



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

October is a time for membership growth. The National Office of USA Dance is making this drive more interesting with monetary awards to the chapters with the most new members and the highest percentage growth. Our goal is to win for the most new members. Your help can make it happen. Invite your friends and acquaintances who have an interest in dancing – whether they currently dance or not – to our dance on Sunday, October 22. The Cha Cha lesson that begins at 5:30 is free with admission and will be followed by general dancing until 8. We welcome all guests for some great dancing and fun!



Thank you for your participation and for making our Big Band Night a huge success. Thanks, too, to a great committee who did an outstanding job planning and administering the event.

Our members are tops, so invite others to share the joy of dancing with us.

I'll see you on October 22!

May Neal

Officer Nominations

The officers for our Chapter are elected in November and serve for a calendar year. Our Nominating Committee finds outstanding members to serve in these offices. Charles Goode, Immediate Past President of our Chapter, Chaired the Committee this year. Other members of the committee are the past Presidents: Will Parker, Martha Plyler, Hubert Barney, Ellis Pardue, Marcia Barney, and Tim Stinson. The committee offers the following nominees for 2007 officers:

For Vice President Linda Rankin

For Secretary Donna Han

For Treasurer Brenda Davis

For 3 Directors: Dick Heck

Donna MacDonald (rt.),

Hewon Han



Per our Bylaws, current Vice President David Lundquist will be President. David is seeking enthusiastic, talented members for Committee Chairs in 2007. Let David know of your interest.

President's Day & Ballroom Sunday October 22, 2006

It's the 4th of 5 Sundays this month!
Skateland, Clemmons

5:30 PM Lesson – Cha Cha with
Wayne and Marie Crowder

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

Piedmont NC USA Dance Members who buy one of our \$5 "Time of Giving" Tickets will be admitted free. See "Board Actions" inside.

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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

Margaret Thompson, (right) a student at Fred Astaire Dance Studio, joined us in September. Thank you, Ellis Pardue, for sponsoring Margaret.



Lennette Joyce, another a student at Fred Astaire Dance Studio, also joined us in September.

Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Welcome to each of our many guests who joined us at our Big Band Night. Nellie Hicks and Leon Grosclose (right) from Mt. Empire USA Dance were among the special guests.



2006 at a Glance & a 2007 Peek

October 22 – **President's Day**
 And Ballroom Sunday, Skateland
 5:30 – 6 Cha Cha Lesson with Wayne and Marie Crowder 6 – 8 Dance, Dance, Dance
 November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade
 Officer Elections
 December 17 – Christmas Dance
 October 13, 2007 – Black Tie Dinner and Dance

Truisms

-Partners will forget what you said, partners will forget what you did, but partners will never forget how you made them feel.
-Flattery from a dance partner or instructor is like chewing gum. Enjoy it, but don't swallow it.
-Be ashamed to die until you have enjoyed dancing with someone you really liked.
-Emotion is the eye and the look of the dance.
-Dance is a net that catches hearts like a fish.
-Music is the invisible web upon which dances may be embroidered.

-We can only learn to dance by dancing.
-There is no dancing so much underrated as dancing to be happy.
-Under the magnetism of dance the modest man can become bold; the shy, confident; the lazy, active.

Footnotes:

Ellis Pardue has earned a free admission to Ballroom Sunday by sponsoring a new USA Dance member. Ellis sponsored a fellow dancer at his studio. Thanks!

Tidbits:

-We need more male dancers. Being able to dance is a tremendous boost to anyone's self-esteem and a real "chick magnet" (wives are chicks, too). Encourage your male friends to try dancing – for a healthy body and a healthy social life.

Sponsor Someone

By Membership Chair Leslie Lundquist

USA Dance Ballroom Sunday has and will continue to be a fun and relaxing way to spend 12 Sunday evenings each year. In addition, we have the advantage of a free dance lesson at these dances. This evening out is not only good for socializing, it has been proven of great benefit for the Mind, Body and Soul, too.

Do your friends and family know about this great opportunity? Do you know that your admission to one of our Sunday dances is free when you are the sponsor of a new member? I am encouraging and challenging you to do whatever you can to achieve sponsorship of at least one person this month.



The Lundquists

The Board will be working behind the scenes placing posters around town announcing that we welcome all interested persons. We are also doing a radio interview on a late afternoon talk show. Please let me know of any "calendar of events" spots where we can post our monthly dance information i.e. HOA flyers and private groups, clubs, and churches.

We especially need to encourage the male gender to give us a try. So many times I hear my female friends and acquaintances say they would love to join, but their male spouse or partner is

really resistant. Remind them that only a handful of us are advanced and we vary widely in our level of ability with lots of us just beginners.

