

October Newsletter

Comments from our President – Pam Vaughn:



On October 8, our fourth charity ball in honor of Mavis Stanley, was pure elegance just like its namesake. We had an excellent turnout of 102 and raised a nice sum for this year's charity, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The Edd Jones Orchestra provided the music as we celebrated the joy of dance. Lavish décor and hors d'oeuvres completed the evening.

Special guests were Barry Stanley and Mavis' daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Eric Howard, and their adorable toddler Sophie Mae. Like her grandmother, Sophie Mae loves the dance floor. Our Berclair instructor for October, Kerry Richardson, and Charlotte Schultz performed an American Waltz. Kerry and Sylvia Rose performed an International Standard Foxtrot. Both performances were simply marvelous.

As the holiday season nears, we're planning a "Giving Thanks for Our Volunteers" Ballroom Dance at Covenant on November 12. Please join us for another fun evening of dancing and recognizing the wonderful volunteers who make it possible for your Greater Memphis Chapter to bring you quality monthly dance events and weekly dance lessons!

Dance Photos - October USA Dance



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to Paul Frazier, Tonya Frazier, Sue L. Johnson, and Balton Coleman who 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.

We're counting down to the 2011 Germantown Senior Expo to be held at the Germantown Athletic Club on Thursday, November 3, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This will be the 3rd year in which our Memphis dance community has participated in this event!
USA Dance will again have a major part in the most popular segment of this event – Dance! We need USA Dance members to volunteer (who can also be dancers) for the Expo. They need occasional help with signing in people, pouring cokes, serving pizza, etc. Volunteers get fed lunch.
Please contact any member of the Board or Carol Lybanon (cell 901-493-6700) or Matthew Lybanon (cell 901-267-8926) promptly if this is something that you would like to be a part of.



Attention USA Dance MEMBERS

You are all invited to the Club's Annual General Meeting open to all Members. The meeting will be held November 17, 2011 at the McWhorter Senior Center, located at 1355 Estate Drive. We will have a "meet and greet" reception from 6:00 to 6:30, then there will be a general Board of Directors meeting from 6:30 to 8:30. All USA Dance Members are invited for both the reception and meeting.

About Your Board Candidates

Members of USA Dance Chapter #2012 will select five members for the term starting next year as they receive ballots being mailed to the membership in early November. The deadline for ballots to be returned is December 10, 2011. Below is a brief biography of the five nominees listed on the ballot to fill open Board positions for the two-year term of 2012-2013.

Marsha Frommel
Marsha is completing her first two-year term on the Memphis Area Chapter Board. She has served for both years as Treasurer. Marsha has worked as an accountant for many years, so she's a natural as Treasurer. This role enables Marsha to use her considerable accounting knowledge in preparing and presenting financial statements and management reports to the Board each month, and she skillfully fulfills the Club's annual reporting obligations to the National Organization. Marsha is a regular at our Berclair Sunday classes where she enjoys supporting our teaching program

Sylvia L. Rose
Sylvia is completing a current two year term, and has served on the Board for over six years. The Chapter's terrific promotional materials that range from elegant to whimsical are products of Sylvia's creative mind. She has had a long career in the advertising, promotions and copywriting, and as Chapter Promotions Director, Sylvia works very hard to get media coverage for our club's activities. Sylvia has served as Berclair Director for several years and is the backbone of our teaching program there. Her enthusiasm in promoting USA Dance has helped our memberships grow, along with our Berclair outreach program. We've thoroughly enjoyed her wonderful performances at our dances.

Robert is completing his first two-year term on the Memphis Area Chapter Board. During his term, he has been the Membership Chair, which includes monthly reporting and correspondence with current and new members. Robert sends out the club's e-mail announcements. Not only does he correspond with members, he also has an extended e-mail dancers list, and he sends our announcements to over 400 local dancers. Robert originated our popular e-Newsletter. Each month he pulls together pictures and articles from various contributors. He designs and writes much of the content as well. Robert and his wife, Marilyn, are avid ballroom dancers and they attend dances all over the mid-south!

Nastasya Hnat
Nastasya and her husband, Tim, are new to the Memphis area, but they are not new to the greater ballroom dance community. They are easy to spot at our dances with their elegant style and technique! In fact, they have taught dance technique, and they compete on the silver level. Nastasya was a USA Dance Board Member in Charlottesville, Virginia, and was Treasurer there for one year. She has a journalism background, including designing promotional materials for the University of Virginia Ballroom Dance Club.

Van Phillips
Van joined USA Dance over a year ago and has truly enjoyed the ballroom dance community. Van is an accomplished artist, and he specializes in portrait art. Earlier this year, he had an art showing at the "GPAC, Facing the Music – Portraits of the Jazz Age, jazzing" the men and women who made the Roaring Twenties an age of jazz". Van is a regular at Dance Memphis events and also frequently attends our Berclair lessons on Sunday evenings. He enjoys creative interpretation of music rhythms on the dance floor.

BERCLAIR TID BITS

October finds all our Berclair "NUBEEES" just waiting to get on the dance floor and try out the Waltz and Quickstep. There were 5 Sundays this month so we should see some really "high stepping" by the time Halloweenie comes round!

Kerry Richardson, our new instructor from New York, is back home in Memphis. He's a ball of non-stop energy. Each student gets some individual instruction, and the guys are finally understanding that the lady takes an active partnership in the dance. The lady doesn't totally follow but puts the man where she wants him on her forward half. **NOW THAT'S A GOOD THING!**

What a group of happy dancers in the photos. Footwork, technique and elements are stressed to beginners and advanced dancers alike.

We have a new family that joined USA Dance this month, Paul Frazier, Tonya, and Balton (age 17). Welcome to our family of Berclair "NUBEEES." Balton is so enthusiastic; he will become a polished dancer in no time at all.

Our Host and Hostess this month are Lillian Ossie, and Bob Laine. Karen Craig also volunteered as a host as did Charles Cox. Thank you all.

November 6, 13, 20 & 27 - Charles Cox will instruct Basic I Cha Cha, and Basic II will continue with Waltz, giving the student a total of 9 weeks of Waltz. Charles will also be at the Germantown Senior Expo on Nov. 4th as a volunteer instructor for East Coast Swing. There will be dancing all day and exhibits. You do not have to be a "nerd" so come **JOIN THE FUN!**

C U on the LOD!
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A day you don't dance is a day you don't live.

