



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

The season is here for festivities, planning, and lots of dancing! Our Ballroom Sunday this month will be devoted entirely to dancing and our Annual Business Meeting as we officially welcome the Holiday Season. After Thanksgiving with family and friends, why not bring those guests with you to our dance. You could inspire someone to take up our fabulous hobby.



December should offer numerous opportunities for us to dance and socialize. When you plan your month, remember to mark a week early, December 17, for our Christmas Dance. It's also time to consider annual contributions to your favorite worthwhile causes. If you are looking for a good place to contribute a tax write-off, consider making a monetary contribution to our newly formed Music Library. See the article inside or Hubert Barney for details.

I know of no better place to find great people to dance and associate with than our monthly dances, so bring a friend and a refreshment and I'll see you on November 26!

May Neal

Officer Elections

On November 26, at approximately 7 PM, we will elect the officers who will serve Piedmont NC USA Dance during 2007. Per our Bylaws, Vice President/President-elect David Lundquist will become the President at 8 PM on December 17. The following officers have been nominated to serve with him:

- For Vice President/Pres-elect Linda Rankin
- For Secretary Donna Han
- For Treasurer Brenda Davis
- For 3 Directors: Dick Heck, Donna McDonald, Hewon Han

In early December the new Executive Committee (the above officers, 2007 Immediate Past President May Neal, and the Parliamentarian) will meet to elect committee chairs for the coming year. If you are interested in chairing a committee or serving on a committee, please tell David (*right*) or one of the above officers.



Holiday Premier Promenade & Annual Business Meeting

November 26, 2006

5:30 - 8:00 PM

*General Dancing -THE floor
Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney
Hosts: Linda & Tom Siaton*

Semiformal attire

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2006 at a Glance & a 2007 Peek

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

Tom and Margo Ehlers, (right) students at *Lite Fantastic Dance Studio* and friends of the Barneys, the Rankins, the Lundquists, and the Saddlers, joined us in October.



Susan Pauly and Steve Dew (left), also students at *Lite Fantastic Dance Studio* and friends of the Barneys, the Rankins, the Lundquists, and the Saddlers joined us in early November.

Welcome Guests

Please come again!

Nick Goodman, a friend of Diana Maghrabi, visited us on October 22. We hope to see you again in November, Nick.

Ken Chiou (right), a new ballroom dancer, visited on October 22.

Carolyn Couch was a welcome guest at our October Ballroom Sunday.

Leslie Stewart also visited on October 22.



John Richardson (left), son of Bill Richardson, danced with us on October 22.

Florida resident **Violet Brown** (below) danced with us at our October Ballroom Sunday.



As always we were delighted to see **Robert and Karen Fogleman** and **Wes and Lynette Smitherman** at our October dance. Please come back on November 26!

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade
Officer Elections

December 17 – Christmas Dance, Install Officers
January 28, 2007 – Lesson 5:30 – 6 PM,
Dance 6-8

Other Ballroom Sundays in 2007: February 25,
March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22,
August 26, September 23, October 28, November
25, December 16

The new Board will be meeting in early December to outline programs for 2007. If you would like to have specific lessons taught at dances or certain dances taught at Workshops, please let David or one of the other new officers know. Remember, too, that you can sponsor the lesson for \$50. Sponsors may also pick the Instructor (subject to Board approval) for that lesson.

Truisms

- Good attitudes are contagious. Pass it on.
- Your dancing depends on many things, but mostly on you.
- For a quick energy boost, nothing beats a few spins around the dance floor.
- In dancing, if you can do it right the first time, it's probably too simple to want to do a second time.
- Dance is an alchemist that can turn a frown into a smile.
- God loved man and invented music. Man loved music and invented dance.
- Dancing should be exciting for it is an assault on the emotions of even the unemotional.
- The most important thing in dancing is the happiness of your partner.
- Music is what rescues dancers from a quiet death behind closed doors.
- The pessimistic dancer complains about the music, the optimist expects it to change, and the realist adjust his stride and enjoys whatever is playing.
- The dance floor is oval and the place that seems like the end may only be the beginning.
- The feet are the reason dancers do not mistake themselves for angels.
- Pressure should have something to do with the air in your tires, not something you feel on the dance floor.

