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We Promote Ballroom Dancing

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

During December we have opportunities to celebrate, recognize and to enjoy.

Our Christmas Party on December 14 is a great time to get together and wish each other an abundance of good cheer. What could make us more merry than dancing with some of our favorite people!

Our early New Year's Party on December 28 will be a time to recognize those who have made this year a resounding success and to welcome those who will lead us into another such year.

When it comes to gifts for the Holiday Season consider giving someone special something that will keep them healthy and wise: the gift of dance. We have many outstanding instructors in Piedmont NC. If your special someone is a novice, give them an introductory package. That special dancer can always become a little better with a little help from our friends. Check our website www.ballroom-dancing.org for a list of Instructors.

Let's dance in December – on the 14th and 28th as well as all other opportunities!

Marcia Barney



President's Salute for November

To Ellis and Marilee Pardue (right) for:

- Ø Outstanding work as chairs of the Youth Committee and the Beginner Dance Lesson Series.
- Ø Outstanding, active support of other projects too numerous to list: Being an exceptional Past President and First Lady.



New Executive Committee Elected

At the annual meeting of Piedmont NC USABDA on November 30, we elected the officers who will serve in 2004. Trudy Atkins was elected Vice President/President-elect and Karen Fogleman will be secretary. The three Directors-at-Large elected were Mae Taylor Moss, Franzi Brown, and Ellie Dolata.

Homer Mason moved from VP/President-elect to the office of President and Treasurer Tim Stinson will serve the third year of a three-year term.

This promising group of officers (represented



by – l to r - Karen, Mae, Franzi, and Ellie in the above photo) will be installed at our Early New Years' Party on December 28 at Skateland.

December Dances

December 14 – The Grange, Greensboro
Christmas Party – 4:30 – 7 PM
Dance to Music by Lib and Bob Johnson
Hosts: Jim and Ann Astin

December 28 – Skateland, Clemmons
Early New Years' Party – 5:30 – 8 PM
Favorite Music of the Year - Hubert Barney, DJ

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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.

Welcome New Members:

Charles and Kay Goode, students of Allen Berryhill who attended our most recent Salsa Class, are now USABDA dancers.

Lance and Claire Kull (*left*), who have attended Salsa and Waltz classes we sponsored and are Toastmaster friends of the Barneys and the Schankers, joined us in November.



Paul and Ling Sun, competitors and students

of Robert Simpson, have rejoined us after a two year absence.

Bill and Sheila Reeves, (*right*) friends of the Narizzanos, are now USABDA members.



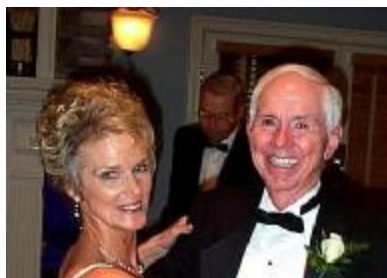
Nancy Baldwin (*on right below left with Lucy Chambers*), a student of Allen



Berryhill who attended our recent Salsa class, became a USABDA member in November.

Jack Mitchell

(*below rt with his new bride, visitor Marie Steele Mitchell*), another student of Allen Berryhill and President of the Winston-Salem Dance Forum, has become a



USABDA member.

Pam Short (*left*), a friend of soon-to-be-newlyweds David Hill and Suzanne Nohlgren, decided to join us in November.



Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Bill Caspary and Aya Golod, from Triange USABDA, visited on November 9.



Ken Easley, (*left with Joyce D'Arconte*) a USABDA member Martinsville, Virginia, visited us on November 30.

Marie Steele Mitchell, (*in left column with*

Jack) a USABDA member from Richmond, Virginia, visited on November 30.

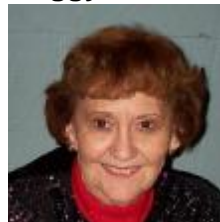
Jan and Carlie Coates, long time friends from Raleigh, danced with us on November 30.

Antony Ferguson, a Statesville friend visited again on November 9 & 30.

Inez White, (*right with James Gore*) a member of our recent Salsa Class, visited on November 30.



Peggy Gilmore (*below*



left) a friend of Howard Troxler, visited on November 30.

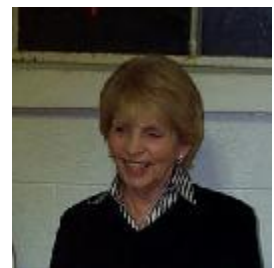
Bob and Katherine Smith, friends from the Winston-Salem Dance Forum, visited on November 30.

Bob Kirby, a friend of new

member Pam Short, also visited on November 30.

Jackie Shelton, (*right*) visited us on November 9 as a guest of Z. I. Strader.

Herb and Claudette Carrete. Former USABDA members and friends of the Reeves and the Narizzanos, visited us on November 9.



