



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

We are now in the second half of the year. So far, this year has been very productive. We've had 7 monthly Tea

Dances that included 7 different dance lessons. We've had 5 specialized Workshops and a beginner class. Several members who are trained as beginner trainers have introduced ballroom dancing to new people; many have decided to join USA Dance. We have been spreading the word about ballroom dancing. A number of recent movies and TV shows have resulted in a renewed interest in ballroom dancing!

Your club has a number of things planned for the rest of the year including a demonstration at Hanes Mall on August 13, a Mambo Workshop on August 21, National Ballroom Dance Week activities, our October 8 Black Tie Dinner/Dance, the Showcase of Dancers on October 22. Your Board needs your help bringing new people to enjoy these activities! Come, bring a guest, and enjoy the dancing.

Shall we dance!



Charles Goode

Help Spread the Fun

National Ballroom Dance Week has expanded this year insuring a wonderful opportunity for novice dancers. Chair Kay Goode (*below*) has announced that our usual week of concentrated lessons during National Ballroom Dance Week will include Introductory Ballroom Dance Training for the 6 weeks preceding the event!

The six weekly sessions will cover the Waltz, Fox Trot, Swing, Rumba, and Cha Cha. Each session will be from 8 until 9:30 PM on either Monday or Wednesday evening. Mondays will be at Kathy Marino's Dance Studio in Clemmons; Wednesdays will be at Gold's Gym on Jonestown Road in Winston-Salem. These sessions are free to any new dancer who either joins USA Dance (application blanks are on our website or call your editor) *or* signs up for the National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Lessons. The National Ballroom Dance Week package is \$30.

Give the enclosed reservation form (make copies, too) to a friend(s).

Participants are encouraged to bring a partner for the lessons.



August Tea Dance

Sunday – August 28
Skateland, Clemmons

Cha Cha Lesson

By Jeff & Paige Trent of Fred Astaire
5:30 – 6:00 PM

General Dancing – 6:00 – 8:00 PM -THE floor
Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney
Hosts: Linda & 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.

2005 at a Glance

Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday –
 (Except December on the third Sunday) -
 5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons
 August 21 – Mambo Workshop, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 Kathy Marino Dance Studio, Clemmons
 August 28 – Cha Cha Lesson from 5:30 – 6:00.
 Tea Dance from 6 – 8 PM
 Sept. 16-25 – National Ballroom Dance Week
 September 25 – Beginners Ball, Skateland
 October 8 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,
 Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem
 October 22 – Showcase of Dancers, Southfork
 Community Center
 November 27 – Holiday Premier Promenade,
 Skateland, Clemmons 5:30 – 8 PM
 December 18 – Christmas Dance, Skateland

Welcome New Members

Jim & Dianna Saddler, (right) students at Lite Fantastic Dance Studio and friends of the Barneys, the Jacksons, and the Rankins joined us on July 24.



Welcome Guests

Please come again!



Tom Moran (left with **Marilee Pardue**), a member of several local dance clubs, visited us again

on July 24.

Frank Redner (right with **Mary**), a friend of Mary Hooks, visited for the first time on July 24. It was also great to see Mary back with us!



Doris Kiser (left with **Al Narizzano**) also visited for the first time in July. **Karen and Robert Fogleman**, friends from Heartland USA Dance, again



delighted us with their presence on July 24. **Robert** is shown on the right dancing with **Hilda Forrest**. It was also great to see **Hilda** back dancing with us!



Learn the Mambo

On August 21 Wayne and Marie Crowder will instruct a 2-hour Mambo Workshop. The 5:30 – 7:30 PM workshop will cover the Bronze Mambo Syllabus. The workshop will be held at Kathy Marino's Dance Studio in Clemmons.

Cost of the workshop is \$25; however Piedmont NC USA Dance members receive a \$10 discount.

To register for this workshop, send a check for the registration fee and a note giving your name, phone number, and e-mail address to: Piedmont NC USA-Dance, PO Box 24022, Winston-Salem, NC 27114-4022. Registration forms are on www.ballroom-dance.org, also.

Truisms

- Sometimes you have to dance a long time to be able to dance like yourself.
- In our every (dance) decision we must consider the impact of our decision on our dance partner.
- Give him your trust and he will lead with confidence.
- Technique is the root that makes the figure flow.
- Practice is the yeast that raises the form.
- A person gets old when they lose the urge to dance.
- Never dance with a person more serious than you.
- The only imperfect thing in dance is the human element.

