

September Newsletter

Comments from our President – Pam Vaughn:



We had 135 members and guests at our Magic Carpet Ride Ballroom Dance on September 10 at Covenant United Methodist Church. Our tables were decorated with magic carpets, complete with lamps to rub. The genies granted our wishes for rich treats and plenty of wonderful music for our dancing pleasures. What a fun evening!

Start making plans for the biggest ballroom dance celebration of the year – our Mavis Stanley Charity Ball – just a few weeks away on October 8. We'll be dancing to the delightful music of the Edd Jones Orchestra, and the scene will be set with lavish decorations and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres.

Our charity this year is the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, a very worthy organization that provides excellent care for children all over the Mid-South. So, on behalf of your USA Dance, Greater Memphis Chapter Board of Directors, I invite you ALL to join us for a wonderful evening of dancing for a great cause!

Dance Photos - September USA Dance



USA Dance – Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Camilla E. Wilson, Timothy Hnat, and Nastasya Hnat** that joined our club since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. We look forward to sharing the dance floor with you.

Hurricane Watch

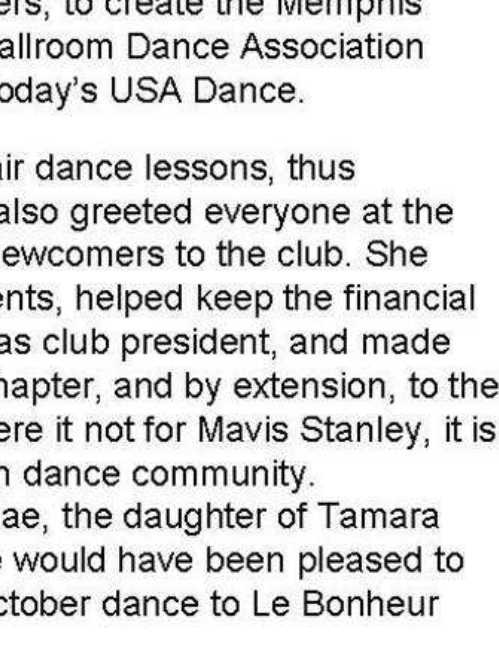
Several USA Dance members braved the winds and rain of Hurricane Lee and took their dancing shoes to the **Big Easy** over the Labor Day weekend. Gerald Hall, Inga Burkett, USA Dance instructor, Leigh Ann Bishop and her husband Richard, and Robert and Marilyn White, along with friends from Austin, TX, Marily and Beverly Rives, were seen dancing to the outstanding dance tempos of *The Edd Jones Orchestra* at the New Orleans Hilton as the storm raged outside. Perhaps the joy of life really is about learning to dance in the rain rather than waiting for the storm to pass.

2012 Board Elections

Nominations for the 2012 USA Dance Board are now closed and ballots will be mailed to the membership in 45 days. The following nominated club members will be on the ballot:

- Marsha H. Frommel
- Nastasya Hnat
- Van M. Phillips
- Sylvia L. Rose
- Robert B. White

We appreciate the willingness of each of these members to be nominated for the Board of Directors for a two-year term. To give our membership an opportunity to get acquainted with these nominees, we will provide a biographical sketch of each one in our October e-Newsletter.



Why A Mavis Stanley Memorial Dance?

As recently as the late 1990's, Memphis did not have an independent ballroom dance community that could meet the needs of dance lovers in the area. Mavis Stanley saw the problem and set about to address it. She enlisted the support of her husband, Barry and others, to create the Memphis chapter of the United States Ballroom Dance Association (USABDA), the forerunner of today's USA Dance.

Mavis and Barry often hosted the Sunday night Berclair dance lessons, thus ensuring the success of the chapter's mission. Mavis also greeted everyone at the monthly dances and sent personal notes welcoming newcomers to the club. She searched for new and better venues for the dance events, helped keep the financial records during the period of high club growth, served as club president, and made many other contributions to the success of the local chapter, and by extension, to the Memphis independent ballroom dance community. Were it not for Mavis Stanley, it is possible there would be no local independent ballroom dance community. Mavis did not get to see her granddaughter, Sophie Mae, the daughter of Tamara and Eric Howard, born after Mavis passed away. She would have been pleased to honor Sophie Mae by donating the proceeds of the October dance to Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center. Those who knew Mavis and those who didn't are indebted to her for her hard work and selfless dedication in establishing our ballroom dance community here in Memphis. This is why USA Dance is pleased and honored to host the Mavis Stanley Memorial Dance.

Berclair Tid-Bits

Hi there, you wonderful dancers. Just look at all the happy faces who turned up at Berclair for Swing and Tango on "LABOR DAY" week end!

A picture is worth a thousand words. The Berclair Family keeps on growing, and we saw more "Nubees" at the "Magic Carpet Ball." Eric Snyder, our "Top Hat" instructor from the Fred Astaire Studio in Germantown, attended the dance. Eric was amazed at the turn-out and great music. All the single ladies from our Berclair class, who attended the event, enjoyed a special twirl around the floor with our happy instructor, who said he was having a ball. Thanks to Charles Cox for hosting at Berclair this month. Charles will be instructing Cha Cha and Waltz in November.

KERRY RICHARDSON will instruct Waltz and Quickstep beginning: October, 2nd thru October 30th.

Waltz at 6 pm and Quickstep at 7:15pm. Look Kerry up on our website: [dancememphis.com](http://dancememphis.com)  
Remember: USA Dance members receive the first Basic 1 class on the first night of each month FREE! When you join USA Dance AT BERCLAIR you will receive a "Nubee" perk- 2 classes FREE.

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"Nice men marry dancers. Real men become Dancers!"

