



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

2007 is shaping up to be a busy dance year, so get ready for some great dancing fun!

Your Board of Directors has already been quite busy. With all of their efforts, and your participation, 2007 will be a very successful year.

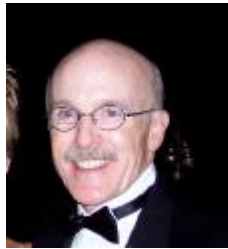
A couple of highlights of things for 2007:

**The Showcase: will be held March 31 this year. March 31 will be here before you know it, so get it on your calendars - even better plan to dance a routine for the event! Dianna Saddler has agreed to be our Showcase Chair and will be assisted by Margaret Thompson. Contact Dianna at 788-0548 for information about registering for a number or to volunteer to assist with the event.*

**Black Tie Dance: our tentative date is November 10. Last year was a tremendous success, and I'm delighted that Linda Rankin has agreed to chair this committee again this year.*

Let's continue to have great Ballroom Sundays on the 4th Sunday of the month at Skateland in Clemmons. I look forward to seeing you on January 28th at 5:30!

David Lundquist



Showcase Planned

Our 2007 Showcase of Dancers will be held on Saturday, March 31 at South Fork Community Center Ballroom in Winston-Salem. The purpose of this event is to show non-dancers in our area the fun and beauty of ballroom dancing so that they, too, will become participants in our wonderful art. Tell all your friends who do not yet dance to mark this date on their calendars!

Dianna Saddler will Chair the event. Those who wish to participate – either as showcase dancers or to help with the production of the event – should call Dianna (*right with husband/partner Jim*) at 788-0548.

Any USA Dance member is eligible to do a routine. The cost per routine is \$25 and couples are allowed to do up to 2 routines. The number of routines will be limited to 20. Couples may be both amateurs, an amateur and a professional, or both professionals. Group dances are also encouraged, and the entrance fee is dependent on the number of dancers in the group.



Ballroom Sunday

January 28, 2007

5:30 - 6:00 PM Cha Cha Lesson
With Zach Lawrence of *All the Right Moves*

6:00 – 8:00 PM Dance

General Dancing -THE floor
Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney
Host: Rita Crews

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Truisms

-All the beautiful dreams in the world weigh less than a single lovely dance.

-We are young only once, but we can be dancers forever.

-Patience is the courteous space you give to your partner when learning new material.

-Dancing is when happiness starts.

-The first rule of good dancing is to be courteous to everyone.

-In dancing, mistakes are not permanent and neither are successes.

-You can't truly enjoy dancing without getting on the floor.

-Stop dancing to impress others – dance to impress yourself.

-The happiest of people aren't necessarily the best dancers, they just have the most fun with each dance.

-Dancing is emotion in action.

-Dance is form of action capable of influencing change.

-The bad news is that dance time flies. The good news is that you're the pilot.

-To freely dance – that is my definition of success.

-He who would be a good leader must be confident.

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 Guests

Please come again!



Wes (left with Jo Ellen Carson) and **Lynette Smitherman**, Carolina Heartland Members, danced with us again on December 17.

Joe Robertson and Emily Sink right with member Willie Frazier on the their right, students at North Davidson High School and members of the *Strictly Ballroom* club there, came on December 17 to thank Don and Linda Rankin for the work they have been doing with their club.



John Cavello, a former member of our chapter, returned to dance with us while visiting during the holidays.



Henry James (left with Donna McDonald), a former member of USA Dance, attended the Christmas Dance on December 17.

2007 at a Glance

January 28, 2007 – Cha Cha 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 30

March 31 – Showcase of Dancers, 8 - 11 PM,
South Fork Community Center Ballroom, WS

August 11 – Charity Ball

November 10 – Black Tie Dinner and Dance,
Millennium Center, Winston-Salem

Footnotes:

David and Leslie Lundquist sponsored North Davidson students who attended our December Dance at Skateland.

Video/DVD Lending Procedure

Piedmont NC USA Dance has an outstanding lending library for members to enjoy. Our videos and DVDs cover all the major ballroom dances at all levels of dance from novice through gold level.

They cover both American and International style dances, and the Instructors are National and International Champions. They are free to Piedmont NC USA Dance members

All you need to do is see Tim Moore (above) at a Ballroom Sunday dance and he will show you how to check out and check back in the video (or up to 2 per month) of your choice.



Needed: Your Help and Input

Your Board of Directors have met and set a number of goals to insure that Piedmont NC USA Dance does, in fact, promote ballroom dancing in 2007. To promote ballroom dancing in our area we need to help the current members achieve their dancing goals (or dreams) as well as increase our community presence.

