



# Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

## Your Pres Says

### Fellow Dancers

There are many fine dance clubs in our area. The thing we have in common is our love of dance. The major way we differ is in our purpose. The purpose of USABDA is to promote ballroom dancing. We are a volunteer organization.



I have heard others in our community allude to us as the competitors. However, we no longer have competitive dancers in our club. We keep abreast of competition. We keep up with changes in accepted music tempos. We are devoted to continued education and improvement of even our most advanced members. We encourage both new and experienced dancers to continue to improve for expanded enjoyment of our art.

We have a good, and growing, video library from which members can learn both new steps and better technique. We encourage members to take lessons from the outstanding professional instructors available locally. (Over 50% of the members present at our Holiday Premier Promenade take regular private dance lessons.)

Such an attitude of personal growth and improvement is a natural prerequisite to helping others become involved in an art that offers so many physical and mental benefits.

What can we do individually to promote ballroom dancing? Invite dancers to our dances; invite those who do not yet dance to take advantage of our new beginner lesson program. We can also volunteer to help with the administrative duties of our chapter. Pick a committee from the list on page 3, call Charlie (940-4360) and volunteer to participate.

See you on December 26!

Tim Stinson

## New Officer Elected

On November 28 we elected an outstanding group of new officers to lead our chapter in 2005. Taking the helm as President will be Charles Goode. May Neal will be our new Vice President/President-elect. Linda Rankin will serve as Secretary with Tom Siaton as Treasurer. Our three Directors-at-Large will be Marsha Ware, Natasha Nimmons, and Timothy Moore.

Officer installation will be at our early New Years Dance on December 26.



Natasha, Tom, Tim, Marsha, May, Tim, Charlie, Linda

## Early New Years Dance And Officer Installation

**December 26**

Skateland, Clemmons

General Dancing – 5:30 – 8:00 PM-THE floor  
Your favorite music of 2004 by the Barneys  
Hosts: Linda and Tom Siaton

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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 Guests

Please come again!



**Wes and Lynette Smitherman** (l) USABDA friends from Greensboro, danced with us on November 28. We hope you'll do the same on December 26!

**Jacklyn**

**Wilson** (rt.), a friend of Ellis and Marilee Pardue visited for the first time at our Holiday Premier Promenade on November 28.



## 2005 at a Glance

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday

5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons

January 16 – Workshop

January 29 – Hope Dance, Charity Ball for Hospice

September 25 – Beginners Ball, Skateland

October 8 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,  
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

November 27 – Holiday Premier Promenade,  
Skateland, Clemmons 5:30 – 8 PM



## Workshop Your choice of Dance

A Workshop is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 16.

The workshop will cover you choice of dance:

Full Syllabus Bronze Quickstep

Full Syllabus Bronze Mambo

Full Syllabus Bronze Bolero

The cost of the seminar is \$25 per person. However, Piedmont NC USABDA members will receive a \$10 discount.

To determine which dance to schedule, we need your input. (*Linda Siaton and John Dorosk may be discussing choices above left.*) Please send a signed note indicating your choice to either:

[PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com](mailto:PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com) or

Piedmont NC USABDA, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022.

## All I Want For .....

'Tis the season for giving - so we offer a wish list for the ballroom dancer. A few possibilities:

1. Lessons – a gift that will keep on giving for years to come. See [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org) for a list of instructors.
2. Music – It's best to order music from a ballroom dance music source. DanceTrax International, DancePlus, and Dance Vision are 3 good sources.
3. Videos – Videos can help the novice learn to dance or help the advanced dancer perfect their technique. Order them from a source specializing in ballroom dance videos such as [www.DanceVision.com](http://www.DanceVision.com).
4. Shoes & Apparell – Listen carefully for specific hints - consider a gift certificate.
5. Club Membership – A USABDA membership is as little as \$35 per year.
6. Dance art – as much or as you wish to spend from a \$2.99 poster upward.

## Beginner Lessons

Piedmont NC USABDA membership may now be for the novice as well as the dancer. Beginning in early 2005 our chapter will be offering 6-week beginner lessons to new members. These lessons will introduce the waltz, foxtrot, swing, rumba, and cha cha. There will be no charge for Piedmont NC USABDA members, for others the cost is \$35 and will include a USABDA membership.

Footnotes:

Natasha Nimmons and James Gore (rt) have announced their engagement. Congratulations!

Mary Hooks is a repeat Friend in our Friends and Sponsors program. Thanks, Mary!



## A Few Trisms

- Practice unlocks the door to expertise.
- It isn't how much you dance, it's how much you enjoy it.
- Individuals accomplish a little, partners accomplish a lot (also "enjoy" a little or a lot.)
- Enjoying dancing is more important than being the best dancer.

## Piedmont NC USABDA Committees

### Standing Committee

The **program and development committee** secures instruction for general dances, and suggests other programs and functions that will promote ballroom dancing to the local communities.

The **membership committee** promotes, expands and stabilizes the membership.

*Max and Polly Toney*

*(right) were 2004 Black Tie Co-Chairs with the Pardue's – what will they choose this year?*

The **promotion and publicity committee** presents ballroom dance opportunities to the community through the news media and other publications as deemed appropriate.

The **newsletter editor** publishes a monthly newsletter to the membership.

