



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

Thank You to everyone who made our Black Tie Dinner Dance fun for all who attended. If you have not participated in one, you should - to see how much time and effort goes into planning and coordinating the event. This is not a one-person job! We are very fortunate to have a group of very talented, devoted people on our Board of Directors – without whom this dance would not have been possible. On behalf of the members of our chapter, I thank all the people who made this event so enjoyable.



New members, now is a good time to get involved in the “workings” of our organization. New officers have been nominated for 2006 and will be elected next month. They will need your support and assistance to make the club continue to grow and flourish. Leaders are needed for standing committees and special projects.

If you are willing to help promote ballroom dancing, let one of the officers know of your interest in doing so in 2006.

Shall we dance!

Charles Goode

It's Showtime!

On October 22 USA Dance members will show their skills to promote ballroom dancing. Some of the numbers will be as a group, some as couples dancing. We'll have Latin and smooth ballroom dancing as well as folk and line dancing. Recent media attention to ballroom dancing through movies and such shows as “Dancing With the Stars” has generated curiosity about our art. This Showcase provides the real experience.

Amber Reich and Alonzo Boschultz (rt.) were two of our 2004 Showcase stars.



The evening will, of course, include plenty of dancing for the spectators, too. Showcase numbers will be interspersed during general dancing. Maybe those friends/acquaintances/-family members would like to see you dance! Perhaps you know swing or shag dancers who might be interested in expanding their abilities – invite them, too.

Cost per couple to participate is \$25 per number. Cost to dance or watch is \$10 per person.

October Fourth Sunday Dance

Remember it's the FOURTH Sunday!

President's Day - Sunday – October 23
Skateland, Clemmons

Zach and Zenaida Lawrence, All the Right Moves
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.

Welcome Guests

Please come again!



We were delighted to see friends **Wes and Lynette Smitherman** (left), Heartland USA Dance members, at our September

Monthly Dance. **Gregg, Pam, and Abbey Carlson** (rt.) visited our Beginners Ball on September 25. Gregg and Pam attended our Introductory Classes in September.



Dick and Helen Heck (left), graduates of the Introductory and NBDW classes, also attended the Beginner's Ball.

Elaine Wiles, another NBDW veteran, danced the evening away at the Beginner's Ball.



Deborah Brown and Fred Weir (left), friends of the Rankins, the Wares, the Lundquists, and

the Barneys were guests at our September Fourth Sunday Dance.

Gina Humble visited again on September 25.

Walt and Martha Ann Murray (right), Winston-Salem Dance Club members, visited for the first time on September 25.

Lena Johnson (above right with J.M. Dalton), whose daughters visited earlier this year, danced with us for the first time on September 25.

Former member **Henry James** returned for a visit in September.



Nellie Hicks, a Mt. Empire member and the Virginia USA Dance Delegate, visited us on September 25.

Dan Sheck, a dancer from Charlotte, visited on September 25.



Stephen Lucas returned for a visit on September 25.

It was good to see **Bill and Carol Bryant** (left),

Heartland USA Dance members, at our Beginner's Ball. Former member **J. M. Dalton** (right with *Lena*) returned for a visit on September 25.



2005 at a Glance

Monthly Dance & Lesson – Every fourth Sunday
(Except December on the third Sunday) -
5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons
October 22 – Showcase of Dancers, Southfork
Community Center, 8 – 11 PM
October 23 – Fourth Sunday Dance, Skateland
November 12 – Ladies Technique Workshop – 10
AM – Noon – Kathy Marino Studio, Clemmons
November 12 – Men's Technique Workshop – 10
AM – Noon – Kathy Marino Studio, Clemmons
November 27 – Holiday Premier Promenade,
Skateland, Clemmons 5:30 – 8 PM
Officer Elections
December 18 – Christmas Dance, Skateland
5:30 – 8 PM

Truisms

-Dance steps or figures are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen or more.
-A dance step is not responsible for the people who attempt it.
-To dance without practicing is like eating without digesting.
-A dance floor is dreams in cold storage.
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Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee, Chaired by Immediate Past President Tim Stinson, is proud to offer the following slate of officers for Piedmont NC USA Dance for 2006:

>For Vice President/
President elect: David
Lundquist (*right with wife
Leslie*)

>For Secretary Dollie
Scarcy

>For Treasurer Tom Siaton

>For Directors at Large James Gore, Linda Rankin, Hewan Hahn

May Neal, current Vice President-President-elect will automatically become President.

