

May 2021 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White



WOW! It felt great to be BACK! This was our first dance in over a year, and it was exciting to be back on the dance floor, with friends who share our love of dance. Over ninety dancers joined us for our first post-pandemic event. Of course, it was not quite normal due to the mask, digital thermometer check, at the entrance along with the list of CDC's standard questions to answer. To comply with the Church's rules, no food was served, and tables were spread apart. We did serve bottled water with individually wrapped straws available. Aside from the entrance temperature check, masks were recommended but not required. So we had a mixed group – some with masks some without. Even with the COVID-19 requirements, the fun on the dance floor was everything we've dreamed of these last 13 months.

We had dancers join us from Tupelo and New Albany, Mississippi and Jackson, Tennessee. We had a large group from Blue Suede Ballroom, and several independent instructors from the dance community. Professional dance instructors are the backbone of Ballroom dancing in this area, and they are always a welcome addition to our events. We invite one and all to join us in June for our Summer Fiesta Dance, where we celebrate with our favorite Latin tunes.

We had no Showcases at this event, but they will be a feature for future dances. Following are photos of the fun we all shared at this first post-pandemic event. We look forward to our time together as we move on into the year.

Dance Phoons - May Dance

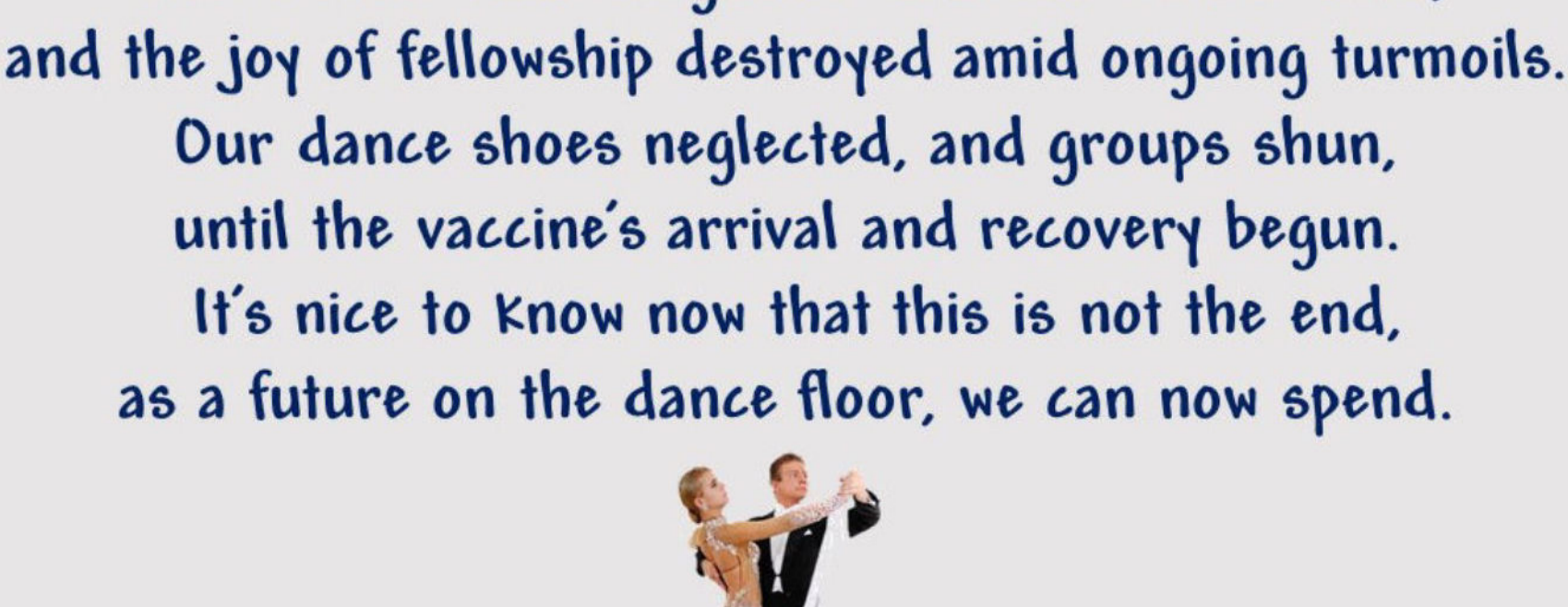
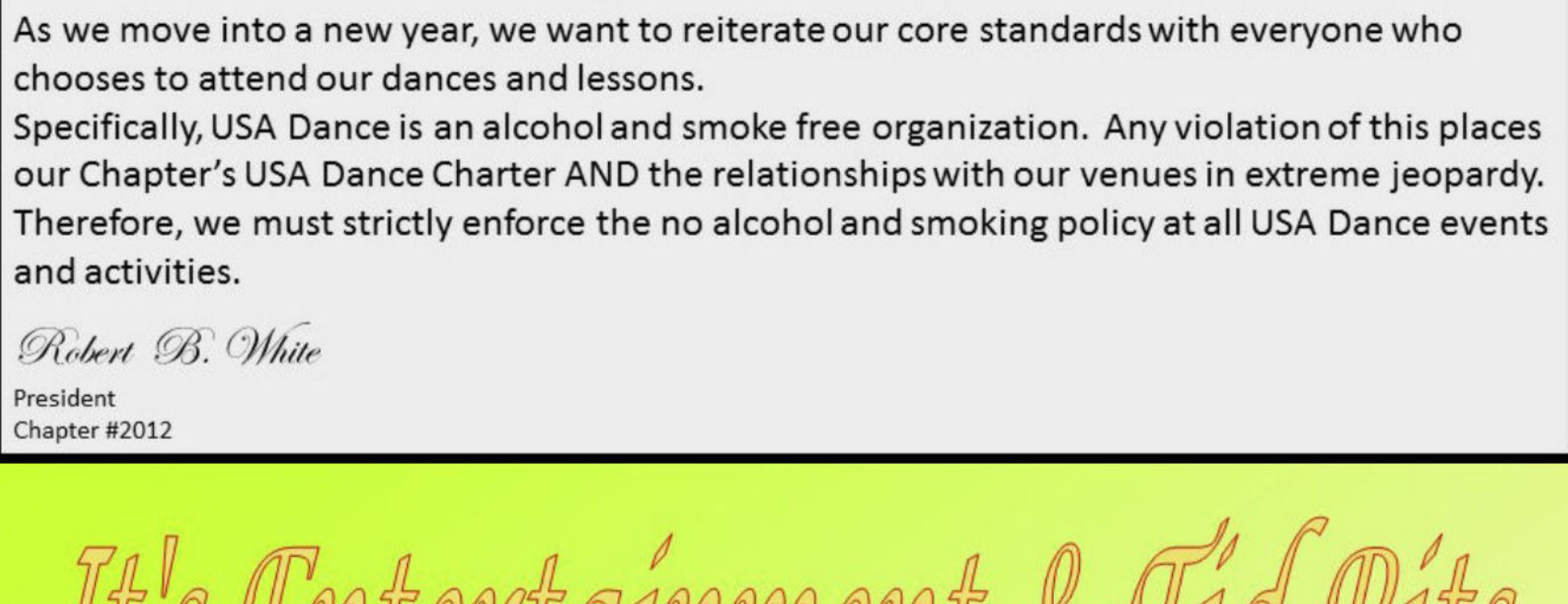
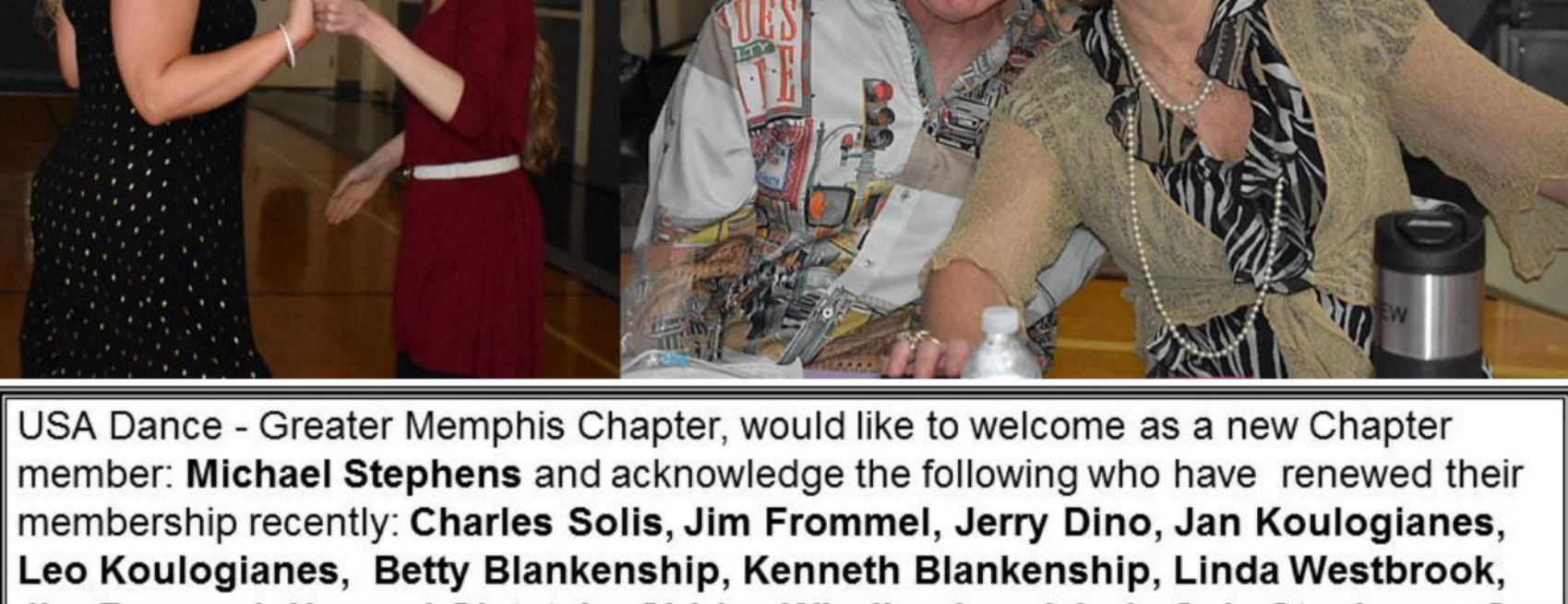
Our first dance in over a year started with mask for entry followed by a check for "Dance Fever" and a series of questions required for entry.