The **music committee** formulates guidelines for providing the music at the regular meeting/dances, schedules members to provide and play the music, and maintains and stores the chapter's music library. Guidelines will be determined by a polling of the members. The **Advisory Committee** offers advice and assistance to the President and other Board members as requested or needed. The members of the Advisory Committee are all the Past Presidents of the Chapter who are members in good standing of the Chapter.

**Special Committees:** (Other special committees may be added as the President or Board choose):

The **Youth Committee** formulates and implements programs that encourage youth to become ballroom dancers.

The **Black Tie Committee** plans and coordinates all aspects of our annual Black Tie Dinner and Dance in conjunction with the other members of the Board.

The duty of the **Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee** is to formulate a 1, 3, and 5-year plan for our chapter including steps on how to reach goals approved by the Board as well as how to measure progress toward these goals.

The **Showcase Committee** plans and conducts an annual Showcase of Dancers for



our Chapter. The **Publicity Committee** should be closely involved with this committee.

The **Refreshment Committee** is responsible for insuring that we have appropriate refreshments at our monthly tea dances as well as other events. The refreshments chair is responsible for obtaining hosts for our tea dances.

The **Video Librarian** is responsible for maintaining our videos and insuring that they are available for checkout by members at each of our tea dances. The librarian also collects fees for overdue videos.

The **Special Projects Committee** isolates special needs of and opportunities for the chapter and implements plans for satisfying these needs.

The **National Ballroom Dance Week Committee** plans and coordinates special programs for members and potential members for the September week designated "National Ballroom Dance Week." This committee assists in planning the annual Beginners Ball in September.

The duty of the **Intra-Club Relations Committee** is to promote cooperation between our chapter and other USABDA Chapters through communication and visitation.

### He's Really Goode!

A glimpse of our new President would reveal an easy-going fellow with a nice smile and a good sense of humor. He retired a couple of years ago as Director of Traffic for Carastar. Since then he has been exceedingly busy with his part time job at Nappa Auto parts, his hobby/job renovating investment properties, and dancing. He also enjoys golf and yard work in spare moments.



Charlie and Kay (left) have three sons and 2 grandchildren. They started dancing when their youngest son decided to get married about 3 years ago. While taking a Shag class they became aware of ballroom dancing and have been enthusiastic about it ever since. They are students of Allen Berryhill and active in both the Winston-Salem Dance Club and the Winston-Salem dance Forum.

Charlie welcomes input from others and would be delighted to hear of your interest in a committee assignment. (940-4360)

## Special Invitations:

**Carolina Heartlands USABDA** – Christmas Party, December 12, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, Grange, Greensboro. Semi-formal. Info: 454-3516.

**Winston-Salem Dance Forum** Christmas Party Saturday, December 18, 8 – 11PM, South Fork Community Center, W-S, admission \$5. Semi-formal attire. Info: 712-8183

**Mtn. Empire USABDA** New Year's Eve Party on Friday, December 31, 2004, 8 PM - 2005. Wytheville Community Center. Info: 276-783-5402.

**New Years Eve Workshops and Dances:** The Tidewater Virginia USABDA's 14th Annual Ballroom/Social Dance Workshop weekend from Dec. 29–Jan. 2. Nightly dances, Sun. Tea Dance. New Years Eve dinner/dance show. Sixty-three dance workshops, starting Wed. morning. Info: [www.twcusabda.org](http://www.twcusabda.org); [ballroomdancer@cox.net](mailto:ballroomdancer@cox.net); Gay Otavo 757-467-3601.

**Competition:** The Triangle Open, our area's first Sanctioned USABDA Competition, will be held on February 26 in the Raleigh area. Additional info: [www.dancingwithwolves.org](http://www.dancingwithwolves.org).

Check our fabulous web site: [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org) for regular dance opportunities as well as other valuable information.

## New Directory

A new Directory will be issued in January. Please be sure that your information is correct. If you've moved, changed a phone number or e-mail address send the correct information to:

[PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com](mailto:PiedmontNCUSABDA@aol.com) or  
Piedmont NC USABDA, PO Box 24022  
Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022

## New Bylaws

The proposed Bylaw changes mailed to all members last month passed unanimously at our Annual Meeting on November 28. A copy is available on: [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org).

## Hope Dance

A Charity Ball to benefit Hospice will be held on January 29 at South Fork Community Center. This Hope Dance will feature dancing by individuals, couples, and groups. There will, of course, be plenty of general dancing also.

The dance is being sponsored by USABDA, the Winston-Salem Dance Forum, the Winston-Salem Dance Club, Miller Park Dance Club, Lite Fantastic, and Dance Arts.

If you are interested in doing a show number, please contact Ellis Pardue at 760-3404 or get a reservation form from [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org).



### Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for lights, camera, proofing...you know the rest.
- Ø To Hema Sethi (*above left*) for hosting our Holiday Premier Promenade.
- Ø To Ellis and Marilee Pardue, Martha Plyler, Glenda & Duncan MacKeen, Travis & Linda Jackson, Edith Laws, John Dorosk, Emmy Bagwell, Don & Linda Rankin, Loretta Breier, Lucy Chambers, Tim Stinson. Wes & Lynette Smitherman, and the Barneys for the tasty treats at our November dance.
- Ø To all who bring music in their hearts and a love of dance to our dances!

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Be sure you're present at our December 26 Pre-New Year's Party and Officer Installation. Meet your new Board and get them off to a great year with an encouraging show of support!

Next month: A profile of another of our new officers.

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