



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

September offers dancers of all levels an abundance of outstanding dance opportunities. Keep your dance shoes ready and make those reservations for upcoming events.



During National Ballroom Dance week novice and beginning dancers can participate in our Beginning Dance Series that features 5 lessons and a dance for only \$30. This is a great way to meet some top instructors from the area.

Big Band Night on September 23 is a special event for all members and their friends. Get your reservations in now.

Don't forget Ballroom Sunday and our Beginners Ball on Sunday, the 24th. While you are making reservations for these events, make them for the Tango Workshop on October 7 also.

We welcome all new members and hope you've made reservations for these events. Invite someone new to join us at our Beginners Ball on the 24th.

I'll see you on September 23 and 24!

May Neal

National Ballroom Dance Week

Annually in September we take a week to emphasize the purpose of our organization – to promote ballroom dancing. This year during the week of September 16-24 we'll offer programs for all levels of dancer from Novice to Professional.

Our Beginner Lessons on September 18, 19, 20, 21, and 24 will allow potential dancers to sample the fun and benefits of ballroom dancing and will allow beginner dancers to meet many of the outstanding dance instructors in our community. Either use the enclosed registration form to sign up for these lessons or pass it along to a friend or acquaintance that has expressed an interest in our art. The Beginners Ball on Sunday, September 24 will feature a Swing lesson for all dance levels.

On Saturday, September 23 we'll get together at The Millennium Center for our annual formal Big Band Night. We'll start with a Latin cocktail dance. A dinner of prime rib and roasted turkey will culminate with a 4-foot chocolate tower dessert. Dancing from 8 PM until midnight will be to the big band sounds of Leon Jordan and The Continentals. We'll have a huge wooden dance floor right in front of the band stage. Be there!

Beginners Ball & Ballroom Sunday September 24, 2006

Skateland, Clemmons

5:30 PM Lesson – Swing with Tony Econ

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

**National Ballroom Dance Week
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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

Dan Stanley, son-in-law of Max and Polly Toney (*right*), joined us on August 27. Thank you, Polly, for sponsoring Dan.



Brynn Elyse Smith, (*left*) daughter of Todd Smith and Jo Ellen Carson joined through our Introductory Ballroom Dance classes and is sponsored by her mother.

Michael Sloane, a travel agent owner and associate of Barbara and Joel Schanker, has joined USA Dance. He is sponsored by Barbara.



Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Maybell Richie (*on left in photo at right with Bill Roberts and Ann Seats*) came as a guest of Dee Schaffer.



Stephen Dew and Susan Pouly also visited on August 27. We hope you'll return on September 24.



George Navarro (*left with Linda Siaton*) visited for the first time on August 27.

2006 at a Glance

Sept. 16 – 24 – National Ballroom Dance Week
Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21, & 24 – NBDW Beginner Lessons, 8 – 9 PM, Flyer enclosed
September 23 – Big Band Night – *Under the Harvest Moon*, Winston-Salem
September 24 – **Beginners Ball**
And Ballroom Sunday, Skateland
5:30 – 6 Swing Lesson with Tony Econ

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 October 22, November 26, December 17.

October 7 – Tango Workshop with Wayne and Marie Crowder, 10 – Noon, Kathy Marino Dance Studio, Clemmons
See enclosed reservation form.

October 22 – Ballroom Sunday, Skateland
5:30 – 6 – Cha Cha lesson with the Crowders
6-8 – Dance, Dance, Dance

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade
December 17 – Christmas Dance

Truisms

-A dancer knows when he has achieved perfection not when there is no music good enough to dance to, but when there is no music left that he can't dance to.

-We find comfort among dance partners who are our approximate equals, growth among those who are better or not as good as us.

-Dancing is striking a note on the keyboard of emotion.

-Remember the line of dance and keep it flowing.
-Confucious say that dancer who travels clockwise in the line of dance messes up everyone's timing.

-The courage of the dancer is to keep ajar the door that leads to improvement.

-Ignorance, allied with stubbornness, are the most ferocious enemies of happy dancers.

-The next best thing to good dance music is to finding a way to enjoy dancing to what's playing.

-In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is choose the right partner. The worst thing you can do is choose no partner at all.

-Learn to dance so that you may find the exhilaration of dancing.

-If you show me a beautiful dance I'll smile. If you show me where to learn to dance I'll smile with you for years.

Use the Enclosed Form to Register for the
October 7 Tango Workshop.
Instructed by
National Champions Wayne and Marie Crowder
ISTD Instructors

Footnotes:

Polly Toney, Ann Seats, Barbara Schanker, and Jo Ellen Carson

(*rt.*) have earned a free admission to Ballroom Sunday by sponsoring new USA Dance members. They sponsored a son-in-law, a friend, a business acquaintance and a daughter. Thanks!