Among the goals set by the Board is an average attendance at our Ballroom Sundays of 55 new and experienced dancers.



Board members at work (l to r): Linda Rankin, David Lundquist, Brenda Davis, Dick Heck, Hubert Barney, and behind camera Marcia Barney.

Your help is need to achieve this – invite

someone to come to the dance with you. We would also like to add a net of 26 new members in 2007. Bring a friend to a dance! If they join, they are eligible for a free 6-week Introductory Class.

We plan to use our new posters to make more dancers and potential dancers in our community aware of USA Dance. Leslie Lundquist will have a supply of the posters at the January 28 dance. Please get one – or several from her and let her know where you plan to post them.



Board relaxing: (l to r) front, Linda Rankin, Leslie Lundquist, Marcia Barney, May Neal, Second row: David Lundquist, Rita Crews, Helen Heck, Dick Heck, Donna McDonald, Donna Han, Hewon Han; back: Dianna Saddler, Hubert Barney, Don Rankin.

We will have a workshop each quarter of the year. We (your president, your editor, and Program Chair Brenda Davis) need your input about what dances you would like covered and when you would prefer we hold the workshops. Tell Program Chair Brenda Davis what dances

you would like for our Ballroom Sunday lessons.

We will have several evening formal and semi-formal events this year: Our Showcase on March 31, the Charity Ball benefitting ALS on August 9, and our Black Tie Dinner Dance on November 10. Volunteer to help with one or more of these.

We will increase our Music and our Video/DVD library during 2007. Let Hubert Barney know if you have special music requests and Tim Moore has a keen ear for your interests in videos/DVDs.

We will provide more information about competitions and places to dance in 2007.

Your help and participation is needed to insure that we do accomplish our mission of promoting ballroom dancing in the coming year!

Competition Calendar:

Triangle Open, Raleigh – February 2, 3. At Talley Ballroom on NCSU Campus. Further info: <http://dancingwithwolves.com/triangle/>. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Marie Crowder at 623-4941.

Smoky Mountain Dancesport Championship – Feb. 9 & 10, Downtown Marriott, Knoxville, Tenn. Info: registrar@usabdaknoxville.us.

The Heritage Classic – Feb. 27 to March 3, Grove Park Inn, Asheville. More information: www.theheritageclassic.com

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Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mt. Empire USA Dance – Saturday, January 20, 7:30 – 8:30 Rumba Lesson, 8:30 – 11 Dance, Rural Retreat Community Center, 112 Catron St., Rural Retreat, Virginia, \$5 member admission. (276) 783-5402 or (276) 783-5349.

Winston-Salem Dance Forum – Saturday, January 20, South Fork Community Center, Country Club Road, Ballroom dancing 8 – 11 PM; \$5 admission. 712-8183.

Dancing With the Stars will be at the Greensboro Colliseum on Saturday, January 27. Ticket information is available at Tickets.com/“Slim Fast Presents Dancing With the Stars The Tour”.



Carolina Heartland dances are on the second Sunday of each month at the Grange in Greensboro. Lesson at 4:30, dancing until 7.

Ohio Star Ball on TV – PBS at 8 PM on Wednesdays beginning January 24 through February 21. Check local listings for details.

Dance Tips: Your Editor is considering adding a column of “Dance Tips” to the newsletter. What topics (leading, following, turns, for example) would you like covered?

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. Need a great Webmaster? Call John at 723-2153.
- Ø To Tom and Linda Siaton for hosting our December Christmas Dance.

- Ø Thanks to Richard Boyd who designed our new eye-catching poster. Richard works for the WS Journal, but does artwork on the side. He can be reached at 577-9692.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing, inspiration...
- Ø To Henry James, Tim Moore, and the anonymous dancer who provided music feedback on December 17.
- Ø To Linda and Tom Siaton, Dick and Helen Heck, John Dorosk, Jo Ellen Carson and Todd Smith, Rita Crews, Wes and Lynette Smitherman, Donna and Hewon Han, Al and Ivete Narizzano, and the Barneys for treats at our December Christmas Dance.
- Ø To all members (*such as Lynette Smitherman and Bill Roberts shown on the left*) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our December Ballroom Sunday!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add two more outstanding Dance Vision videos to our extensive library on January 28: *International Style Advanced I Samba* with Ron Montez and *American Style Cha Cha Exhibition Choreography Vol I* by Robert Powers and Julia Gorchakova.

Question of the month: There has been some interest in having a Peabody Workshop on a Saturday Morning. If you are already proficient in Quick Step, have a dance partner likewise experienced, and would like to participate, please contact your editor.

Start the New Year off right - Invite at least one friend, relative, buddy, or acquaintance to our January 28 Ballroom Sunday!

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