



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow Dancers,

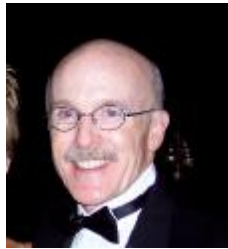
Now that spring is finally showing signs of having sprung, it's time to fire up and get ready to enjoy your dancing more than ever! A great way to do just that is by attending and helping us promote our Dance Showcase on March 31st at South Fork.

I encourage you to attend, and interest friends and associates in attending as well. Everyone is sure to have a great time. Consider getting an advance ticket for a friend or neighbor has done something nice for you. Tickets to the Showcase would also be nice rewards for employees who have showed extra initiative recently. You can get advance tickets from Chair Dianna Saddler (788-0548) or at our March 25 dance.

Thanks to all who have helped put up posters promoting our Ballroom Sundays and to everyone who is helping with our upcoming events such as the Showcase. We greatly appreciate it, and couldn't do it without you!

I look forward to seeing you on March 25 at 5:30 at Skateland and on March 31 at 8:00 PM at South Fork!

David Lundquist



Showcase Saturday, March 31

We'll be able to see real stars perform at South Fork Community Center on March 31. We'll also get a chance to enjoy an evening of dance. We'll dance from 8 until 9, and then have exhibition dances. After these exhibitions, we'll dance some more and enjoy some refreshments, have more exhibitions, then dance until 11. That's the plan for an evening designed to show those interested in ballroom dancing just how much fun our art hobby can be.

If you know someone who might be interested in dancing, maybe they have been watching *Dancing With the Stars* and have had their curiosity piqued, this is a great time to bring them to a real ballroom dance.

An evening of dance, show, and refreshments is only \$10 per person, so invite many and bring a few as guests.

Advance tickets will be available from Jim or Dianna Saddler (*above*) at the March 25 Ballroom Sunday.



Ballroom Sunday

March 25, 2007

5:30 - 6:00 PM - Mambo Lesson
With Alonzo Boschulte of FADS in Greensboro

6:00 - 8:00 PM Dance

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

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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

Elaine Wiles (right with Hubert Barney), a friend of the Barneys, joined us on February 25.

John and Becky Barger



(left), friends of the Saddlers, the Lundquists, and the Barneys joined us on February 25.

Zach Lawrence, owner of *All the Right Moves* Dance Studio joined us in

February. Zach is sponsored by one of his students, Brenda Davis.

Jimmy Satterwhite, owner and Chief Instructor at *Lite Fantastic Dance Studio* is now a USA Dance member. Jimmy is sponsored by the Barneys, the Fosters, the Lundquists, the Rankins, and the Saddlers.



Keith and Elizabeth Norris (left) are new dancers who decided to take the plunge on February 27. They are sponsored by the Barneys.

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 on February 25. We hope you'll come often, Katy!

Linda McMichael (right with Dick Heck), a former member of Piedmont NC USA Dance, attended our February 25 dance. It was great to see you again, Linda.



Carole Cooper, a new dancer, attended our February Dance as a guest of the Barneys.

Mitch and Elaine Garrison (right), also new dancers, were guests of the Barneys at our February 25 dance.



Peggy Snow (below left with Leon

Groseclose) attended our February 25 Dance as a guest of Bill Richardson. We hope you'll return, Peggy.



Patricia Willis and Scottie Michaelson, experienced dancers who are visiting the area, also attended our February Ballroom Sunday. Please come again!

It was great to see Mt. Empire USA Dance friends **Nellie Hicks and Leon Groseclose** (above left with Peggy Snow) again, too.

2007 at a Glance

March 25, 2007 – Mambo Lesson - 5:30 – 6 PM,
Dance 6-8 at Skateland in Clemmons
Other Ballroom Sundays in 2007: 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
November 25 – Holiday Premier Promenade
December 30 – Early New Years Dance

Footnotes:

- + Deepest sympathy to **Don and Linda Rankin** on the recent loss of her mother.
- + **Hubert and Marcia Barney** have contributed another \$260 to our Music Library. Expect some new CDs at our March and April dances.

