



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

Thank you to Kathy Marino and Marcia Barney for organizing the Hope Dance Charity Ball. The event was even more successful than we thought at press time in February. They will be presenting checks to Hospice and Palliative CareCenter for \$2101 this week. This effort was very beneficial to our chapter, the other sponsoring dance clubs and studios of Winston-Salem, and to Hospice and Palliative CareCenter. Thanks to all the USA-Dance members who contributed to and enjoyed the event.



USABDA has changed to USA-Dance and our chapter number has changed to 6019. We have a new name and a new number for a new year. I ask each member of Chapter 6019 to become an ambassador for ballroom dancing. Invite someone new to come to visit and to join our chapter. Let's add at least four new members each month!

I look forward to seeing you on the third Sunday this month, March 20, and to meeting your friend(s)!

Shall we dance – and with others, too?

Charles Goode

Quickstep Workshop

On March 13 Wayne and Marie Crowder will present our first quarter Workshop: The Quickstep. This workshop will cover the Bronze Syllabus. Those who have wanted to learn this fabulous dance should become competent enough to enjoy the Quicksteps at our, and other, dances. For those who are already practitioners of the dance, there's sure to be plenty of techniques and figures to expand your knowledge. Wayne and Marie (*shown below taking a break at a dinner dance*) are former National Champion dancers who are exceptionally well organized in their workshop presentations.



The event will be held at Gold's Gym on Jonestown Road from 3 until 5 PM. Cost of the workshop is \$25 per person with a \$10 discount to all Piedmont NC USA-Dance members. To register call 712-8183 or find a registration form on www.ballroom-dancing.org. Pre-registration is requested.

March Tea Dance **3rd Sunday this month!**

March 20
Skateland, Clemmons

Fox Trot Lesson
By Zack Lawrence, All the Right Moves Studio
5:30 – 6:00 PM

General Dancing – 6:00 – 8:00 PM-THE floor
Great Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney

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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:

David and Leslie Lundquist, friends of the Barneys, the Edwards, the Fosters, the Jacksons, the MacKeens, the Rankins, and the Wares, are our newest USA-Dance members. David and Leslie are students at Lite Fantastic Dance Studio.



Dinny Forbes, who was introduced to us by John Cavello, is now a Piedmont NC USA-Dance member.

Welcome Guests

Please come again!

We were delighted to see **Robert and Karen Fogleman**, friends from the new Carolina Heartlands USA-Dance, again on February 27. **Vera Bonner and Opal Marion** visited on February 27 as guests of Emmy Bagwell. We hope you'll return!

Ron, Joan, and John Reynolds, a family of current and future dancers who plan to attend our beginning dance classes starting March 7 also visited on February 27.

Debbie Meyers (see "Footnotes") attended as a guest of Tim Moore.

Danny and Corky Flowers (right) visited as guests of Kay and Charles Goode.

Barbara O'Neill was a welcome addition to our group on February 27.



It was good to see **Alan Caudle** again at our February 27 Dance! **Rosalie Whitney** (left practicing our new Swing step with Corbett Jones) visited for the first time on February 27. We hope

you'll develop the habit!

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday –
Except **March** and December which will be
on the third Sunday -
5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons
March 13 – **Quickstep Workshop** by Wayne and
Marie Crowder – Gold's Gym, Jonestown
March 20 – Tea Dance, Skateland, 5:30 – 8 PM
September 25 – Beginners Ball, Skateland
October 8 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem
October 22 – Showcase of Dancers
November 27 – Holiday Premier Promenade,
Skateland, Clemmons 5:30 – 8 PM
December 18 – Christmas Dance, Skateland

Footnotes:

We probably won't need it again this year, but we now have a **Snow Code** with WXII-TV, Channel 12. Should inclement weather occur, you can find the status of our dances via TV or website.

Love Is In The Air:

Tim Moore and
Debbie Meyers (left)
have announced their
engagement. No date
has yet been set for
the nuptials.



Check It Out

Our Video Library continues to expand: Jimmy Satterwhite of Lite Fantastic Dance Studio has donated a Dance Vision Silver West Coast Swing video to the library. The video features Ron Montez instructing. Thanks, Jimmy!

Another new title is being added on March 20: Beginning East Coast Swing.

Video Librarians Tom and Linda Siaton (above) encourage Piedmont NC USA-Dance members to take advantage of this great learning opportunity and check out videos.