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Teaching the World to Dance

Are You Dancing Rhythm or Latin

You know John Cavello and Emmy Bagwell (*below*) are doing a Cha Cha, but is it a Rhythm dance or a Latin dance?

The Rhythm dances are American Style dances. These include Cha Cha, Rhumba, Swing, Mambo, Samba, and Bolero.

The Latin dances are International Style dances. These are International Cha Cha, International Rumba, Jive, International Samba, and Paso Doble.

Some of the dances are different and exclusive to either American or International Style. Others such as Cha Cha, Rumba, and Samba are more similar. We frequently see both Latin and Rhythm versions of these danced to the same music, even though the music tempo should be different. The Latin Cha Cha and Samba are a faster tempo, while the Latin Rumba is slower than the Rhythm version of the corresponding dance. Figures can be quite similar also, as can Jive and Swing figures.



Meet Your Officers...

**Natasha Gore,
Director-at-Large**



About three years ago an enthusiastic, bright young lady came to a meeting of Piedmont USA Dance representatives and representatives of the Winston-Salem

Foundation. Natasha Nimmons was representing the Winston-Salem Foundation, her employer then and now. One of the USA Dance representatives remarked that she was just what we needed on *our* Board. Now Natasha is Natasha Gore, Director-at-Large for Piedmont NC USA Dance, and the Program Chair who is responsible for finding those outstanding instructors for our Tea Dances.

Natasha grew up in Charlotte before getting an undergraduate degree from NC A&T University and a Masters in Public Administration concentrating in nonprofits from UNC-Greensboro.

She started dancing about 5 years ago at Fred Astaire in Greensboro. During that time she competed with partner Alonzo Boschulte, an Instructor formerly with Fred Astaire of Greensboro and Winston-Salem. After moving to Winston-Salem she continued her association with Fred Astaire here.

Natasha met husband James when she interviewed for her job at Winston-Salem Foundation. James was one of the interviewers. James questions changed a couple of years later when he asked her to marry him at a Halloween Service at their church, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. They now have a beagle named Basil.

Natasha's community activities include editing her church's quarterly newsletter and working with their new member program, serving on the board of Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, and Chairing the Christmas Cheer Project for the Winston-Salem Jaycees.

In addition to dancing, Natasha enjoys running and would like to travel more. This very interesting former cheerleader's positive attitude is reflected in her outlook – a desire “not to be more interesting, but to be more interested in things.”

Special Invitations and Happenings:

Ballroom Dancing at Bethabra: On Thursdays, August 11, 8:15 – 9 PM; September 8 at 7:45 PM; on October 13 at 7:45 PM. The ballroom dancing will be preceded by an hour of Big Band music. A wooden floor has been constructed in front of the Outdoor Pavilion at the Visitors Center. USA Dance members are encouraged to come and demonstrate ballroom dancing to concert attendees.

Heartland USA Dance – Sunday, August 14, Lesson by Jim Brady at 4:30, Dance 5-7, Grange in Greensboro. Info: 584-8710

Mtn. Empire USA-Dance – Third Saturdays, Wythville Community Center, VA. On August 20 - Jive Lesson at 7:30 with the Crowders, Dance - 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum – Saturday, August 20, South Fork Community Center Ballroom, 8 – 11 PM. Great music. 712-8183

Let's Dance Vacation –5-night Mexican Mayan Rivera Camp, Nov. 9-14 with the Crowders. Details in "The Amateur Dancer" or www.letsdancecruises.com. The deadline for booking has been extended to Sept. 1.

Check our fabulous web site: www.ballroom-dancing.org for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance. John's website is www.Louis-and-Clark.com.



Ø To Jim Brady (*left*) for the enjoyable and enlightening Waltz lesson on July 24.

Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing...you know the rest.

Ø To Natasha Gore for arranging our great Tea Dance Instruction.

Ø To Don & Linda Rankin (*below*) for hosting our July Tea Dance.

Ø To Don & Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Hilda Forrest, Mary Hooks, Edith Laws, Linda and Travis Jackson, and the Barneys for the treats at our July Dance.

Ø To all who bring a spirit of fun and a love of dance to our dances!



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

New Video available on August 28:
International Advanced II Rumba, Ron Montez.

Remember:

--To get those interested and interesting non-yet-dancer friends signed up for the August/September **Beginner Lessons!** Reservation form inside!

--To make reservations for the **Mambo Workshop** on August 21.

--To make your **Black Tie** Dinner/Dance reservations.

-All new Piedmont NC USA Dance members are entitled to a 6-week **Introductory Class** free.

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