Truisms:

- All dancers are gifted. Some just open their packages sooner than others.
- Silent gratitude isn't much motivation to a good partner.
- Heavy hearts, like heavy thighs, are best relieved by a little dancing.
- Having someone miss you when you miss a dance takes away a little bit of the hurt from having missed the dance.
- Good dancing is not easily placed into practice. First it must be practiced into place.
- The feel for a dance is even more important than the step.
- Even if we don't dance well, we would do well to dance.
- Dancing is a transition from what we were to what we want to be.
- No dance partner is worse than no dance partner.
- No amount of bravado – just a smile - can overcome the awkwardness of a late lead.
- Music kindles the flame of dance and lights a fire under our emotions.
- Dance will endure as long as we hear the music through our hearts rather than our brains.
- Indecision when dancing is a sin for him, but a requirement for her.
- To improve your dancing, put some soul into your soles
- If you take me to a dance I'll be happy today. If you teach me to dance, I'll be happy every day.
- Everyone is born to dance.

Where We Find Dance Shoes

Comfortable dance shoes can make a world of difference in our enjoyment of ballroom dancing.

For many of us comfortable, attractive dance shoes can make us feel even better as we move around the floor. In fact, a few would contend that the right shoes can actually enhance our dancing.

(Did beautiful and comfortable shoes contribute to the smiles on Ivete Narizzano and Bill Robert's faces at our February Ballroom Sunday?)

With this in mind, some ladies and a gentleman provided a list of their shoe sources:



- ◆ Dance Vision (see add below) must be listed first even though their supply is limited (they are getting out of the dance shoe business), but prices and shoes are great.
- ◆ Showtime Dance Shoes was next: www.Showtimedanceshoes.com
- ◆ Dance shoes of Atlanta has fans: www.danceshoesofatlanta.com
- ◆ www.tictactoes.com
- ◆ www.stardance.com
- ◆ www.danceshoesonline.com
- ◆ www.discountdance.com
- ◆ www.worldtonedance.com
- ◆ www.eleganceShoe.com
- ◆ www.dancesavvy.com
- ◆ www.onstagedancewear.com

You can also get those old favorites resoled or repaired: locally at Wyatt and Dad's shoe shop on Country Club road (you may have to provide the suede for the soles) or out-of-town by PamTomerlin (pamelaTomerlin@charter.net) or 770-649-0936). Thanks to Dianna Saddler, your editor, and friends Bob and Lynn Edwards for their input into this list. If you have other favorites, send them to your editor and we'll update the list.

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Special Invitations and Happenings:

Mt. Empire USA Dance –

Saturday, March 17, 7:30 – 8:30
West Coast Swing 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, March 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.

Dancing With The

Stars will start again on CBS on Monday, March
19 at 8 PM. Don't miss this fabulous program and
be sure to participate to encourage future dance
programs.

Check our fabulous web site: www.ballroom-dancing.org for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To John Dorosk for sponsoring our lesson on February 25.
- Ø To Zach Lawrence for the nice Rumba step at our February Ballroom Sunday.

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- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.
- Ø To Video/DVD Librarian Tim Moore (*left*) who is recovering nicely from knee surgery and plans to be back – better than ever – dancing very soon.
- Ø To Rita Crews for hosting our February Ballroom Sunday Dance.
- Ø Thanks to Zach Lawrence of *All the Right Moves* dance studio for the refreshing Rumba lesson on February 25.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for music, lights, camera, proofing, inspiration....
- Ø To Dick and Helen Heck, John Dorosk, David and Leslie Lundquist, Kate Reidenback, Ann Seats, and the Barneys for treats at our February Dance.
- Ø To all members (*such as Helen Heck and John Dorosk, left*) and guests who brought a spirit of camaraderie and fun to our February Ballroom Sunday!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add another outstanding Dance Vision video and DVD to our extensive library on March 25: *American Style Smooth Bronze Tango Technique and Styling* with David Hamilton and Olga Foraponova (DVD) and *Anyone Can Dance Mambo and Salsa* with Ron Montez (video).

Bring friends, associates, neighbors, family, acquaintances, and anyone else who is a potential dancer to our March 31 *Showcase of Dancers* at South Fork Community Center, 8 PM!