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Teaching the World to Dance

Truisms

- One who can smile when things go wrong will never want for dance partners!
- Indecision is the greatest enemy of good leads.
- Inspiration and creativity always knock when the floor is too crowded.
- There are two sides to every argument – except when dancing, then there are at least three.
- Expect little from your partner and that's what you'll get.
- Too many women make dancing hard for their partners by trying too zealously to make it easy for them.
- Dancing is a looking glass and gives back to each of us a reflection of our own attitudes.



Opportunities

Showcase Co-Chairs Vice-President May Neal (*left*) and Director Tim Moore have announced that our annual Showcase of Dancers will be held on Saturday, October 22.

Those interested in performing in the Showcase as well as those interested in helping to host the event should contact May at 292-0883.

Meet Our Secretary

When one thinks of an outstanding Secretary they might imagine a vivacious, fun, enthusiastic, intelligent, and very attractive brunette.



For members of Piedmont NC USA-Dance ours is a dream come true! Here's a brief autobiography of the fabulous Linda Rankin (*above with Don*):

Don, my husband and dance partner, and I live in Lexington. We attend the Tyro United Methodist Church. We were introduced to USABDA by our friends Hubert and Marcia Barney.

We are fortunate to have found such a wonderful, congenial group to dance with. We started dancing two years ago. Until that time we were wallflowers. We would attend wedding parties and receptions and sit watching everyone dance and have fun. We went on several cruise vacations where we sat and envied the couples moving gracefully across the dance floor. We took a few complimentary lessons on some of the cruises, but not enough to comfortably participate. I pleaded with Don to take dance lessons until he finally got tired of the begging, gave up and called Jimmy Satterwhite at Lite Fantastic. We took one lesson with Jimmy and decided to give it a "one month try". We attended party night and met the most wonderful group of friends one could ever dream of having. It is hard to believe that that "one month try" was two years ago.

I grew up in Virginia before meeting and marrying New York native Don in North Carolina. We have one daughter and an adorable grandson who live in Columbus, Ohio.

I am the Director of Real Estate for Brinkley Walser, PLLC, a law firm in Lexington. I enjoy dancing, bicycling and hiking with my husband. I am serve on the Board of Director of the YMCA in Lexington and participate in aerobics, powercut, and spinning classes at the Y.

My goal as Secretary of our chapter is to persuade all of those other wallflowers to become involved in dancing and hopefully enjoy it as much as Don and I do!

Special Invitations:

Mtn. Empire USA-Dance – Saturday, March 19, Wytheville Community Center, Wytheville, VA. Samba lesson at 7:30, Dance from 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402.

Carolina Heartlands USA-Dance – Black Tie Dinner Dance, April 16, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, 6:30 – 11 PM, Live music for reception and dinner, recorded music for dancing. \$35 per person, reservations: Mary Lou Troxler 336-584-8710.

Check our fabulous web site:

www.ballroom-dancing.org

for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To Alonzo Boschulte for the very enjoyable (*as indicated by Hewon and Donna Han at right*) East Coast Swing lesson on February 27.

Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance as well as patience in getting the bug out.

Ø To the Barneys for the fabulous music at our Tea Dances.



- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for lights, camera, proofing...you know the rest.
- Ø To Linda and Tom Siaton for hosting our Tea Dances.
- Ø To Joe Lira, Will & Gingi Parker, May Neal, Donna & Hewon Han, Edith Laws, John Dorosk, Roy & BJ Foster, Don and Linda Rankin, Emmy Bagwell, Duncan & Glenda MacKeen, Tom & Linda Siaton and the Barneys for the treats at our February dance.
- Ø Thanks to John Dorosk who was left off the list of Hope Dance refreshment contributors in the February newsletter.
- Ø To our officers and Board members who devote a lot of time to making our Chapter great. May their efforts seldom interfere with their dancing.
- Ø To all who bring music in their heart, a smile on their face, and a love of dance to our dances and leave with the same plus tired feet!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

New Dance Vision Videos: Silver West Coast Swing with Ron Montez and Beginning East Coast Swing with Paul Overton and Sharon Ashe.

Don't miss the March 13 Quickstep Workshop. Make your reservations now.

Next month: Meet another of your officers and Thoughts from a Follower.

Bring a friend to our **March 20** Dance. Remember, it's the third Sunday this month.

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