



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

## Your Pres Says

*Fellow Dancers,*

*It's so hot outside that the only sensible thing to do is come inside and dance! Our Club is going to give you plenty of opportunities to do just that as summer blends into fall.*

*First is our Introductory Ballroom Dance Classes that begin on Monday, August 13. If you know someone who is even thinking about trying ballroom dancing, this is a fabulous opportunity to get started. Our monthly Ballroom Sunday on August 26 provides the next opportunity. "Take Me Out to the Ball" on September 8 at South Fork Community Center Ballroom offers the added bonus of dancing for another good cause in addition to the usual physical, mental, and emotional benefits.*

*Our Beginners Ball will be in September and President's Day will highlight October. On November 10 is the event of the year: our Black Tie Dinner Dance. Reservations are required for this one, so get yours in the mail.*

*Be sure to come and enjoy each of these events – and bring a friend to enjoy them with us!*

*Dave Lundquist*



## NBDW Introductory Lessons

Our National Ballroom Dance Week Introductory Dance Lessons begin on Monday, August 13. These lessons are designed to generate interest in ballroom dancing. If you know someone who is curious about ballroom dancing or has expressed the "one of these days" comment, now is THE day. Those who attend these classes will receive 6 weekly one and one-half hour sessions and a year's membership for the price of their USA Dance membership. Waltz, Foxtrot, Swing, Rumba, and Cha Cha will be covered on separate nights. Any person who has joined Piedmont NC USA Dance since our last class is also eligible to attend. Form enclosed. For further information, check our website or call your editor.

## Seeking Officer Nominees

We're looking for a few good dancers to serve as officers of Piedmont NC USA Dance in the coming year. Offices to be filled are VP/President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Directors-at-Large. If you are interested in serving or have questions, contact any of the Past Presidents: May Neal, Charles Goode, Tim Stinson, Marcia Barney, Ellis Pardue, Hubert Barney, Martha Plyler, or Will Parker.

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### Ballroom Sunday August 26, 2007

**Bolero Lesson**  
*A Special and Unique Treat!*  
5:30 – 6:00 PM

*General Dancing – 6:00 – 8:00 PM-THE floor*  
*Great Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney*

**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.

*Bring a guest to our August 26 Dance. If they join both of you win: They get a membership in a great organization as well as a free 6-week introductory class and you get free admission on September 23!*

## 2007 at a Glance

### Welcome New Members

**Brenda Garris** (right with John Dorosk) is our newest member. Welcome, Brenda!  
**Kathy and Tom Rucker**



(left), friends Kay and Charles Goode, are new USA Dance members.



### Welcome Guests

We were delighted to see friends from the Heartland Chapter at our July 22 dance. Among those were: Bill and Carol Bryant, Verita Harper, Andrew and Laurie Stroupe, Wes and Lynette Smitherman (above right). Carol and Bill Bryant brought a number of dancers from the new Mayberry Ballroom Dance group in Mt. Airy:

**Carolyn Bobbitt**, right with



**Alvin Scott, Mac Willis**, left with Verita Harper, **Ed Camin and Nancy Quin**. We were delighted to see you and hope you'll return next month!

And it was great to see **Tom and Linda Siaton**, who have been spending a lot of time attending graduations and receptions for grandchildren, back.

**Ken and Sheryl Warwick**, (rt.) participants in our recent YMCA Introductory Dance Class, attended our July 22 dance.



*Please come again!*



Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday –  
Except December on the fifth Sunday –  
5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons  
September 23, October 28, November 25,  
December 30

August 13 – Introductory Dance Classes for New Members begins (ends September 17)

August 28 – *Ballet for Ballroom* Workshop, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Kathy Marino Dance Studio, 2668

Lewisville/Clemmons Road, Clemmons  
September 8 – “Take Me Out to the Ball”

Charity Ball to benefit ALS,

South Fork Community Center, 8 – 11 PM

Sept. 14–23 – National Ballroom Dance Week

September 23 – Beginners Ball, Skateland

November 10 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance,

The Millennium Center, Winston-Salem

November 25 – Holiday Premier Promenade,  
Skateland, Clemmons 5:30 – 8 PM

December 30 – Early New Year's Party, Skateland

### Truisms

*-Neither armies nor dance couples can have 2 leaders.*

*-Too many people dance only before age 5 and after age 50.*

*-Pay attention to your partner for they are the first to discover your mistakes.*

*-Ladies who free their partner of a need to lead may be freeing him from a desire to dance.*

*-One who chatters while dancing annoys their partner with both.*

*-Great dancers inspire a whole group and lift up all who dance with them.*

*-Dance lessons are the rulers of the weak; they are the instruments of the wise.*

*-Through dancing we express a magic musical note within each of us.*

*-Dance is giving. Dance is receiving. In short, dance is being connected.*

*-When you run out of steps, lead the basic with confidence.*

*-Even a new dancer can spread the joy of dancing.*

*-Most people will like you if you ask them to dance.*

*-Leading requires special skills, but it does not require hierarchical position.*

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*Footnotes:*

Deepest sympathy to **Joe Robertson** on the death of his father. Joe is one of our High School dancing stars.

