



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

May proved to be an outstanding month. Our Charity Ball exceeded expectations and even some very lofty goals.

Thanks to the efforts of USABDA members and friends, we raised over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. Reservations topped 200 and Champion Victor Fung/Liene Apale's Show was everything promised.

During May we also welcomed four more Associate Members to our organization. Our purpose is to promote ballroom dancing and we value the input and involvement of these quality professionals.

Plans are underway for our biggest event of the year – our annual Black Tie Dinner Dance. The event will be held on September 27 at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Mark your calendar! Reservation forms will be available June 28 and will be in our July newsletter.

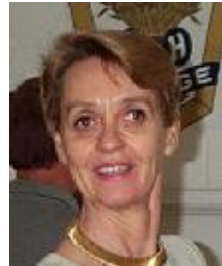
Have a great deal of fun learning to be better! See you on June 8 and 22 – and hopefully at other times in between!

Marcia Barney

President's Salute for May

To **Rockie and Mary Lou Troxler** (right) for:

- Ø Exceeding very ambitious goals as Charity Ball Chairs.
- Ø Making their dancing activities a family project.



Beginner Rumba Lessons

The third in our Beginner Lesson series will be Rumba. These lessons will be held at Kabab's Restaurant, a new Indian restaurant owned by USABDA member Hemi Sethi (*below rt. with USABDA Treasurer Tim Stinson*), in downtown Winston-Salem. The lessons will be from 8-9 on Wednesday evenings starting June 11 through July 18. Tony Econ will be the

Instructor. The lessons should be valuable to both new dancers and those of us who need a refresher in Rumba. Call Ellis

(760-3404) or contact your President for more information or to register. Registration forms are also available at Kabab's and on our website – www.ballroom-dancing.org.



June Tea Dances

June 8 – At The Grange, Greensboro
Bolero Lesson by Tim Saunders at 4:30 PM
Dance 5-7 PM, Bob & Lib Johnson's Music
Host: Dot & Homer Mason

June 22 – Skateland, Clemmons
Lindy Lesson by David & Jennifer Coulombe
Lesson 5:30, Dance 6 –8 to Hubert's Harmonies
Host needed call Michelle Darnley @ 595-8317

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Directions to the Grange from Interstate 40: Take Exit 213 (Guilford College Rd). Go N app. 1 mile, cross Market St. Turn left onto Lindley Rd., Turn rt. onto Guilford School Rd. Grange is on the right.
Directions to Skateland: From I-40 on the west side of Winston-Salem take the Clemmons exit. Go south into downtown Clemmons. Turn right onto Cephis Dr. at the "Bronze Plaza" sign beside Dockside Seafood Restaurant. Turn left onto Neudorf Rd. Skateland is just ahead on the right.



James Gore, Natasha's partner, also joined us on May 25. Natasha and James are in photo at left.
Sally Wiese (below right), a friend of the



Welcome New Members:

Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Winston-Salem is now an Associate Member of USABDA.



A group of students and instructors from Fred Astaire-WS who attended the Charity Ball are shown above. Call 760-9930 for lessons, classes, and parties.

Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Greensboro is now an Associate member of USABDA. Some of the Fred Astaire-



Greensboro group who attended the Charity Ball are shown above. Call 299-4977 for information about lessons, parties, and classes.

Tom Patillo, Patillo Dance Studio of Greensboro, joined us in May. Read Tom's Cha Cha Tips on the next page. Tom can be reached at 697-8074.

Jim Brady (rt. with Fran Randolph at a March Tea Dance) who has taught several of our pre-dance lessons since moving to this area recently has also become an Associate Member. For information about lessons with Jim, call 884-8185.



Natasha Nimmons, a friend of Ellis and Marilee Pardue, joined us on May 25.

Barneys, also joined us in May.

Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Larry and Linda Jackson (rt. at rt. with Jerry and JoAnn Snyder at Charity Ball)



were welcome visitors on May 11.

Adina Harper (below left with John) came to the May 11 dance with her mother Verita Harper.



John Zhang (left with Adina) danced with us again on May 11.

Kay Gilley and Joe Stevens, long time friends from Triangle USABDA, visited us again on May 25 after too long an absence.

We were delighted to welcome **Martha and Jack Bolton** back on May 25.

John Cavallo visited us for the first time on May 25.

Kathy Marino danced with us on May 25.

Peggy Jennings (rt. with Jon) came to our May 25 dance with friend Franz Brown.



Jon Harper (rt. with Peggy) and **Sarah Gradner**, college students home for a break, also visited us on May 25.

James and Edy Mahometa, friends from the Charity Ball, also danced with us on May 25.