September would be a good time for **you** to earn a free admission also! Remember, the person you sponsor gets a 6-week session of free lessons.

Hubert and Marcia Barney have donated the commercially produced "Take the Lead" to our viewing library.

Tidbits:

A limited number of drink tickets are available for Big Band Night. The tickets are \$3 each and can be ordered when you send in your reservations, just make a note and adding the cost of these tickets to your total. (At the dance wine will be \$5 per glass, imported beer \$4.) Your tickets will be attached to your seating card on the 23rd.

**Just for the Fun of It
Sponsor a New Member**

Whether you've been dancing a few weeks or a few decades, you probably remember that feeling of discover and adventure – along with a little apprehension – of going onto the dance floor during the first few months. You surely discovered early that no one expected you to be perfect, nor did they find humor in your gaffs.

Now think of the times you have watched new dancers as they discovered the secrets of a swing step or danced around the floor without a glitch. I'll bet you smiled just as they were smiling.

New dancers bring contagious fun to ballroom dancing. While we may be awe-struck by the intricate moves of the advanced dancers, the reflected joy of discovery can be even more uplifting.

How do new dancers get started? Like most of us: Someone encouraged them and told them just how to begin. Your Chapter is offering the means, now all you need to do is provide the forms and encouragement to a soon-to-be fellow dancer. It could be a toss-up as to who will get the most joy from the experience – you or the new dancer.

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Teaching the World to Dance

**National Ballroom Dance Week
Beginner Lessons**

Our National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Lessons will be held as follows:

Monday, September 18 –
Waltz lesson at Kathy Marino
Dance Studio in Clemmons

Tuesday, Sept. 19 – Fox Trot
with Alan Berryhill (*right*) at
Kathy Marino Dance Studio,
Clemmons



Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Cha
Cha at Fred Astaire's new Dance Studio on
Lewisville/Clemmons Road in Clemmons

Thursday, Sept. 21- Rumba with Zach and
Zenaida Lawrence at All The Right Moves Dance
Studio on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem

Each of these nightly lessons is from 8 – 9 PM.

Sunday, Sept. 24 – Swing lesson with Tony Econ
at Ballroom Sunday Beginner's Ball at Skateland
in Clemmons, 5:30 – 8 PM

The cost of the package – 5 lessons and a dance is only \$30, so either use the attached form to register or pass it along to someone else might be interested – either way you could get a lot of enjoyment from it.

Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mt. Empire USA Dance – Saturday, September 16 dance with lesson 7:30 – 11 PM. \$7.50 for members. Information: (276) 783-5402 or (276) 783-5349.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum – Saturday, September 16, South Fork Community Center, Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, Ballroom dancing 8 – 11 PM; \$5 admission. 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 Lucy Chambers, Jim and Dianna Saddler and the Barneys for their outstanding Showcase performances.
- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.
- Ø To Tom and Linda Siaton for hosting our August Dance.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing, inspiration...
- Ø To Jim Brady for the very helpful Rumba lesson on August 27.



Ø To May Neal and Helen Heck (*left with husband Dick*) for serving as Refreshments Chairs at our Showcase. To Bill Roberts, Barbara Drum Kate Reidenback, Bill

Richardson, Donna and Hewon Han, Martha Plyler/Jerry Evans, and The Barneys for providing the treats.

Ø To the Showcase Decorating committee for making the South Fork Community Center Ballroom look lovely: Tim Moore, BJ Foster, Dianna Saddler, May Neal, and the Barneys. To Rita Crews and Eleanor Pardue go a great deal of Thanks for serving as Receptionists at the Dance. To Dick Heck for helping play the music.

Ø To Don and Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Linda and Tom Siaton, Brenda Davis, Jane Crouse, Donna and Hewon Han, May Neal, Dick and Helen Heck and the Barneys for treats at our August Ballroom Sunday Dance.

Ø To all members (*such as Max Toney and Brenda Davis shown on the left*) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our August Ballroom Sunday!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Another outstanding Dance Vision video will be added to our extensive video library on September 24: *American Style Rumba Exhibition Choreography* with Bob Powers and Julia Gorchakova. Our DVD collection will be expanded by the “Take the Lead” Hollywood production.

Make your Tango Workshop reservations now for the October 7 event!

Invite at least one non-dancing acquaintance to our National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Classes on September 18 – 21 & 24.

See you at the **Big Band Night** on Saturday, September 23.

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