faces in the group shot. Richard Britt assisted, which was a treat to all. Jim Cramer led the FREE class on July 17, as Jeannette & Richard were attending a workshop in Colorado. Whoohie, that Flash Mob Dance—a real challenge—but there are no chickens at Berclair!

Berclair classes give students an opportunity to taste a dance, then seek more instruction. Three local West Coast Swing groups offer instruction and wonderful workshops, bringing in out-of-town professional champions. Find out and take advantage of the opportunities offered! BERCLAIR WILL BE CLOSED IN AUGUST! CLASSES will resume in September with two new instructors being introduced.

Eric Snyder of Fred Astaire, Germantown, will teach Basic I East Coast Swing and Basic II Tango in September.

Kerry Richardson, a competitive champion back home from teaching in New York, will teach Basic I Fox Trot and Basic II Quickstep in October.

Charles Cox will teach Basic I Cha Cha and Basic II Fox Trot in November.

Watch the web site dancememphis.com for more information.

See you on the LOD – Sylvia: 901-386-2003

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