

March 2011 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Pam Vaughn:



Faith 'N Begorra – it was a St. Patty's Dance for the records! On the second Sat. of March, 114 members and guests turned out for a USA Dance celebration of all things Irish – with great food and music, including several authentic Irish tunes. Check out the pictures – it was more fun than a pub crawl.

As winter wanes, we will celebrate the arrival of spring with another terrific USA Dance Memphis event -- also at Covenant United Methodist Church -- on April 9. We'll be playing your favorite ballroom tunes from waltz to hustle and everything in-between. There will be plenty of delicious snacks and the spring decor will set the stage for another fun-filled DANCE! Don't miss it!

Dance Photos - March USA Dance

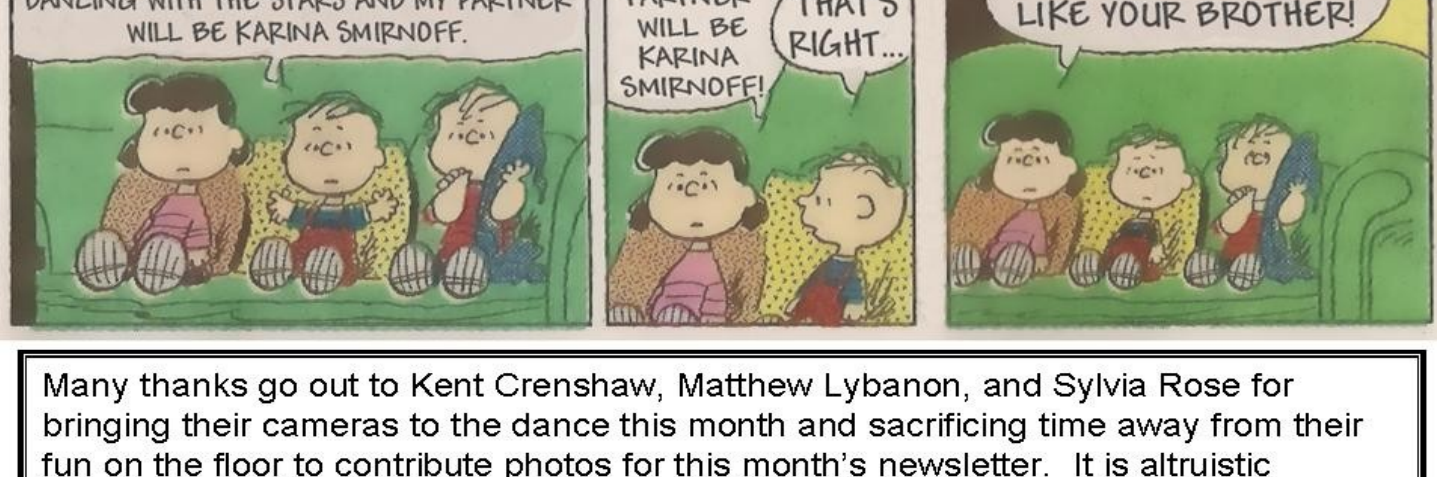
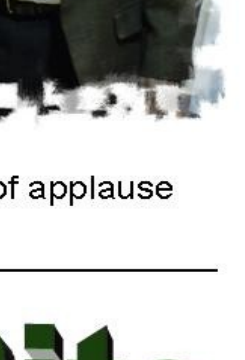
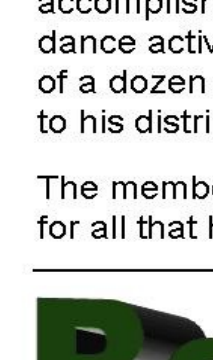
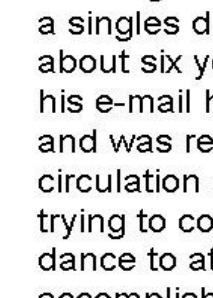


USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Glen & Gayle Wittig, Dean & Sharon Parks, Linda Hendrix, and Shirley Andrews** that joined our club during the month. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.

Special for USA Dance Members

The latest issue of *American Dancer* that you received recently, mentioned USA Dance brand merchandise (pin & decals so that you may proudly display your interest in ballroom dance).

We plan to continue to make available for purchase, at our next USA Dance, a limited number of pins (1" diameter) ideal for jacket label, tie tack, sweater collar, etc. @ \$6 each and decals (4" diameter) ideal for auto windows and other applications @\$3.50 each. This is a significant savings over the price you would pay to order them individually yourself. These items will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis. Check with the desk as you enter the dance if you have an interest.



Many thanks go out to Kent Crenshaw, Matthew Lybanon, and Sylvia Rose for bringing their cameras to the dance this month and sacrificing time away from their fun on the floor to contribute photos for this month's newsletter. It is altruistic volunteer work like this that contributes so much to the character of our club.

The major resource that all dancers in the greater Memphis area look to for accurate and up-to-date information about dance activity is the e-mail that is published by our own Ray Fleming. Ray started this as a method to get information out to a singles dance class he had started at Hope Presbyterian about six years ago – approximately 30 people. Over the years his e-mail has expanded to include dance activity outside Hope and was re-titled "Dance Classes & Events". It now enjoys a circulation of over 1,000 and is the **go to** reference for dancers trying to connect with a group, dance instructor, or select a dance to attend on a specific evening. Not only is Ray an accomplished dancer, he is also a dynamic force that promotes dance activity. He is frequently responsible for bringing groups of a dozen or more dancers to events in the area. To be added to his distribution list contact him at wr_fleming@yahoo.com



The membership of USA Dance gives him a clear and emphatic round of applause for all that he does for our club and the dance community.

Berclair Tid Bits



Sylvia Rose

Berclair Director - USA Dance

"Luck of the Irish" smiled on USA Dance. Our "Lad & Lassie" NUBEES who joined our happy family in March, are 6 and counting. Not only did they join but came and jigged their way into our hearts at the USAD " St. Patty" Dance on March 12.

A Welcome To: Glen & Gayle Wittig; Dean & Sharon Parks, Linda Hendrix and Shirley Andrews.

Just look at all those happy faces in the Samba and Bolero Class. Frank Holeman's enthusiasm and technique of teaching impart a fun, yet thorough dance experience for the student. "Me heart does a jig" to watch their progress.

PASO DOBLE: APRIL - Basic I Class
YOU CAN MARCH-YOU CAN DANCE
"PASO"
ALL YOU NEED IS A LITTLE ATTITUDE!

Some say that Paso Doble is a show dance, well maybe...but "Paso" can be danced and enjoyed by anyone...It's stirring music reflects beauty, passion and flirtation. Paso Doble celebrates the beauty and bravery of the Bull Fight. The female dancer represents the cape as the Matador shows off it's beauty of movement, enticing the charging Bull.

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APRIL INSTRUCTOR: STEPHANIE KORPITZ of the Fred Studios on Poplar will teach Basic I Paso Doble & Basic II Samba and entertain with a showcase performance, April 9th, at USA Dance.

Basic I Class: 6pm – Basic II Class: 7:15 pm
Berclair Civic Club - 746 Novareese at Twiliver

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March 2011 Samba - Bolero Class With Instructor Frank Holeman



WOW! The Guys Are All In Step!



FRANKStepping -Over "The Old Log Trick" In SAMBA



Girls Practice Gracefully for the Bolero!

Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.

