



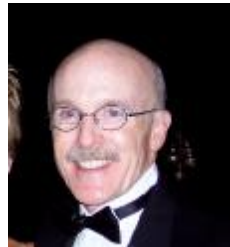
Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

*Fellow Dancers,
One of the great things about dancing is that whether it's cold outside (as it is now) or hot and humid in the summer, we can be comfortable inside doing what we love. So, check out some of our wonderful dance videos, learn some new moves, then come out and show your friends your new steps.*



Our Charity Ball date has been changed to a more convenient date of September 8. This event will raise money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). It will be held at South Fork Community Center.

Our Showcase is the next big "off site" event and is scheduled for March 31, also at South Fork Community Center. Get your routines ready and call Dianne Saddler at 788-0548 for a registration form. Remember, this is a great time to bring those not-yet-dancing friends to see what you do and how much fun we have doing it.

Thanks to all who are helping to promote our Ballroom Sundays by putting up posters!

I look forward to seeing you on February 25 at 5:30 at Skateland!

David Lundquist

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New Directory

Our 2007 Directory of Piedmont NC USA Dance members will be available at the February 25 dance. Members of our Chapter may pick up their free copy at the dance.

The Directory is exceptionally handy to remind you of birthdays (month and day only) of dance friends, as well as for contacting friends and officers for information.

The Directory will also list your Board of Directors, including the Chair of each standing and special committee.

If your information has changed in the last year, please contact your newsletter editor by February 18. If you know of friends who plan to join, encourage them to send in their applications prior to that date also so we can include them in the directory.

Cost prohibits us from printing photos in the Directory, but reviewing the Directory is a great way to get familiar with the names of fellow dancers. Check your newsletter to find photos to go with the names of new members and those who attend our dances regularly.

Ballroom Sunday

February 25, 2007

5:30 - 6:00 PM Rumba Lesson
With Zach Lawrence of *All the Right Moves*
Lesson Sponsored by John Dorosk

6:00 – 8:00 PM Dance

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

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.



absence of many months. **Jeannette Brewer and Cecil Johnson** (left) came for a second, of hopefully many, visits! Jeannette even contributed to our refreshment table!

Welcome New Members

Mike and Kathy Lewis (right), friends of the Lundquists, the Saddlers, the Rankins, and the Barneys, joined us on January 28.



Joseph Robertson (below with Emily),

President of the North Davidson High School



"Strictly Ballroom" dance club is now a USA Dance member.

Emily Sink (left with Joe), also an officer of the "Strictly Ballroom" club joined us on January 28.

Carole Cooper, a new dancer, attended our January Dance as a guest of the Barneys. **Connie and Scott Marshall** (right), also new dancers, were guests of the Barneys at our January 28 dance.



2007 at a Glance

February 25, 2007 – Rumba Lesson 5:30 – 6 PM, Dance 6-8

Other Ballroom Sundays in 2007: 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

September 8 – Charity Ball to benefit ALS, South Fork Community Center Ballroom, WS

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

Welcome Guests *Please come again!*



Katy Lewis, a member of the Wake Forest University *Sunday Night Fever Club*, visited to assist Zach with the lesson. We hope you'll come often, Katy!

Scott Maloun (below with Brenda Davis) visited on



January 28. We hope you'll return in February, Scott.

Elaine Wiles, a former USA Dance member, returned for



a visit in January. It was good to see **Margaret and Marvin Leatherman** (right), friends from Hickory, after an

Footnotes:

+ **Don and Linda Rankin** sponsored North Davidson students who attended our January Dance at Skateland.

+ Via a directed contribution, Piedmont NC USA Dance gave a \$50 scholarship to the Triangle Open Competition in Raleigh in honor of Wayne and Marie Crowder.

+ **Travis and Linda Jackson** (right) have contributed another "Gold Sponsor" to our Friends and Sponsors Program. They were already Sustaining Members.