I welcome your membership ideas and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Board Actions

Student Admission to Dances

At an October 9 Board Meeting your Board unanimously voted to admit full-time students under the age of 21 to our montly dances for \$5 if guests and \$2.50 if they are USA Dance members.

“Time of Giving” Coupons

Sunday, November 19 from 12:30 – 6:00 PM will be a grand shopping day at Hanes Mall for people who have a special Ticket. The Ticket can be exchanged for a coupon book that contains several hundred dollars worth of coupons to stores in the mall. The tickets are available to USA Dance members and guests at our dance on October 22 for \$5. For members of Piedmont NC USA Dance, purchase of one \$5 ticket gets free admission to the dance. For others, normal prices apply. Anyone may purchase additional tickets for \$5 each if they so desire.

Where Do New Dancers Come From

Our President and our Membership Chair have given us the responsibility of finding at least one new member for our October 22 Dance. Friends who already dance are great sources, then look for potential dancers. Here are a few ideas on where to look for new dancers:

- 1- Your social group & church acquaintances
- 2- Your civic (Rotary, Lions, Jaycees..) club
- 3- Your educational & professional organizations (Realtors, ACS, AMS....)
- 4- Your work associates and clients
- 5- People you meet in waiting rooms
- 6- Your doctor, lawyer, Indian Chief...
- 7- Family, neighbors, family of neighbors
- 8- Recreational friends (tennis, golf, football)
- 9- Fellow Passengers (elevator, train, plane)
- 10- Acquaintances in need of companionship (widowed, divorced...)
- 11- People who will listen to your dance anecdotes/stories
- 12- People who mention *Dancing With the Stars* or *Take the Lead*

13- Find a new empty-nester and you've found a potential dancer!

Now invite them to a dance and tell them about the free Introductory Dance lessons with membership in Piedmont NC USA Dance.

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A Special Thanks to our Sponsors



In addition to the Fantastic Five couples who were Instrumentalists Sponsors for our Big Band Night, one business also joined their ranks: Botta Bing and Botta Boom Pizza. Botta Boom and Botta Bing offer an outstanding selection of pizza and salads for enjoying at their two locations or for delivery. Visit them at

5089 Country Club Road or 1100 Reynolda Road (*Linda Rankin was all smiles after her visit.*). If you'd like delivery, call 774-4717 or 723-7700.

Several other business also made Notable donations to the event: Dr. Thomas Brown, OB-GYN; Angela Kalamaras, Broker associate with Caldwell Banker; Rheta Monroe, Winstream Communications; Billy Cunningham, Telecom Analysts; I Natural. Sponsors Chair Marsha Ware reminds us to please frequent these businesses and thank them for their support.

Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mt. Empire USA Dance – Saturday, October 21
dance with lesson 7:30 – 11 PM. Members: \$7.50.
Info (276) 783-5402 or (276)
783-5349.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum –
Saturday, October 21, South
Fork Community Center,
Country Club Road, 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 Chair Linda Rankin, Registration Chair BJ Foster (rt.), Hubert Barney, Marcia Barney, Marsha Ware, May Neal, Charles Goode, Donna Han, Hewon Han, Ellis Pardue, Marilee Pardue, Rita Crews, Don Rankin, Chuck Ware, and Brenda Davis for a superb job throwing the dance party of the year known to many as our Big Band Night.



Ø To the Fantastic Five Couples who made the Big Band a reality: Hubert and Marcia Barney, BJ and Roy Foster, Linda and Travis Jackson, Don and Linda Rankin, Fred and Deborah Weir.

Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.

Ø To Tom and Linda Siaton for hosting our September Dance.



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

Ø To Tony Econ (*top left with Brenda Davis*) for the very informative and enjoyable Swing lesson on August 24. If you're interested in private lessons with Tony, he can be reached at 407-2634.

Ø To Nathan Foreman (Fred Astaire in Greensboro), Allen Berryhill (Dance Arts), Fred Astaire Dance Studio, and All the Right Moves Dance Studio for their fabulous assistance with National Ballroom Dance Week lessons.

Ø To Don and Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Linda and Tom Siaton, Brenda Davis, Jane Crouse, Ann Seats, May Neal, David and Leslie Lundquist and the Barneys for treats at our September Ballroom Sunday Dance.

Ø To the nice folks at FedEx Kinko's for a superb job of printing our monthly newsletter!

Ø To all members (*such as Al and Ivete Narizzano – bottom left*) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our September Ballroom Sunday!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll be concentrating on Tango as we add two more outstanding Dance Vision videos to our extensive video library on October 22: *American Tango Technique and Principles* with David and Carrie Kloss and *International Style Technique & Principles, Tango Vol. I* by Brian & Susan Puttock.

Invite at least one friend, relative, buddy, or acquaintance to our October 22 Ballroom Sunday. See you on the **Fourth Sunday** – October 22!

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