



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

## Your Pres Says

*Hello Dance Family,  
Can you believe that  
September 22 is the first  
day of autumn! We're just  
a month away from our  
gala Autumn Ball! Your  
Board has been very busy preparing for this  
biggest event of our year. I can't wait for you to  
see the dance floor and hear the fabulous new DJ!  
Get your reservations in today!*



*National Ballroom Dance week is this month.  
Go to an extra dance or two and take a few extra  
dance classes from one of our outstanding local  
instructors the week of September 19 through 28.  
For more information about places to dance and  
dance instructors visit our website. It's also a  
great excuse to encourage friends and family  
members to become dancers. Why not set a goal  
of getting at least one other person to try ballroom  
dancing on or before September 28. Remember  
that September 28 will be our Beginners Ball and  
will be especially welcoming to new dancers.*

*Our Beginners Ball is also a great time to polish  
our dancing skills before our big dinner dance.*

*See you at Skateland in Clemmons on September  
28. Be sure to bring some friends!*

*Your President, Linda Rankin*

## Autumn Ball

The major event of our dance year will occur on October 11: Our annual Black Tie Dinner Dance. It's our chance to dress to the nines then enjoy a great evening of food and fun with favorite friends. Your Board has, thanks to President Linda Rankin, discovered a wonderful new venue for the event. Just a few miles down US 52 South in Lexington is a here-to-for hidden place to dance with a marvelous wooden floor! The Lexington Municipal Club is located on a golf course with ambiance inside and out.

DJ Craig is a fabulous ballroom dance DJ who promises to keep us on the floor most of the evening and into the night.

Out of town guests, or those who simply don't want to drive home late, can stay at the nearby

Comfort Inn and Suites. Call 336-357-2333 before September 20 and tell them you are with USA Dance to get the special rate.

The *Autumn Ball* form is enclosed. Jimmy and Joanne Lawler (*left*) were the first to make their



reservations. Make yours right away!

**The final Celebration of  
Ballroom Dance Week 2008  
Beginners Ball  
Sunday, September 28, 2008**

**5:30 – 6:00 PM – Waltz Lesson  
Zach Lawrence, All the Right Moves  
Waltz Practice 6:00-6:10 PM**

*General Dancing – 6:10 – 8:00 PM-THE floor  
Great Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney*

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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!**

**Greg and Ann Saddler** (rt.), son and daughter-in-law of Jim and Dianna, joined us in August! We are delighted to have 2 more Saddlers in our Chapter!



**Phyllis Sullivan** (left) attended our August 27 Dance with her dancing out-of-town sister and decided to join us.



**Roslea Saleeby** (right), a



graduate of an Introductory Class has joined us.

**Erin Sullivan** (left), daughter of Phyllis made it our first mother/daughter membership when she joined after attending an Introductory



Class with her mother.

**Welcome Guests:**

It was great to see friends (such as Wes and Lynette Smitherman, right) from Carolina Heartland USA Dance at our August Ballroom Sunday.

**Gloria Young** was the out-of-town dancing sister who brought Phyllis to our dance on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Good to see you, Gloria.



Bring a guest to our Beginners Ball on September 28. 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 to our October 26 Ballroom Sunday!

**The rest of 2008 at a Glance**

September 28 – **Beginners Ball** – Waltz by Zach Lawrence at 5:30 PM dancing from 6 until 8 – Skateland  
Tea Dance and Lesson – Every fourth Sunday – Except November 30 on the fifth Sunday – 5:30 – 8:00 PM Skateland, Clemmons: Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec 28  
**October 11 – Black Tie Dinner Dance**  
November 30 – Holiday Premier Promenade  
December 28 – Early New Year's Dance

**Truisms**

- It is easier to dance the night away than to prepare to dance the night away.
- A partner on the floor is worth two in their seats.
- No dancer is a whole unto himself. His partner is the rest of him
- Your dancing is good when it make you happy.
- Perhaps the world little notes or long remembers little acts of kindness – but partners do.
- Once the dance is over, the champion and the novice go out the same door.
- Dancing is part of me. The only way I'll stop is if it is removed surgically.
- Dancing, like breathing, is a necessity of life.
- The only thing better than dancing is more dancing.
- Criticizing your partner does nothing to improve your dancing.
- The possibilities in the music are even better than the best dancers.
- Dance as if you know what you are doing.
- Dancing expresses emotions that cannot be stated.
- A painter starts with a blank canvas. A dancer starts with a song.
- A confident dancer creates light. A conceited dancer dances in their own shadow.
- Good dancing is a dream from which you need not awaken, but can continue to soar.
- The real index of a good partner is one who is more considerate than he/she need be.

