



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

## Your Pres Says

*Fellow Dancers,*

*June marks the midpoint in another great year of dancing. We have welcomed several new members to our chapter and attendance has*

*been very good at our dances. Workshops are an additional source to enhance our dancing.*

*Our leaders are looking for new ways to make meet members' needs during the remaining half of the year. A Board meeting will be held the second Monday in July. I, and any other Board member, would be delighted to hear you thoughts on what our Chapter could do to make dancing more enjoyable for you.*

*Plans for Special Events during the next six months include: our Showcase of Dancers in August; Big Band Night, National Ballroom Dance Week, and Beginners Ball in September; the Holiday Premier Promenade in November; and our Christmas Dance in December. Your participation in the planning and execution of these events would be most appreciated. I assure you that the experience would be enjoyable.*

*See you on June 25 at Ballroom Sunday!*

*May Neal*



## Introductory Lesson For New Members

One of the “perks” of becoming a member of Piedmont NC USA Dance is the free 6-week Introductory Dance Class. Our next class will begin on Monday, August 7. The class will be held each Monday evening through September 11. Classes will be an hour and one-half with concentration on one dance per lesson.

Participants will learn, or polish their skills, in five dances during this 6-week session: Waltz, Fox Trot, Swing, Rumba, and Cha Cha.

The sessions will be held in Clemmons, just down the street from Skateland, at Kathy Marino’s Dance Studio.

Most of us know someone who has lamented “If only I knew how to dance” or “My spouse thinks dancing is too difficult/expensive.” Encourage them to take advantage of this great opportunity to inexpensively give dancing a whirl! For the mere cost of membership (Social Dancer \$35) they can learn the basics and dance with some really great people for a year.

Bring your friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, or associates to the June 25 Ballroom Sunday and we’ll get them “signed up” for a whole series of wonderful dance experiences!

### **Ballroom Sunday June 25, 2006**

Skateland, Clemmons

5:30 PM Lesson – Waltz  
with Nathan Foreman

*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 New Members

**Brenda Davis** (*right with Max Toney*) returned on



May 25 and decided to join us.

**Monica Fogle** (*left*), a student at All the Right Moves Dance Studio, also joined us in May.



## Welcome Guests

*Please come again!*

**Marti Worthen**, a former Piedmont NC USA Dance member danced with us on May 28.



**Julie Koontz**, who dances in Salisbury, visited on May 28. We hope you'll back in June, Julie!

**Diana Moghrabi**, also from Salisbury visited on May 28.

**Thomas & Mary Jane**



**Roemer** (*right*), another couple of Salisbury dancers, attended our May 28 dance. Please come again.

**Jackie Roemer**



Salisbury guest on May 28.

**Ken Weaver**, also danced with us for the first time on May 28.

We are always delighted to

danced with us for the first time on May 28.

**Victor Shive**, was another welcome



see Carolina Heartland members **Wes and Lynette Smitherman** visit.

It was great to see **Franzi Brown** and **Margaret Norton**, also Carolina Heartland members, again on May 28!

**Lynn Messick**, also a former member, visited again on May 28. Welcome back!

## 2006 at a Glance

June 25 – Ballroom Sunday, Skateland

5:30 – 6 Waltz Lesson with Nathan Foreman

6 – 8 Dance, Dance, Dance

**Ballroom Sunday** Monthly Dance & Lesson –

Every fourth Sunday (Except December on the third Sunday) - 5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland,

Clemmons on July 23, August 27,

September 24, October 22, November 26,

December 17.

August 26 – Showcase of Dancers

August 7 – September 11 (Mondays) –

Introductory Dance Lessons, Clemmons

Sept. 16 – 24 – National Ballroom Dance Week

September 23 – Big Band Night – *Under the*

*Harvest Moon*, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

September 24 – Beginner's Ball, Skateland

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade

December 17 – Christmas Dance

## Truisms

*-Don't cry because it's over, smile because you danced.*

*-You can only dance if you believe you can dance.*

*-The first rule of great dancing is to remember what you know.*

*-The more I dance the more I understand other people's dancing.*

*-The little things in dancing are really the big things in dancing.*

*-Whether the floor is half empty or half full depends on whether you are dancing or watching.*

*-Dancing is like knitting a sweater..one stitch at a time with a different twist each step.*

*-Beautiful dancing is the intersection where dreams and hard work meet.*

*-You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a different dance venue, unfamiliar music, and a difficult new dance step.*