Should other members be interested in an office contact Tim or any Past President (Will Parker, Martha Plyler, Hubert Barney, Ellis Pardue, or Marcia Barney) for details.

There are numerous leadership positions available for Committee Chairs. For details about these positions and the responsibilities thereof, check the By laws section of our website, www.ballroom-dancing.org. Call May Neal when you find something you like and offer your talents.



Footnotes:

Mary Hooks has made a Friendly contribution to our Friends and Sponsors program in honor of Hubert Barney, Tim Stinson, and Marcia Barney for their work with the National Ballroom Dance Week lessons. Thanks you, Mary!

Deepest sympathy to **Linda McMichael** on the recent death of her mother.

How sweet it is: To have a gentleman formally escort his partner to and from the dance floor! There's something quite special about having one's hand tucked into the crook of a gentleman's arm.

Technique Workshops

On Saturday, November 12 from 10 AM until Noon Piedmont NC USA Dance will offer Technique Workshops.

One of these will be for Female Dancers, the other for the Males.

Hemi Sethi and Tim Stinson, right, know the advantages of good dance technique.



The Workshops will be taught by Marie and Wayne Crowder respectfully. Wayne and Marie, who recently received their International Standard Teachers of Dance designations, offer exceptionally well organized, informative, and enjoyable workshops. These are two of their best and cover techniques that are sure to improve **your** dancing – regardless of the dance. The first hour of each workshop will cover Smooth/Standard dance technique. The second hour will cover Latin/Rhythm Technique.

Gentlemen, if you wish to be better leaders, sign up for this workshop. Ladies who wish to be

better followers will attend the Ladies Session.

Reservation forms are on our website and will be available at our October Fourth Sunday Dance. The cost is \$30 per person with

a \$10 discount for Piedmont NC USA Dance members. *Will BJ and Roy Foster, above left, improve their technique on November 12?*



Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mtn. Empire USA Dance – Costume Dance, Wythville Community Center, VA. Waltz Lesson at 7:30 Dance - 8:30 – 11 PM. (276) 783-5402.

Charity Ball – Mt. Empire USA Dance is holding their annual Charity Ball on Saturday, November 12 at the Wytheville Community Center. Black Tie Optional. Call 276-783-5402 for details.

Sapphire Anniversary Ball – Asheville Chapter USA Dance – Formal, Buffet Dinner at 7, Dancing 8 – 11, Asheville Ballroom & Dance Centre, Asheville, \$30 per USA Dance Member. Information 828-685-1507.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum –Saturday, October 15, South Fork Community Center Ballroom, 8 – 11 PM. Great music. 712-8183

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.
- Ø To Wayne and Marie Crowder, Patsy



Wojahn (*below with NBDW students*), Allen Berryhill, and Jim Brady for the wonderful job they did with our National Ballroom Dance Week lessons.

- Ø To Tony Econ for the swinging swing lesson on September 25.

- Ø To Chair Kay Goode, Charlie Goode, Hubert Barney, Tim Stinson, Ellis Pardue, Marilee Pardue, Kathy Marino, and Marcia Barney for assisting, organizing, training, administering, promoting, and enjoying the National Ballroom Dance Week activities.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing.
- Ø To Tom & Linda Siaton for hosting our September Fourth Sunday Dance.
- Ø To Don & Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Al & Ivete Narizzano, Tom and Linda Siaton, May Neal, Dolly Scearcy, Leslie and David Lundquist, Helen and Dick Heck, Joe Lira, Mary Hooks, Donna and Gene McDonald, Frank Redner, Chuck and Marsha Ware, and the Barneys for Beginner's Ball treats.
- Ø To Charles & Kay Goode, May Neal, Tim & Debbie Moore, Nancy Baldwin, Linda & Don Rankin, BJ & Roy Foster, Dianna Saddler, Tom & Linda Siaton, Marsha & Chuck Ware, Tim Stinson, Hemi Sethi, Ellis & Marilee Pardue, Edith Laws, and the Barneys for making our Black Tie Dinner Dance such an enjoyable experience.
- Ø To everyone who brings a spirit of fun and a love of dance to our dances!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Remember:

- Invite potential and current dancers to the October 22 Showcase of Dancers.
- We're dancing on October 23 – the **Fourth** Sunday. It's President's Day and a time to honor our current and Past Presidents.
- To make your **Technique Workshop** (November 12) reservations. We may learn separately, but we'll enjoy the results together!

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