Truisms:

- Dance is a form of action, capable of influencing change.
- Politeness is to other dancers what warmth is to wax.
- If wishing for better dance skills doesn't work, try a lesson and practice.
- Emotion is the currency of dance.
- Don't be afraid that the dance will end, be afraid that it will never begin.
- We can bankrupt our joy of dancing in the vain search for dance perfection.
- The greatest beauty of dance is the joy shown by the dancers.
- People think dance is an art, dance is an emotion.
- No dance step is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you mentally approach it.
- A dancer is like a piece of paper on which every dance and every instructor leaves a mark.
- Every partner looks better from behind a smile.

Directed Contributions

Piedmont NC USA Dance is constantly improving by offering members more benefits, expanding our membership base, and promoting improved dancing abilities. To do this, we use funds from membership fees, make events self supporting, and use member contributions for special projects. Directed contributions are used for whatever program the member chooses to sponsor. For example, John Dorosk is sponsoring the February pre-dance lesson. Our music library is totally funded by directed contributions. Don and Linda Rankin (*left above*) and BJ and Roy Foster (*right*) made directed contributions to the 2006 Band Fund so that ticket prices could be kept reasonable.



If you are interested in making a directed contribution, talk to President Dave, Treasurer Brenda Davis, or Parliamentarian Marcia Barney.

Floorcraft Tips

Floorcraft – from basic to advanced – can make dancing more enjoyable even on a wonderfully large floor such as at Skateland. The proper combination of steps danced well, can maneuver

you through most any dance floor while maintaining line of dance and improve the look and feel of the dance.

Let's start with the basic line of dance. This imaginary line runs counterclockwise around the dance floor. It consists of 2 lanes and a central area. The outside lane is for dancers who tend to move faster, a second lane just inside this one is for other continuously moving dancers, and the center is for stationary dancing by all dancers.

Even when everyone on the floor "honors" the line of dance rules, the leader still needs tricks in his arsenal to navigate around other dancers.

For Waltz and Foxtrot diagonal moves are very helpful in maneuvering.

These steps will take you from one lane to another when necessary to avoid traffic or they will take you to the center for those beautiful stationary moves, then back out into the lanes.



Left and right turns (*such as Dick and Helen Heck are about to make above*) are also very useful for avoiding traffic. They can effectively move you away from other dancers and forward. Hesitation steps are great for when you have no immediately available open lane for movement.

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Teaching the World to Dance

Competition Calendar:

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

Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mt. Empire USA Dance – Saturday, February 17, 7:30 – 8:30 Tango 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, February 17, South Fork Community Center, Country Club Road, Ballroom dancing 8 – 11 PM; \$5 admission. 712-8183.

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 HD TV – PBS at 8 PM on Wednesdays in February. Check local listings for details.



- Ø To Tim Moore for his taking such great care of our Video/DVD Library.
- Ø To Jane Crouse, Dick and Helen Heck, John Dorosk, Gene and Donna McDonald, Rita Crews, May Neal, Don & Linda Rankin, Al and Ivete Narizzano, Jeannette Brewer, and the Barneys for treats at our January Dance.
- Ø To all who took one or more USA Dance Ballroom Sunday Posters to post: Leslie Lundquist, David Lundquist, Mike Lewis, Kathy Lewis, Donna & Gene McDonald, Zach Lawrence, Brenda Davis, Helen Heck, Dianna Saddler, Jim Saddler, Debbie Moore, Rita Crews, Scott Maloun, Linda Rankin, and Marcia Barney. If you'd like to help publicize our dances, see Leslie Lundquist on February 25 and pick up a poster or two. Let her know where you plan to place them.
- Ø To all members (such as Jim and Dianna Saddler, shown above left) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our January 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 Rita Crews for hosting our January Ballroom Sunday Dance.
- Ø Thanks to Zach Lawrence of *All the Right Moves* dance studio for the refreshing Cha Cha lesson on January 28.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing, inspiration...

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add two more outstanding Dance Vision videos to our extensive library on February 25: *American Style Advanced II Samba* with Chris Morris and *Anyone Can Dance Samba and Merengue* with Ron Montez. We'll also add a Dance Vision DVD: *American Bronze Syllabus Samba* with Ron Montez.

Be sure to let your Editor know if you have a change of address, phone, or e-mail for our new Directory. Then...

Be sure attend the February 25 Ballroom Sunday to pick up your free copy of the New Directory!

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