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**Ways to Celebrate  
National Ballroom Dance Week**

Once per year we celebrate National Ballroom Dance week. This year it will be the week of September 19 through 28. Here's a list of 10 ways to celebrate a week devoted to our art:

- 1- Go to a dance you haven't yet attended – locally or in another city.
- 2- Watch "Dancing With the Stars".
- 3- Invite a non-dancing friend to watch "Dancing With the Stars:" with you. Invite them to watch a later session to see just how much the dancers have improved in the ensuing weeks of practice.
- 4- Send a note to a dance friend you haven't seen in a while and invite them to our Beginner's Ball or Autumn Ball – or both.
- 5- Take an extra dance class or if you aren't taking regular classes, take one this week.
- 6- Pick one aspect of your dancing that you know needs work and devise a plan for improving it.

7- Practice dancing alone at least 3 hours this week – in whatever time increments is convenient for you.

8- If you have a regular partner write them a note, give them flowers or a small gift, or in some other way express your appreciation of them.

9- Make your reservation for the *Autumn Ball*.



*(How will Randy and Sherry Peters, above, celebrate NBDW?)*

10- Come to Skateland in Clemmons at 5:30 on Sunday, September 28. Bring at least one new dancer or non-dancer friend with you.

**Leaders Wanted**

It's time for nominations for Officers of Piedmont NC USA Dance for 2009. Being an officer in our Chapter has little to do with how well you dance or how long you have been dancing. It is about your enthusiasm for dancing and how much you believe that ballroom dancing should be promoted.

Positions that are open are:

Vice President/President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Directors-at-Large

Our current officers (and reference sources if you'd like specifics about duties) are:

VP/Pres.-elect – Rita Crews; Secretary – Donna McDonald; Treasurer – Dick Heck; Directors-at-Large – Tom Rucker, Dianna Saddler, Helen Heck.

If you know someone who would be a great leader for our Chapter or if you would like to take a more active roll, contact a member of the Nominating Committee, the Past Presidents of our Chapter, and let them know: Dave Lundquist (Chair), May Neal, Charlie Goode, Tim Stinson, Marcia Barney, Ellis Pardue, Hubert Barney, Martha Plyler or Will Pardue!

**Video Library**

Our Video/DVD Library now contains 83 volumes (86 on 9/28). A complete list of these will be available at our September 28 Beginner's Ball. Check out a couple and dance, dance, dance.

## Special Invitations:

**Mtn. Empire USA Dance** – Saturday, September 20, Rural Retreat Community Center. Lesson @ 7:30, Dance 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402. \$7.50 USA Dance members, \$10 guests.

**Winston-Salem Dance Forum** – Saturday, September 20, from 8 – 10:30 PM, South Fork Community Center, Winston-Salem. Info: 712-8183. \$5, dressy casual attire.

**Winston-Salem Dance Club** – First Saturday night of each month. South Fork Community Center. 8 – 10:30 PM. \$5, Dressy casual.

**Carolina Heartlands USA Dance** - Second Sunday of each month. 5:30 – 8 PM, Skateland USA (check to see which one) in Greensboro. Also second Saturday night in Mount Airy. Call 336-374-2712 or 276-755-3072 for details and to confirm dates.



- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.
- Ø To the fabulous Video Librarian Tim Moore for taking such good care of our extensive video/DVD library.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for camera, proofing, inspiration, and truism input.
- Ø To John Dorosk, Tom and Kathy Rucker, Tom and Linda Siaton, Tim Moore, Hilda Forrest, Randy and Sherryl Peters, and the Barneys for the treats at our August Ballroom Sunday. Thanks to Marcia for bringing the paper products and to Hubert for helping with the water pitchers.
- Ø To all who bring a wonderful attitude (*such as Gene and Donna McDonald shown at left*) and a love of dance to our Ballroom Sundays!

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

On September 28 we'll have 3 new additions to our Video/DVD library: We'll add 2 more fabulous Dance Vision DVDs: *American Style Tango Technique and Styling* by David Hamilton & Olga Foraponova, and *Bronze Merengue Variations* by Donald Johnson & Kasia Kozak. The video will be Dance Vision's *International Style Popular Variation Paso Doble* with Corky and Shirley Ballas.

Remember to celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week by dancing more and telling more people about ballroom dancing!

Bring a smile, a friend(s) and a snack to share to our **September 28 Beginners Ball**.

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 Tony Econ (*rt. with Ray and Jean Brewer*) for a wonderful Rumba lesson on August 24.



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