2003 & 2004 Calendar

- Tea Dance and lesson - Every second Sunday 4:30 –7:00 PM at the Grange in Greensboro
- Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Skateland, Clemmons
- December 7 – Paso Doble Workshop
- December 14 – Christmas Party
- December 28 – Early New Year's Party and Officer Installation, Skateland
- January 13 – West Coast Swing Class Begins

Dance Truisms

- Positive attitudes are contagious – be a carrier!
- All new dance steps contain at least one element that cannot be learned – yet.
- Honest criticism is hard to take, especially from a dance partner.
- It really feels great when you botch a step and your partner does exactly the same.
- Dancing builds highways out of dead ends.
- A lead is sometimes an action that produces an opposite and equal reaction.
- To be really good, you have to have your heart in your dancing, and dancing in your heart.
- Finally getting it right is worth all the frustration of learning the *#@! step.
- Dance steps, unlike verbs, come in four tenses: past tense, present tense, future tense, and pretense.
- One of the great misconceptions of dance is that you can learn a step in class and still be able to do it when you get home.
- The person who won't dance has no advantage over the person who can't dance.

Membership Dues

Each USABDA member has an anniversary month. Like birthdays, yours can be any time during the year, depending on when you joined the organization. Your dues are due on the 10th day of your anniversary month. For example, Will Parker's (*above with Fran Randolph*) is August 10, while Fran's is November 10. A notice is sent to you by the Chapter (Piedmont NC USABDA, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022).



With 24,000 members and 150 (that's the number of chapters in USABDA) different invoicing procedures, an occasional mistep happens in this big waltz. However, getting back in time with the music is simple: If you receive a dues notice from national, send the notice to Piedmont USABDA with your legitimate invoice when you pay your dues. We'll be back with the music in less time than a normal dance number.

Directory of Dance Services

Our long awaited *Directory of Dance Services* will be out in December. There will be some super new supplies and services in this one! We publish this compendium every three years. If you know of anyone interested in advertising in the publications, call Marcia at 712-8183.

Footnotes...

- ◆ Jim and Ann Astin celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with us on November 9. Ann was obviously a child bride.



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Teaching the World to Dance

Paso Doble Workshop – Sunday, December 7, 2-4 PM at the Jaycee Building, 401 N. Greene Street in Greensboro. Instructed by Champion dancers Wayne and Marie Crowder. \$25 per person, \$15 per member. Reservation forms on www.ballroom-dancing.org. Information: PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com, 336-712-8183.

West Coast Swing – Starts January 13, ends February 17. Six Tuesdays from 8 – 9 PM at Gold's Gym-Jonestown in Winston-Salem for \$30, Alonzo Boschultz (Fred Astaire of Winston-Salem), Instructor, USABDA Sponsored. Call Ellis Pardue @ 760-3404 or see website for registration forms.

Special Invitations:

The *Winston-Salem Dance Club's* Christmas Party on December 6 from 8 – 11 PM. Admission \$3. Southfork Community Center in Winston-Salem.

The *Miller Park Dance Club* invites all over 55 to their Christmas Party on December 13 (admission \$1) from 7:30 – 10:30 at Georgia Taylor Recreation Center and their New Years' Eve Party on December 31 (admission \$5), 8:30 – 12:30 at Southfork Community Center.

The *Winston-Salem Dance Forum's* Christmas Party on Dec. 20 from 8 – 11 PM at Southfork Community Center, WS. Admission \$3.

Mtn. Empire USABDA will dance from 7:30 until 11 on December 20 at the Wytheville Community Center in Wytheville, Va. Info: (276- 783-5402.



- Ø To Marcia Barney for voice, proofreading and help with the music.
- Ø To superb Web Master John Clark.
- Ø To Mary Lou Troxler (*left with Earnest Galloway*) for initiating the visit from Dance Shoes of Atlanta.
- Ø To Dot and Homer Mason for taking good care of our Video Library and name tags.

- Ø To John Dorosk, Franzi Brown (double), Jackie and Andrew Thorburn, Dot and Homer Mason, Lib Johnson, Linda and Travis Jackson, Duncan and Glenda MacKeen, Karen Fogleman (double), Chattie Byrd, Jim and Ann Astin, Michelle Darnely, Edith Laws, Brona Passmore, Lynette Smitherman (double), Don and Linda Rankin, and the Barneys (double) for November refreshments.
- Ø To Mae Taylor Moss for "pitching in" to help with hosting and video checkout.
- Ø To Joyce D'Arconte and Henry James for help hosting the Holiday Premier Promenade.
- Ø To Allen Berryhill for the terrific Body Awareness Seminar on Nov. 16 and for the sassy Salsa Class that concluded on Nov. 18.
- 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.

Look on www.ballroom-dancing.org - if you can't find it, call 712-8183.

Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To Wes and Lynette Smitherman for hosting our November 9 Tea Dance.
- Ø To Tim Saunders (*right*) for the outstanding Bolero lesson on November 9.
- Ø To DJs, Bob & Lib Johnson on November 9 and Hubert Barney on November 30 for the music that made us want to dance.
- Ø To Marilee Pardue, our smiling November 9 receptionist.
- Ø To Jim and Joyce Taylor of Dance Shoes of Atlanta for bringing all those fabulous shoes for us to try and to buy.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

New Videos on December 28: **Intermediate Jive** with Ron Montez and **Intermediate American Tango** with David & Carrie Kloss. Two more great Dance Vision videos.

Don't miss the Paso Doble Workshop on Dec. 7. Forms are on www.ballroom-dancing.org.

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