



Ballroom Beat

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From the President...

Wow! What a great Black Tie Dinner/Dance! The Ron Rudkin Band sounded solid, truly a great professional group. The selection of music provided an excellent mix of the various dances just as we had expected. In this writer's opinion, they are the best.



Homer Mason

As anticipated, the food by Adams Mark's catering service was most enjoyable with eye as well as taste appeal. I heard nothing but positive comments. The meal was a stand-alone value, and I understand the wine selection was good as well.

And to top it all off, the decorations by Mae Taylor Moss and Tim Moore were festive, creative and set the mood for "Let's dance." A handpainted flowerpot at each table carried out the dance theme. These were auctioned off and covered the cost of all of the dance decorations.

The Black Tie Committee, chaired by Ellis Pardue and Max Toney, deserve a special commendation. Many thanks also go to those who helped us with decorations Saturday morning including Marilee Pardue, Chuck and Marsha Ware, Karen and Robert Fogleman, Martha Plyler and Jerry Evans, Will and Gingi Parker, Travis and Linda Jackson, Don and Linda Rankin, Dot Mason and Marcia Barney who expertly manned the lift. Music by Marcia and Hubert Barney also added to the gala evening during the reception, throughout dinner and during band breaks. Next year's Black Tie will be Saturday, October 8, so mark your calendar and save a dance for me.

Homer Mason

(Homer Mason has found it necessary to resign as President of the Piedmont chapter of USABDA. The Board of Directors has accepted his resignation with regret.)

Friends and Sponsors

Randy and Sue James, who provided the spectacular floral centerpieces for our Black Tie dinner-dance last September, have just become Sustaining Members in our chapter's Friends and Sponsors program.

Previous donors as Friends are Britt Hammond, Hilda Forrest and Anita

Calendar Notes

September 12 - Tea Dance - 4:30 p.m. Fox Trot lesson - *Barry and Dana Dalton*, The Dance Space; Dancing 5 - 7 p.m. Music: The Johnsons.
September 19 - Quickstep Workshop with *Wayne and Marie Crowder*; 2-4 p.m., Gold's Gym, Winston-Salem.

September 26 - Tea Dance, Skateland, Clemmons
5:30 p.m. Swing/Jive lesson, *Wayne and Marie Crowder*;
Dancing 6 - 8 p.m. Music: The Barneys .

September 19-26 - National Ballroom Dance Week -
Beginner's Lessons: Monday-Thursday; Beginners' Ball, Sunday.



SPOTLIGHT on *Felix Kubiak*

Felix Kubiak turns 90 Thursday, September 23, and he plans to spend it doing what he does five out of every seven days a week...dancing. He met his late beloved wife dancing at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago. They danced their way through more than 50 years together, competing in regional and national tournaments, garnering awards until well into their 70's. Following Felix's retirement from General Motors, where he tested train engines, they moved to Winston-Salem to be near their daughter, an airline stewardess for Delta Airlines. Felix seldom misses a dance, not even a Viennese Waltz which often clears the floor for less stalwart dancers. Whom might we better salute during National Ballroom Dance Week than this intrepid man? It is a happy coincidence that his birthday falls smack in the middle of this special week when we celebrate the joy of dancing.

Hurley. This program is designed to allow members to contribute to specific USABDA-sponsored programs (ie. for youth, cancer survivors, etc.).

Categories range from Friends to Sustaining Members, all of whom will be listed in the 2004-05 Membership Directory. Members interested in contributing should contact President Trudy Atkins (299-0419) or e-mail PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com for details.

Crowders to Teach Quickstep Workshop Sept. 19

National Ballroom Dance Week in the Piedmont will be launched with a flair Sunday, September 19, with a Quickstep Workshop from 2 - 4 p.m., taught by Wayne and Marie Crowder, at Gold's Gym on Jonestown Road in Winston-Salem.

Cost of the seminar is \$20 per person with pre-registration requested. Please send your name, telephone number and e-mail address to Piedmont NC USABDA, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem 27114.

The Piedmont chapter will again sponsor Beginner Ballroom dance classes September 20-24 and 26. Please see enclosed flyer and share it with a friend who might be interested in ballroom dance.

Nominations, Please

Piedmont NC USABDA is looking for a few good members to serve as chapter officers in 2005.