And... we greeted Good Friends we hadn't seen in months!



With Mask Requested but not Required, we moved onto the dance



USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to welcome as a new Chapter member: **Michael Stephens** and acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Charles Solis, Jim Frommel, Jerry Dino, Jan Koulogianes, Leo Koulogianes, Betty Blankenship, Kenneth Blankenship, Linda Westbrook, Jim Frommel, Howard Glatstein, Shirley Windland, and Judy Cole Stephens**. Our members are the strength of our chapter, and we appreciate each and every one.

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Special Notice

As we move into a new year, we want to reiterate our core standards with everyone who chooses to attend our dances and lessons. Specifically, USA Dance is an alcohol and smoke free organization. Any violation of this places our Chapter's USA Dance Charter AND the relationships with our venues in extreme jeopardy. Therefore, we must strictly enforce the no alcohol and smoking policy at all USA Dance events and activities.

Robert B. White
 President
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It's Entertainment & Tid Bits

Get ready for an exciting event in June!
SUMMER FIESTA!
 JUNE 12, 2021 ~ 7 to 9:30 pm
 We Welcome USA Dance, New Albany chapt.6125
 SHOWCASING A WALTZ TO: AMORE MUSICA
 WITH CHARLES GARRETT & LEE OSWALT ~
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
 Join the Fun ~ CU on the LOD ~ Hugs, Sylvia

We'd gone for months with friends estranged, and our dance patterns weakened, lost, or changed. Time on the floor forgotten 'mid our COVID toils, and the joy of fellowship destroyed amid ongoing turmoils. Our dance shoes neglected, and groups shun, until the vaccine's arrival and recovery begun. It's nice to know now that this is not the end, as a future on the dance floor, we can now spend.