2003 Calendar

Tea Dance and lesson - Every second Sunday
4:30 –7:00 PM at the Grange in Greensboro

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth (except
November) Sunday 5:30 – 8:00 PM,
Skateland, Clemmons

August 23 – **Showcase of Dancers**,
South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem

September 27 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,
Benton Convention Center, WS

September 28 – Beginners/Newcomers Ball

November 30 – Holiday Premier Promenade

December 14 – Christmas Party

December 28 – Early New Year's Party and
Officer Installation, Skateland

Cha Cha Tips from Tom Patillo

Good posture and Cuban motion are
necessary for true Latin
Dancing.

The man should know
his part well and give a
definite indication of what he
wants the lady to do. If he is
not sure of himself, the
partner will not be able to
follow, so practice your part
first. Guide your partner gradually and avoid the
late jerky leads. Hold your partner firmly. A weak
listless hold does not inspire confidence.

The lady should know her step and the
possible combinations. Maintain resistance in
your arms since there is not body contact in Cha
Cha. Do not lean on your partner and do not fight
your partner's leads. Let him guide you through
the movements. Be ready for the next step
without anticipating it.



Footnotes:

- Ø Deepest sympathy to Program Chair
Chattie Byrd on the death of her brother.

Special Invitations:

Winston-Salem Dance Forum Summer Formal
on June 21 at South Fork Community Center,
WS. 8 – 11 PM. Admission \$5.

USABDA Sanctioned Dance Cruise – October
12-19. Leave Miami and visit Grand Cayman,
Jamaica, and Mexico. Costs start at \$1000 per
person. dance hosts, and instruction. Call 1-800-
591-1868 for more info.

Quickstep and Cha Cha Workshop sponsored
by Wytheville USABDA on June 14, 2 – 5:30 PM,
Instructed by Wayne and Marie Crowder. \$15 per
person. Call 276-783-5402 to register.

Argentine Tango Workshop Monday, June 30
at Biltmore DanceSport in High Point. Nathan
Foreman will be teaching the workshop from 7 –9
PM. Cost is \$25 per person or \$15 per USABDA
member. Call 841-3939 to register.

Check our wonderful web site: www.ballroom-dancing.org for regular dance opportunities.

“Get Involved” Opportunity Available

Joe Zannini (left center with Yvette
Zannini and Tom Patillo) is Chair of our
Strategic Planning/Long Range Planning
Committee. Joe and his committee are
beginning the Strategic Planning
Process for our Chapter. If you have
ideas concerning ways to improve the
quality of service to members, the
direction that our chapter should be
taking, or increasing the level of
commitment to promoting ballroom
dancing, contact Joe at
jzannini@aol.com

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Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To Fran Randolph for hosting our May 11 Tea Dance.

Ø To Jeanne Scott (*right with Bob Jordan*) for hosting our May 25 Tea Dance.

Ø To DJs, Bob & Lib Johnson on May 11 and Hubert Barney on May 25 for the music that makes us move and moves us.

Ø To Chattie Byrd (*rt.*) for her continued outstanding performance as Program Chair.

Ø To Tom Patillo for the two fun Cha Cha steps on May 11.

Ø To Wayne (*below with*



Publicity Chair May Martin) and Marie Crowder for the Styling lesson on May 25.

Ø To Ellis and Marilee Pardue for their outstanding efforts with the

beginner classes.

Ø To Marcia Barney for voice, proofreading and help with the music.

Ø To our superb Web Master John Clark.

Ø To Dot and Homer Mason for taking good care of our Video Library and name tags.

Ø To Joe and Yvette Zannini, Jeanne Scott, Trudy Atkins, Edith Laws, Fran Randolph, Franzi Brown, Dot and Homer Mason, Wes and Lynette Smitherman, John Dorosk, May Martin, Gene and Donna McDonald, Tom and Grace Moran, and the Barneys for the tasty Tea Dance treats.

Ø To all those who contributed to the success of our first annual Charity Ball: Rockie and Mary Lou Troxler, Jesse and Jaime Troxler, Jeremy Troxler, Howard Troxler, Shirley Fletcher, Rodney and Carolyn Williams, Will and Gingi Parker, Joe and Yvette Zannini, Joe and Ellie Dolata, Ellis and Marilee Pardue, Bob and Lib Johnson, Tim Stinson, Trudy Atkins, the Barneys, Wayne and Marie Crowder, Franzi Brown, Travis Jackson, Sally Wiese, Homer Mason, and Martha Plyler.

Ø To all members who bring a positive, enthusiastic attitude to our dances and leave with a big smile, a warm glow and tired feet.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

New Video coming on June 22:

“International Style Standard Ballroom Technique I” with Victor Veyrasset and Heather Smith.

Another of Dance Vision’s outstanding videos.

Get ready for our August 23 **Showcase of Dancers!** This year our Associate Members are also invited to do a show number.

Check the website for **photos** from the May 10 **Charity Ball**.



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