Dancing at North Davidson

North Davidson High School has a vibrant ballroom dance program for students. The club is an extra-curricular club that meets on Friday afternoon. They selected the name "Strictly Ballroom" and are learning the ballroom dances



with the capable assistance of Don and Linda Rankin. Their faculty sponsor is Frank Stump, a former ballroom dancer.

Two of our members, Willie Frazier (*left*) and Shane Strange, are members of the club.

There are approximately

35 other members who also learn a different ballroom dance every four weeks.

Linda reports that they have just finishing the Foxtrot and will begin the Cha Cha after Thanksgiving.

Don (*right*) is Chair of our Youth Program. Thanks, Don and Linda, for the great work!



Footnotes:

There's too many of them for a free admission to a Ballroom Sunday, but the Lite Fantastic group who attended the October Ballroom Sunday is thanked for sponsoring two more couples as USA Dance members.

Fred Astaire Dance Studio has moved to Clemmons. Their new address is 2669 Lewisville-Clemmons Road; their phone number is 766-9233.

Tidbits:

-Check our website – www.ballroom-dancing.org - for photos from the 2006 Black Tie Big Band Night (the last few pages even have selected ones from our October Ballroom Sunday).

We still have a few more Tickets for "Time of Sharing" coupon books. These books contain several hundred dollars worth of coupons to stores in Hanes Mall and are useable on Sunday, November 19. The price is \$5, proceeds to Piedmont NC USA Dance. Call your editor at 712-8183 to obtain tickets.

Music Library Established

A few years ago Piedmont NC USA Dance received a grant to purchase ballroom dance music for the Clemmons Public Library. The Library now has 135 ballroom dance CDs available for dancers to check out. We have long discussed having a lending library just for our members that is based on the same concept as our video/DVD lending library. Music Chair Hubert Barney has announced the formation of such a library.

Persons may donate money for the purchase of suitable ballroom dance CDs for the library. They may also donate ballroom dance CDs to the library. Hubert has asked that CD donations be limited to current, correct tempo ballroom dance CDs. As with videos and DVDs, copies of CDs cannot be accepted.

Members will be able to check out the CDs just as they now check out videos: one month free, \$5 per week late charge thereafter.

Hubert (*right*) and Marcia Barney have donated \$130 to the music library to get the ball rolling.



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Mt. Empire USA Dance – Saturday, December 16 Charity Ball, 8 – 11 PM. Wytheville, \$10 admission. Info (276) 783-5402 or (276) 783-5349.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum – Saturday, November 18, South Fork Community Center, Country Club Road, Ballroom dancing 8 – 11 PM; \$5 admission. 712-8183.



Ø To Kathy Marino for allowing us to use her studio for our Introductory Ballroom Dance Classes.

Ø To Don and Linda Rankin, John Dorosk, Linda and Tom Siaton, Jane Crouse (in absentia, even), Jerry Evans and Martha Plyler, Gene and Donna McDonald, May Neal, Dick and Helen Heck, David and Leslie Lundquist and the Barneys for treats at our September Ballroom Sunday Dance.

Ø To Ann Seats and Bill Roberts (*above left*) for their valuable music feedback!

Ø To all members and guests such as Rita Crews and Robert Fogleman (*in middle left photo*) who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our October Ballroom Sunday!

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 Tom and Linda Siaton for hosting our October Dance.

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



Ø To the fabulous group of Past President's who went above and beyond with their assistance on October 22: Martha Plyler (*left*), Hubert Barney, Ellis Pardue, Marcia Barney, and Charlie Goode.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add two more outstanding Dance Vision videos to our extensive video library on November 26: *American Style Advanced I Viennese Waltz Technique and Principles* with David and Carrie Kloss and *American Style Mambo Choreography, Vol I* by Bob Powers & Julia Gorchakova.

Be a part of what make Piedmont NC USA Dance run so smoothly – tell President-elect David Lundquist of your interest in committee service.

Invite at least one friend, relative, buddy, or acquaintance to our Holiday Premier Promenade on November 26!

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