*Take Me Out to the Ball*

Our September 8 Charity Ball to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is going to be a ball! Not only are we going to dance the evening away, we'll be doing so to a baseball theme!

There is no admission to the Ball, but a minimum contribution of \$5 per person is requested. Here are the contribution levels:

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| \$5 for Spectator | \$10 At Bat    |
| \$25 Base Hit     | \$50 Double    |
| \$75 Triple       | \$100 Home Run |
| More than \$101   | Owner          |

If you've ever had an itch to own a team, here's your chance – and all the profits go to ALS!

Businesses are invited to participate and will be recognized at the event as well as with a Certificate of Contribution at the Owner level.

Dress for the evening is dance casual and you are invited to wear something reminiscent of baseball. Gene and Donna McDonald (*above*) are sure to be there to enjoy the evening.



**Ballet For Ballroom**

On Tuesday, August 28 from 7:30 until 8:30 PM Kathy Marino, one of our local ballet instructors who is also a ballroom dancer, will teach us Ballet for Ballroom. We'll learn to improve our posture, spotting, turns, pivots, balance, frame, developes, and arm styling



through incorporation of ballet moves and stretches.

Now that Tom and Linda Siaton (*left*) are back dancing, will they attend the workshop?

Cost for Piedmont NC USA Dance members is \$15, \$20 for all others. This workshop is for both male and female dancers. Make your reservations by calling 712-8183, by mailing your check for the appropriate amount to PO Box 534, Clemmons, NC 27012, or come to Kathy's Studio at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 28. The address for the studio is 2668 Lewisville/Clemmons Road, Clemmons.

**A Membership Challenge**

September 14 – 23 is National Ballroom Dance Week. In honor of this event, each member of Piedmont NC USA Dance is challenged to help fulfill the mission of our organization: To promote ballroom dancing in our communities. Invite someone to attend our Introductory Classes, to join USA Dance, to attend your dance classes, or just to go to a dance with you. With whom will Mike and Kathy Lewis (*above*) choose to share their love of dance?



## Special Invitations:

**Mtn. Empire USA-Dance** – Saturday, August 18, Rural Retreat Community Center, Rural Retreat, VA. Samba Workshop with Wayne and Marie Crowder from 2 – 5 PM (\$20 for USA Dance members, \$25 for non-members). Complimentary Grilled Hamburger Dinner after the Workshop. Viennese Waltz lesson by the Crowders at 7:30, Dance from 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402. Evening entry: \$7.50 USA Dance members, \$10 guests. Dressy casual.



**New Group: Mayberry Ballroom Dance** – Saturday, August 11 at Pro Health Fitness Center, 280 North Point Blvd., Mt. Airy, NC. Lesson 7:30 – 8:30, Dance 8:30 – 11 PM, admission \$7.50. Details: 336-374-2712 or 275-755-3072

**Winston-Salem Dance Forum** – Saturday, August 18 from 8 – 10:30 PM, South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem. Info: 712-8183. \$5, dressy casual.

**Carolina Heartlands USA Dance** - Second Sunday of each month. 5:30 – 8 PM, Skateland USA North in Greensboro.

Check our fabulous web site:

[www.ballroom-dancing.org](http://www.ballroom-dancing.org)

for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

### Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To Adina Harper (*right*) for the outstanding Rumba lesson on July 22.
- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.



- Ø To the Barneys for the fabulous music at our Ballroom Sundays.
- Ø To Tim Moore for taking such great care of our extensive and expanding Video/DVD Library.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for lights, camera, proofing, inspiration, partnership article advice and truism input.
- Ø To John Dorosk, Wes and Lynette Smitherman, Tom and Linda Siaton, Kathy and Mike Lewis, Ann Seats (even if she couldn't attend!), Carol and Bill Bryant (multiple treats!) Tim Moore, May Neal, and the Barneys for the treats at our May dance. Thanks to Rita Crews for keeping the pitchers filled and for bringing the paper products.
- Ø To all (*such as Brenda Davis and Jesse Anderson, left*) who bring music in their heart, a smile on their face, and a love of dance to our Ballroom Sundays – then spread it around at the dance!

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add another fabulous new Dance Vision Videos in our library on August 26: *International Style Beginning Cha Cha and Samba* by Ron Montez.

Make your reservations now for the November 10 Black Tie Dinner Dance and for the "Ballet For Ballroom" workshop on August 28.

Bring a smile, a friend and a snack to share to our **August 26 Ballroom Sunday Dance**.

Do something really nice for someone: Tell him or her about our Introductory Ballroom Dance Classes that start on Monday, August 13!

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