We will elect a vice-president (president-elect), secretary, treasurer, and three directors-at-large at our annual meeting in Clemmons on November 28. Each officer serves one year with the exception of treasurer who serves a three-year term. Members interested in serving should send a written note to Nominating Committee, PiedmontNC USABDA, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem 27114 or contact a member of the nominating committee (Marcia Barney, Franzi Brown, Karen Fogleman, and Will Parker).

Labor Day Dance - The First Friday dance at The Grange in Greensboro will begin with a covered dish supper at 7 p.m. September 3. Reservations are necessary so please call Lib Johnson at 299-7412 if you plan to attend.

Our Dancing Instructors...

Barry and Dana Dalton, who will teach our fox trot lesson at the Sunday tea dance September 12 at the Grange in Greensboro, have been teaching dance for 11 years, turning to ballroom instruction six years ago (five years ago for Barry). Dana began dancing before she was four years old, but it was not until Barry met Dana that he began dancing and teaching. They now teach at The Dance Space in Danville, Va., their hometown. In dance competitions, their main interest is in the accomplishments of their students such as Barry's student who placed second in the Latin Challenge at the Virginia Star Ball on Father's Day this year.



Wayne and Marie Crowder



Barry and Dana Dalton

Wayne and Marie Crowder, who will teach a lesson in swing at Skateland in Clemmons September 26. won seven First Place awards at their first competition ten years ago at the Southeastern Regional Championship in Atlanta. Since then they have competed in some of the most prestigious competitions in the world in England, Belgium and Italy as well as the USA. They are "Ten Dancers," meaning that they also compete in the Standard dances as well. They

have won three Regional Standard Championships and were finalists in the US Amateur Senior Standard Championship. They both teach private lessons as well as Dancesport workshops and coach several college ballroom teams.

Board Issues Guidelines for Hosting Tea Dances

New guidelines for hosting our chapter's semi-monthly tea dances have been issued by the Piedmont chapter's Board of Directors.

Grange Dances - Hosts bring ice and soft drinks, reimbursable up to \$10 with receipt. Tablecloth, napkins, cups plates, and plasticware are stored in USABDA closet in Grange kitchen where water pitchers are also available. Please arrive by 4 p.m. to set up and remain briefly after the dance to clean up.

Skateland Dances - Hosts bring soft drinks only, reimbursable up to \$10 with receipt. Ice and pitchers are furnished by Skateland. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. to arrange food buffet and remain briefly after the dance to clean up.

Meanwhile, thanks to the following who brought treats to our tea dances in August: Jim and Ann Astin, Trudy Atkins, Hubert and Marcia Barney, Franzi Brown, Joe and Ellie Dolata, John Dorosk, Roberta and Karen Fogleman, David and Suzanne Hill, Bob and Lib Johnson, Bob and Mary Beth Jordan, Edith Law, Homer and Dot Mason, Tom and Linda Siaton, Ellis and Marilee Pardue, Will and Gingi Parker, Don and Linda Rankin, Travis and Linda Jackson, and Bob and Lib Johnson.

Greensboro Community Foundation Awards Grant

The Community Foundation of Greensboro has awarded a second grant of \$500 to fund additions to the ballroom dance CD collection at the Greensboro Central Library.

If you have suggestions for CDs which would enhance the collection, please contact Lib Johnson (libjohnson@bellsouth.net).

Dancing Opportunities

Saturday, September 18 - Mountain Empire USABDA, 7:30 p.m. Bolero lesson by David Gilley; dancing 8:30 - 11 p.m. Wytheville Community Center (Exit 170 off 1-81), Wytheville, VA

Saturday, September 18 - USABDA members are invited to the Winston-Salem Dance Forum's monthly dance on Saturday, September 18, at South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem.



Black Tie Dancers - Max and Polly Boney pause for a pose during the Black Tie Dinner Dance August 14 at the Benton Convention Center. Max served as co-chair with Ellie Pardue.



Troxlers Score Again - Rockie and Mary Lou Troxler received first place in the Open Novice Division and third place in the Gold Syllabus at the USABDA National DanceSport Competition in St., Paul, MN in early August. They danced the waltz, tango, foxtrot, and quickstep in the Senior II Group of International Standard.