DANCE BULLETIN

USA DANCER

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October 2021 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

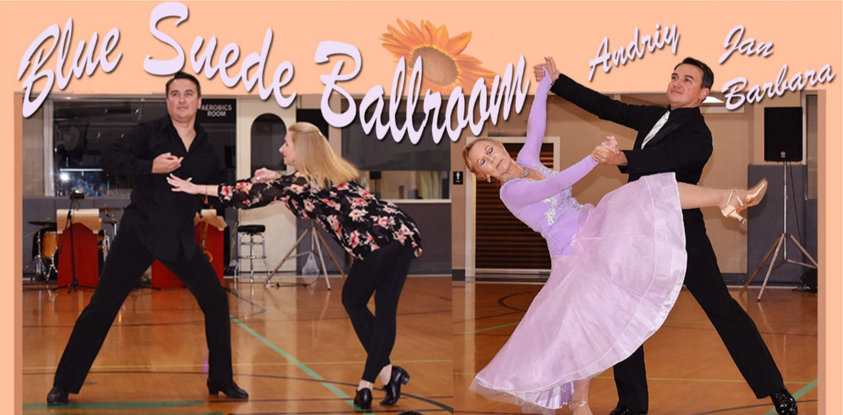
This month, one hundred five USA Dance members and their guests gathered at Advent Presbyterian Church’s Life Center for *An Elegant Evening of Dance*. The main purpose of all our events is good friends sharing the dance floor and having fun. But this month was also a life celebration of one of our founding members, the late Charles Cox. This *free admission* dance was sponsored by his dance partner, friend, and long-time Chapter member, Camilla Wilson. It was also the first Big Band dance anywhere in the Greater Memphis area in over two years – since the pandemic started. In addition to Charles’s dance family, many of his friends from Carnival Memphis – Ennead and Phoenix Krewes - attended. There was also a sizeable group from Kirby Pines who joined us. We welcome all these new groups and look forward to them becoming a part of our dance family.

Our Decoration Committee designed table center pieces that featured red roses and the ladies were encouraged to take one as they left the dance. The outstanding dance music for the evening was supplied by the Drew White Orchestra. This is a group of very talented musicians headquartered in Florence, Alabama who specialize in music for strict tempo ballroom dancing.

A surprise addition to this month’s dance was a sizeable group of photos taken by Van Phillips, a former Board member, who passed away in December 2020. Van was an accomplished artist/photographer and this group of photos (many of our dance family taken over the years) was donated by Diane Evans (Van's beloved friend) to thankful attendees who will treasure them.

Everyone was treated to two showcases by Blue Suede Dance Studio. Andriy, studio owner and professional, performed a lovely Waltz with his student, Barbara Cook. Next, Andriy and his student Jan McElroy performed an exotic Rumba. We were pleased to welcome a group from Blue Suede – cheering on the performances. The photos that follow, mostly taken by guest photographer, Doug Farris, convey the excitement and fun of this special evening.

Dance Photos - October Dance


Blue Suede Ballroom
Andriy
Jan
Barbara
AEROBICS ROOM

Photography & Art by Sylvia Rose

Andriy, owner of Blue Suede Ballroom & professional instructor, performed two showcases with two of his students: an American style Waltz to "Promise" with **Barbara Cook** & an expressive Rumba to "Secundo Rumba" with **Jan McElroy.**

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Sylvia Rose Photography

Our Benefactress for this Special Dance

Camilla Wilson

Drew White Orchestra

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that whoever believes in him
ROOM 1

No! That was not me.
all not perish but have eternal life.

only SON.
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I´m sure she did not intend it that way.

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AEROBICS ROOM

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Did you see that!?

Just go away!

RESERVED
BLUE SUEDE
BALLROOM
ROOM

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Doug Farris Photography

Where's the Mambo you said was on the program?

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Don't go away mad.
Just go away!

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Randy Collins, Esim Erdim, Peggy Jones, James Payne, Joseph Robinson, Susan Robinson, and Pam Vaughn.** Our members are the strength of our chapter, and we appreciate each and every one.

It is election time for your 2022 Chapter #2012 Board of Directors.

If you or someone you know is interested in the USA Dance Chapter #2012 Board of Directors, please email your nomination by October 30th to nastasya.hnat@gmail.com and/or usadance.chapter2012@gmail.com.

Anyone with a current USA Dance membership is eligible to run. If yours has lapsed or you do not hold one, you can still run, but your membership must be renewed to take a seat on the board.

Entertainment & Tid Bits

We want to THANK ***Andriy*** of ***Blue Suede Ballroom*** for entertaining our guests this October. Andriy pro instructor/ owner of Blue Suede Studio presented showcases with two of his students; a Waltz with Barbara Cook and a Rumba with Jan McElroy.

A very special THANKS to Doug Farris for volunteering his talents of photography, to help me out during these big events. He and I took so many photos of happy dancers they got all mixed up as to who took what. Doug also volunteers with the Memphis Camera Club, instructing beginner photo bugs and judging photography contests. He also plays a lot with his 'Drone' on the farm, a very fascinating hobby. Thank you Doug!

A BIG Thank You to Camilla Wilson for generously sponsoring this Ball, honoring and in memory of her dance partner and friend, Charles Cox.

"Harvest Of Thanks"

Dance, November 13,2021

And The Band Played On
USA Dance, Greater Memphis Chapter 2012
October 9, 2021
AEROBICS ROOM
Photo Art: Sylvia Rose

Pictured: the "Drew White Orchestra" and dancers; Yi Lu and Karen Craig. Oct. 9,2021

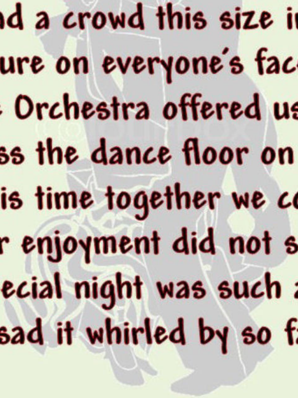
NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

Please join us for dancing and special showcases featuring the talents and artistry in motion of dance partners: *Anthony Parks and Sophia Blunt.*

C U on the L O D ~ Sylvia Rose

If you would like to become a member of USA Dance, you may join online; usadancememphis.com or pick up a membership form at any of our dances. THANKS

Our October dance started as the sun set in the sky and the evening's delight began to sail by.



We have not had a crowd this size in quite a while,
with pleasure on everyone's face, a smile.
The Drew White Orchestra offered us music delight,
as we moved across the dance floor on this special night.
Our joy of this time together we could not hide
and our enjoyment did not subside.
This special night was such a blast,
so sad it whirled by so fast.