



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

This has been a year of dramatic change for Piedmont NC USABDA. We have spawned a new chapter to stimulate participation and growth in our Chapter. We have changed all but two of our officers at least once during the year to keep abreast of changes. However, we now have a full slate for the remainder of the year and a very promising group of nominees for 2005.



Approximately 60% of the members of Piedmont NC USABDA retained their membership in this Chapter. Due to the split, we are in better position to welcome new members from Kernersville west into our Chapter. You are encouraged to bring dancers and potential dancers to our events.

In October we honored our Past Presidents for their continued interest in and support of our Chapter. In November we will choose the new leaders of our organization. Although the offices are not contested, it is important that members attend our annual meeting and election to show their support for our chapter new leaders.

We will also vote on much-needed revisions to our Bylaws at our Annual Meeting.

I look forward to welcoming the Holiday Season with you on November 28th!

Tim Stinson

Goode Appointed

President Tim Stinson has appointed, and the Board unanimously approved, Charles Goode (rt.) as Vice President of Piedmont NC USABDA for the remainder of 2004. Charlie is also the nominee for President for 2005.



Officer Elections

On the November 28 we will elect new officers to lead Piedmont NC USABDA in 2005. Our nominating committee, comprised of the Past Presidents with Immediate Past President Marcia Barney as Chair, has offered the following slate of officers:

- For President Charles Goode
- For Vice-President/President-elect May Neal
- For Secretary Linda Rankin (*below right*)
- For Director-at-Large (we elect 3):

- Timothy Moore
- Natasha Nimmons
- Marsha Ware (*left*)



Your vote and interest is important. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting and Election on November 28, please compete and mail the ballot on page 4.



November 28 Tea Dance

Holiday Premier Promenade

Annual Meeting and Officer Elections
Skateland, Clemmons Dance 5:30 – 8 PM
Annual Meeting at 7 PM
Music by the Barneys
Semiformal attire

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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:

Barbara and Allan Kellum (rt.) joined us in October. We're delighted to have you!

Dora Crawford, a student at Fred Astaire of Winston-Salem, joined us



in October.

Lynn and Bob Edwards (left), students at Lite Fantastic and friends of the Wares, the Baney's, the Jacksons, the MacKeens, the Rankins, and the Fosters, are now USABDA members.

Loretta Breier, a friend of Corbett Jones, joined



us recently.

Pamela and Robert Pelc (right) also joined us in October. Welcome!



Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Robert and Karen Fogleman, (right), former Piedmont USABDA members, visited us on October 24 and brought a suggestion: Go



see the movie "Shall We Dance"!

Chattie Byrd (left), another former Piedmont USABDA member and 2003 Program Chair, was a welcome visitor on October 24. Chattie brought another guest, **Truay McBane**, to visit also.



Former members **Joyce D'Arconte, Linda McMichael, Marti Worthen, and Edith Laws** were also welcome guests on



October 24. **Hope Tedder** (left) and **Tim Fraley** (right) visited again after a too-long absence.



Nicole Major, Jeff Austin, Jeanna Humble, and

Rena Bateman visited for the first, but hopefully not the last, time.

2004 and 2005 Calendar

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Skateland, Clemmons
 November 28 – **Holiday Premier Promenade**, Officer Elections, Skateland
 December 26 – Early New Year's Party and Officer Installation, Skateland
 January 1, 2005 – Write "USABDA Tea Dance, 5:30 – 8 PM" on the 4th Sunday of each month of your calendar, then add the following dates:
 January 29, 2005 – Charity Ball "Hope Dance" At South Fork Community Center
 October 8, 2005 – Black Tie Dinner Dance Benton Convention Center

Dance Truisms

- A good attitude is contagious; spread it around.
- A big smile puts difficult steps in a different light.
- Dancing is 90 percent emotion. The other half is physical.
- The lighter the heart, the lighter the feet.
- Sharing dancing magnifies the pleasure.
- Love is true when you don't see eye to eye, but can still dance cheek to cheek.
- Even Fred Astaire didn't start out dancing like Fred Astaire.
- If you don't dance, your dancing isn't going to get better.

Spotting

Spotting is a rotation of the head that enhances your rotation during a turn. Focus on one spot. The shoulders and hips turn as far as possible without looking from that spot. Then the head whips around, passing the body (which is still turning) and returning to its original point of focus. The shoulders, hips and body catch up last.

Temporary Officers

As noted by President Tim Stinson in his column, our Chapter needed several new officers and Board members to serve the remainder of the year. We reorganized as if we were a new chapter with leadership from a Steering Committee/Temporary Officers. The remaining Board members unanimously endorsed Tim as President. We are fortunate to have 5 Past Presidents as members of our Chapter to fill the remaining Temporary Offices. Hubert Barney will serve as Secretary. Will Parker, Ellis Pardue, and Martha Plyler (*right*) will fill the Director-at-Large spots. Charles Goode as Vice President, Tim as Treasurer, and Marcia Barney as Immediate Past President will compete the Executive Committee. Other members of the Board include Marilee Pardue and Max Toney as Chairs of Committees.