*-Dancing is like climbing stairs: It's alternating feet and feels great when you get to the next floor.*

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**Tips and Tidbits:**

The weekend of June 9 – 11 was a great weekend for dance in our area:

On Friday, June 9, the Lite Fantastic Studio's Spring Showcase featured a number of our members: Jim and Dianna Saddler (*right*), Don and Linda Rankin, Roy and BJ Foster, David and Leslie Lundquist, Kate Reidenbach, Chuck and Marsha Ware, and Hubert and Marcia Barney. On Sunday, June 11, the Fred Astaire "Chart



Toppers" Show Event feature members Bob and Ruth Rauch (*left*) and Debbie Kiser. Our May Ballroom Sunday instructors Amber Reich

and Zeki Maviyildiz also performed in the Show.

**Congratulations** to Fred Weir and Deborah Brown (*right*) who have announced their engagement. The big day is September 16.



Want **more time** for dancing? Always keep several get well card on the mantel. If unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean up, attend meetings, do yard work.....

On a more serious note: Remember the **line of dance**. It goes around the perimeter of the floor counter clockwise and should be followed for the moving dances such as Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, Quick Step, Viennese Waltz. Imagine that there is a center area to the dance floor surrounded by 2 lanes of traffic (seating and conversation are outside this area). Those beautiful stationary moves should be performed in the center section. Slower dancers should dance on the inner most of the two "lanes" that go around this center. The outside lane should be left for the faster moving advanced dancers. We are fortunate to have a huge dance floor for our dances; however, this line of dance becomes quite important almost everywhere else we dance.

**New Feature at our Ballroom Sundays**

In May we started a new feature at our Ballroom Sundays – a question to help plan our programs and special events. These questions are specific and should usually require only a few seconds to answer. The question will appear on the back of the program with answer space on the bottom right inside. Obviously, any comments you wish to make that could make dancing more enjoyable would be appreciated – there's ample space.

Also, your Board of Directors will be meeting on July 10. If there is anything you would like discussed at this meeting, please tell any Board member: May Neal, David Lundquist, Tom Siaton, Charlie Goode, Marcia Barney, Martha Plyler, Hubert Barney, Linda Rankin (*above*), Hewon Han, Don Rankin (*with Linda*), Tim Moore, Leslie Lundquist, Ellis Pardue, Marsha Ware, Max Toney, and Tim Stinson.



## Special Invitations and Happenings:

**Mt. Empire USA Dance.** July 15, Wytheville, Va Waltz lesson at 7:30, Dance from 8:30 – 11 PM. \$7.50 USA Dance members, \$10 guests; (276) 783-5402 for details.

### Winston-Salem Dance

#### Forum Monthly Dance –

June 17, 8-11 PM, South Fork Community Center Ballroom, Outstanding refreshments, great music. \$5 admission, Guests welcome. Info: 712-8183.



Check our fabulous web site: [www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://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 Tim and Debbie Moore for taking such good care of our Video (and DVD) library!
- Ø To Tom and Linda Siaton for hosting our



May Ballroom Sunday.

Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, truisms, proofing.

Ø To Zeki Maviyildiz, assisted by Amber Reich, for

the energetic, energizing Samba lesson at our

May Ballroom Sunday Dance. Zeki and Amber (*bottom left*) are instructors at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio on Jonestown Road. Thanks, too, to Amber and Zeki for the impressive Samba demonstration during intermission.

- Ø To the Moores (*Tim and Debbie, shown on left*), the MacKeens, the MacDonalds, and the other anonymous dancers who provided helpful feedback to the “your opinion counts” question on the back of the May Dance Program. Look for another question in June.
- Ø To Margaret Norton, Franzi Brown, Max Toney, Don and Linda Rankin, May Neal, John Dorosk, Linda and Tom Siaton, Travis and Linda Jackson, Glenda and Duncan MacKeen, Gene and Donna MacDonald, Felix Kubiak, Don and Linda Rankin, and the Barney for treats at our May Dance.
- Ø To all members and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our May Ballroom Sunday!

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Another outstanding Dance Vision video will be added to our extensive video library on June 25: -Bob Powers and Julia Gorchakova with American Style Exhibitions Choreography Swing.

Get your Showcase ready for our August 26 2006 Showcase of Dancers! Reservation forms available at Ballroom Sundays and on Website.

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