

## February 2014 Newsletter

### Comments from our President – Robert White:

Even with the arctic grip of winter chill still firmly in place on the mid-south, one hundred ten USA Dance members and their guests took to the dance floor at Covenant United Methodist Church for our Valentine Ball. All were warmed as they donned their dancing shoes and moved around the floor to the wonderful ballroom tempo of The Edd Jones Orchestra. The sea of red dresses and formal evening wear complimented the Valentine theme. The evening ended in a celebration with the announcement of the news that our Club has been selected as the USA Dance Chapter of the Year. This is quite an honor for a Chapter to be singled out for their excellent work of promoting ballroom dance from the many chapters nationwide. It reflects the dedication to both the quality and quantity of effort our club's volunteers perform on an ongoing basis.

The enthusiastic Quick Step showcase by Benji and Beth Smith from Fred Astaire Studio in Bartlett fit the energetic atmosphere the evening generated. The Valentine theme resonated throughout the hall, via the decorating talents of Carol Eady, from the buffet table containing a uniquely designed cake to commemorate the club's award, to the individual tables near the dance floor.

Our particular thanks to those who added their special Valentine recipes to the buffet table for everyone's enjoyment. The delightful foods our dancers continue to bring and share is amazing.

We will again convene at Covenant United Methodist Church on March 8. Make your plans now to attend our St. Patty theme event on this date. This will be a fun event that you do not want to miss.

# Dance Photos - February Dance

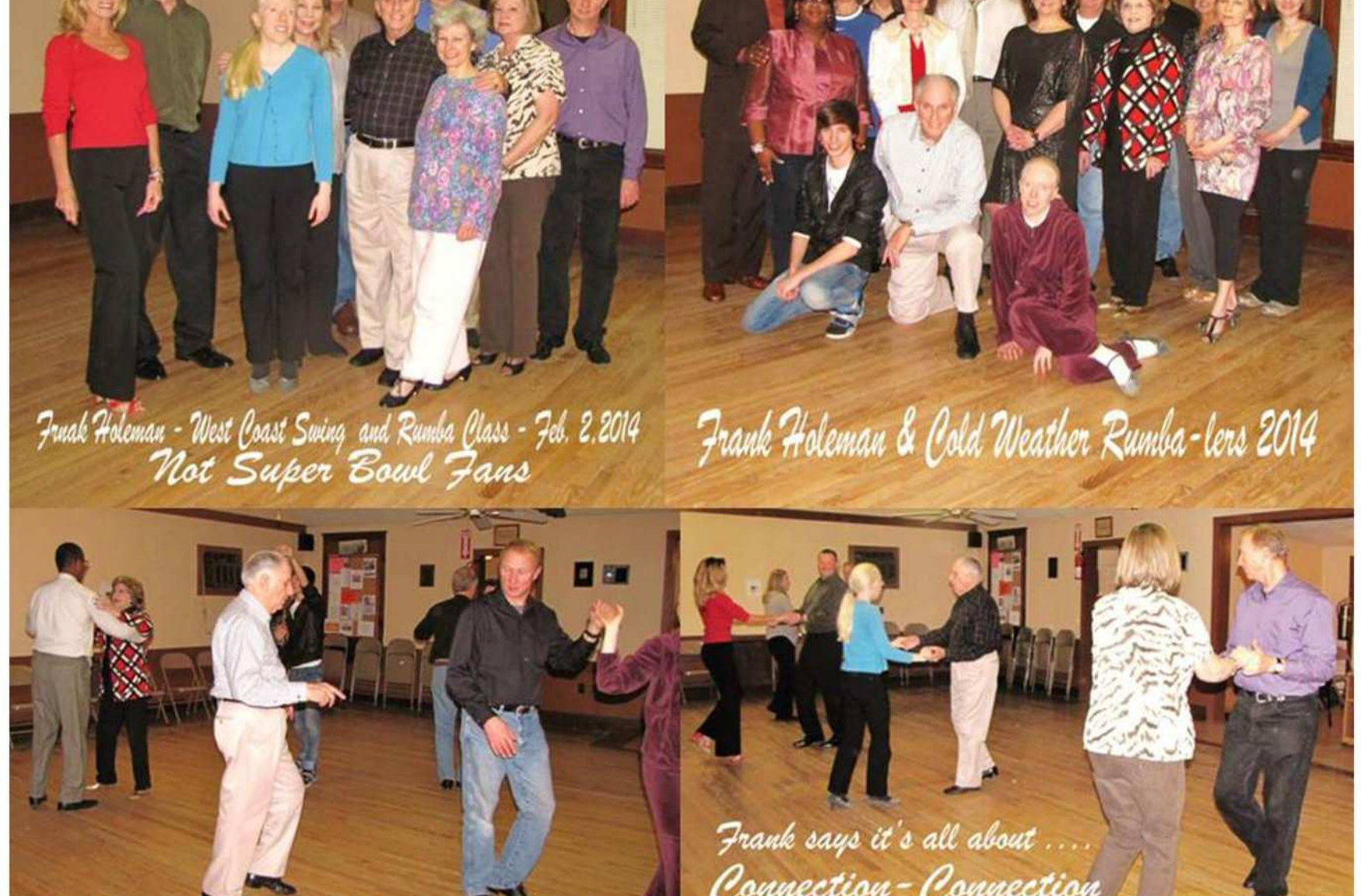


## The Yellow House on Union



A select group of USA Dance members spent a few hours prior to our Valentine dance this month experiencing the glamour of times past. Selected models gathered at The Yellow House on Union, a creation of Club members Jack and Emma Childers devoted to both art and vintage style and glitz, to wow those in attendance at their First Annual Vintage Fashion and Accessories Show. The ladies of USA Dance wore vintage gowns, cocktail dresses, evening dresses, and accessories of a bygone era as they mixed and mingled with those attending the event.

What a charming prelude to the USA Dance Valentine Ball held later the same day!



## Group Class Tid Bits



Neither snow nor the Super Bowl kept these happy dancers from attending the West Coast Swing and Rumba Classes with our dynamic instructor, Mr. Frank Holeman.

USA Dance Group Class for March will introduce our newest instructor on the roster: Mr. Benji Smith of the Fred Astaire Studio Bartlett. Benji will be teaching SAMBA at 6pm and BOLERO at 7:17pm on Sunday Evenings.

Benji & Beth presented a Quick Step for our showcase at the Valentine Ball. A real treat for these eyes. You can learn more about Benji on our web site: [usadancememphis.com](http://usadancememphis.com) Classes held at the Berclair Civic Club, 943 Nowavere at Tutwiler. \$7 per class. No partner needed, and I have a perk for you dancers who would like to join USA Dance, chapter 2012. Join USA Dance at the Sunday night classes and receive 2 FREE CLASSES and a FREE (recorded music) monthly dance! WOW!

I want to thank our hosts Charles Cox and Gail Mays for being with us throughout this cold weather!

CU on the LOD  
Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director

This February day was cold and gray,  
as the USA Dance crowd to Covenant made their way,  
A sea of red dresses celebrating Valentine's were all around,  
as the Foxtrot, Tango, and Waltz could not be bound.  
A special celebration for USA Dance Memphis on this night,  
As the Chapter of the Year honor was announced to everyone's delight.  
At times like this to enjoy along the way,  
and with such a group of friends we always long to stay.