What's Your Talent

If you read the enclosed Bylaws carefully, you probably noticed that there are a number of Standing and Special Committees that serve our chapter. Chairing of these committees is both an honor and a responsibility. Each committee requires different talent and expertise. If you have talent that could help on a committee, please volunteer to either be the chair or a member of that committee.



Timothy Moore (*left*) used his talent as a painter to make our 2004 Black Tie more memorable and more elegant. Thanks to Tim's beautiful flowerpots, many members have a lasting reminder of a delightful evening.

The more people we have participating in the administrative aspects of our chapter, the more each of us gets to dance and the more fun the group has. A group of vivacious, positive people working together is almost as much fun as the actual dancing! Remember, enthusiasm is contagious so help spread some around by offering your talent. If you'd prefer to talk to a person about potential participation, call President Tim Stinson at 659-6904 or Vice President Charles Goode at 920-4360. If you'd prefer to do so by mail, send a note concerning your talents and interests to Piedmont NC USABDA, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022.

Bylaws Update

All Piedmont NC USABDA members will find a copy of our Chapter's Bylaws enclosed with their newsletter. The proposed changes are underlined. These changes have been proposed to comply with requirements of National USABDA as well as to close "loop holes" that have caused difficulties for our members and officers recently. Some geographical specifications and meeting times changes were the result of our recent split into 2 chapters. Please review carefully.

Special Invitations:

Charity Ball, Mtn. Empire USABDA, Wytheville. November 13, 8 – 11PM, \$10, Black Tie Optional. Directions and info: (276) 783-5402 or 783-5349.

Chapter 692 (Offshoot of Piedmont USABDA) will hold their "kickoff" dance on Saturday, November 13 starting at 7:30 PM at the Grange in Greensboro. Free to USABDA members. Information: Trudy Atkins at 454-3516.

The regular Sunday Tea Dance of 692 will be held on Sunday, November 14 from 4:30 – 7:30 at Grange. Tim Saunders will teach Mambo from 4:30 – 5:00 PM. Info: 454-3516 (Trudy Atkins)

Queen City USABDA Holiday Ball Saturday, December 18 at Pine Lake Country Club in Mint Hill, NC. Black Tie Optional. Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar. \$37.50 per person. Information and reservations: Ina Edwards 704-554-8742.

Charity Event Planned For January

A "Hope Dance" Charity Event will be held on January 29, 2005 at South Fork Community Center in Winston-Salem. The event is being sponsored by the ballroom dance clubs – including USABDA - and studios of Winston-Salem and surrounding communities. All profits from the event will be donated to Hospice of Winston-Salem. Showcase numbers from both couples and groups, including a number by the Winston-Salem Dance Forum's *Forum Follies*, will be featured.



The evening will, of course, feature food, great music, and lots of general dancing for all. Anyone interested in helping with or participating in the event should contact the USABDA liason Ellis Pardue (*above right*) at 760-3404.

**Official Ballot for 2005
Piedmont NC USABDA Officers**

All Piedmont NC USABDA Members who cannot attend the November 28 Annual Meeting of our Chapter are urged to vote via this ballot on both officers and Bylaws changes.

For President:

___ Charles Goode ___ Abstain

For Vice President/President-elect:

___ May Neal ___ Abstain

For Secretary:

___ Linda Rankin ___ Abstain

For Treasurer:

___ Tom Siaton ___ Abstain

For Directors-at-Large (3):

___ Timothy Moore, Natasha Nimmons,

Marsha Ware

___ Abstain

___ For Approval of Bylaws Changes

___ Against Approval of Bylaws Changes

Member Name: _____
(print clearly)

Signed: _____

USABDA Number: _____

Mail this completed ballot to:
Piedmont NC USABDA
PO Box 24022
Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022

*Be sure to mail in time for it to arrive by Friday,
November 26.*

Notes of Appreciation:



Ø To Alonzo Boschulte (*left with Marilee Pardue*) for the enlightening Rumba lesson on October 24. Please come back and dance with us at every opportunity, Alonzo!

Ø To the Barneys for the great music at our October 24 Tea Dance.

Ø To our superb Web Master John Clark.

Ø To Martha Plyler for taking good care of our Video Library.

Ø To John Dorosk, May Neal, Tim Stinson, Will and Gingi Parker, Martha Plyler, Emmy Bagwell, Donna and Hewon Han, and the Barneys for the tasty Tea Dance treats.

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!

The Board of Directors of Piedmont NC USABDA unanimously endorses the proposed changes to our Bylaws as well as all nominees for office for 2005.

Plan to be at our Holiday Premier Promenade on November 28. Start your holidays with festive music, new Bylaws and electing enthusiastic new leaders for our organization.

For a multitude of dance information and directions to dance locations, visit our website:

www.ballroom-dancing.org

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