



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

November 27 was an important date for Piedmont NC USA Dance - we elected a new slate of officers for next year. Please give your officers the same assistance and encouragement you extended to the 2005 Board. With your help our Chapter will continue to prosper.



You can help by talking to new people about what ballroom dancing means to you. Kay, my wife, had wanted to dance most of her life. When she was a young child she dreamed of dancing, but never learned. When our son planned his wedding he planned a dance with his mother as part of the festivities. This was Kay's opportunity and reason to start taking dancing lessons. In our private lessons we learn how to dance. In our group lessons we not only learned how to dance, but also found a new group of friends. Kay now talks about her dream coming true.

When Kay shares her dream with others, the enthusiasm is contagious. So please share your dancing dreams with others and tell them when how and where to get started – at USA Dance.

Shall we dance!

Charles Goode

Officer Elected

At our November Holiday Premier Promenade we elected officers for 2006:

VP/President-elect: David Lundquist

Secretary: Dollie Scercy

Treasurer: Tom Siaton

Directors-at-Large: James Gore, Linda Rankin, Hewon Han

May Neal, current Vice President/President Elect will become President at the end of our December 18 dance.

May and the Executive Committee are seeking members of our Chapter who are interested in leadership roles as Chairs and members of assorted committees. If you would like to help with the administrative side of our organization, please call May at 292-0883.



D. Lundquist, Linda Rankin, Hewon Han, May Neal

Christmas Dance & Officer Installation

Third Sunday – December 18, 2005

Skateland, Clemmons

General Dancing – 5:30 - 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 New member:

Bill Jefferson (right, with guest **Brenda Garris**), an engineer from Raleigh, is our newest member.



Welcome Guests

Please come again!



Henry James (left with **Linda Rankin**), a former member, visited on November 27.

Brenda Garris (above with **Bill Jefferson**) visited for the first time

at our Holiday Premier Promenade.

Sheila Sears (right with **Corbett Jones**) returned for a visit on November 27.



Tom Moran, (at left striking a pose with **Linda Jackson**) also a former member, visited again in November.



Special Opportunities:

At their November Meeting your Board



passed a resolution to allow members or friends of members to sponsor one of our 12 Ballroom Sundays, the lesson at our monthly Ballroom Sunday, or both. (Is news of

potential dance sponsorship responsible for the smiles on Dick Heck's and Loretta Breier's face?)

Details of the arrangement are being worked out; however, February Ballroom Sunday is already spoken for.

2005 and 2006 at a Glance

Ballroom Sunday Monthly Dance & Lesson – Every fourth Sunday

(Except December on the third Sunday) -

5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons

December 18 – Christmas Dance, Skateland

5:30 – 8 PM

2006 Workshop Schedule is being developed, be sure you complete the enclosed survey!

Truisms

-As soon as our dance shoes are trained, they wear out.

-Want a better partner next year? Give them dance lessons for Christmas!

-Negative expectations yield negative results! Expect more of your partner!

-Creativity makes good dancers great. Make the dance floor your laboratory.

-A figure danced is worth two watched.

-The person who makes no mistakes seldom dances well.

-Dancing is improved more by a silent prayer than a loud swear.

-If a dancer does not keep pace with others, perhaps it is because he hears a different beat.

-Criticism is easier to take if it sounds like praise.

-Dancing makes every holiday better!

Footnotes:

Don and Linda Rankin (right) have made a silver directed contribution for youth scholarships to our Friends and Sponsors Program.



Hubert and Marcia Barney have made a platinum directed contribution to the Black Tie, a gold directed youth scholarships contribution, and a bronze directed contribution to our workshop program through the Friends and Sponsors Program.

Thank You to both couples for their generous support of our Chapter's programs!

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Teaching the World to Dance

Some of the participants in our Introductory Ballroom Dance Class at the YMCA.



Dance with the fellows shown below at every opportunity – they participated in the November Gentlemen’s Technique Workshop!



**Workshops, Dances
Your Input Needed**

In 2006 we plan to offer a Workshop each quarter. In order to choose the ones that best fit our members, we need your input. Please fill out the survey below and mail it (to the USPS or e-mail address on the masthead) or bring it to the Christmas Dance on December 18 and give it to May or Marcia:

I would like to participate in the following workshops in 2006 (list your top 5 picks in order of preference with most desirable first):

I prefer the Workshops be on Saturday ____ or ____ Sunday, doesn’t matter which day ____ or I prefer a weeknight _____(be specific).

I think _____

_____ would be good choices for our pre-dance lessons.

I would like to hear more (type dance) at our dances _____.

I would like to hear fewer (type dance) at our dances _____.

Other helpful comments to make our dances more enjoyable: _____

The ladies who attended the Ladies’ Techniuqe Workshop in November are ready to dance – better!



Special Invitations and Happenings:

Winston-Salem Dance

Forum Christmas Dance –

Saturday, December 17, South Fork Community Center Ballroom, 8 – 11 PM. Great music. Semi-formal attire. \$5 per non-member. Info: 712-8183.



New Year's Eve Dance – Mt. Empire USA

Dance. Call (276) 783-5402 for details.

2006 Triangle Open –

February 25 – a good way for those not so sure about competition to try it for the first time or to view a real dance competition. The cost is low, the competition fun and friendly, the event is nearby in Durham. For details check



www.dancingwithwolves.org/triangle/.

Smoky Mountain Dancesport Championships –

February 11 & 12, Downtown Marriott, Knoxville, Tenn. Early registration ends 12/31 so check it out now at www.usabda-knoxville.us.

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 for their tremendous, enjoyable, and useful Workshops!

- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing.
- Ø To Tom & Linda Siaton for hosting our November Ballroom Sunday Dance.
- Ø To Kathy Marino (*left with Will Parker*) for allowing us to use her Studio for our Workshops!
- Ø To John Dorosk, Donna & Hewon Han, May Neal, Jerry & Martha Evans, Don & Linda Rankin, Tom Siaton, Helen and Dick Heck, Travis and Linda Jackson, Mary Hooks (*bottom left with Frank Redner*), Edith Laws, Leslie & David Lundquist, and the Barneys for treats at our October Fourth Sunday Dance.
- Ø To everyone who attended our Holiday Premier Promenade in November for providing such terrific subjects for photographs! Was it the Holiday spirit, the seasonal music or just a lot of really nice dancers?

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Be sure to be at the jolly Christmas Dance on December 18 – it will be the next best thing to a visit from Santa!

Ballroom Sunday is on the **Third** Sunday this month.

Have you check out a selection from our superb video selection lately?

Last Minute Christmas present ideas:

Piedmont NC USA Dance membership or dance lessons for your favorite partner! Check the website for local instructors. Or were those Best Christmas Present Ideas?

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Happy Holidays!