



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

## Your Pres Says

*Hello, Dance Family,*

*We celebrated the arrival of fall in grand style at our Autumn Ball on October 11! It was wonderful dancing to the superb music of DJ Craig on a fabulous floor among a capacity crowd of beautiful friends and festive decorations! Even the food was delicious!*

*Your Board and Black Tie Committee were profusely thanked for all the work on this project to which several asked "work? – we just had a great deal of fun!" It is a real pleasure to "work" with such great people who do so much with such seemingly little effort and tremendous good cheer. We are indeed blessed to have so many of these dancers in our Chapter!*

*The rest of our year is filled with special events at our Ballroom Sundays: Presidents' Dance, Holiday Premier Promenade, and Early New Year's Dance. Be sure to come and polish your skills in a more festive atmosphere! Perhaps the new "Dancing With the Stars" has caused a friend to get "bitten by the dance bug." If so, bring them with you!*

*I look forward to seeing you and a friend at Skateland on October 26!*

*Your President, Linda Rankin*



## Officer Nominations

Your nominating committee, the past Presidents of Piedmont NC USA Dance, are proud to nominate the following members as officer of our Chapter for 2009:

For Vice-President/President-elect:

Tom Rucker

For Secretary: Dianna Saddler

For Treasurer: Dick Heck

For Directors at Large (we elect three):

Randy Peters (*below with wife Sherryl*)

Donna McDonald

Linda Jackson

Vice-President/President-elect Rita Crews will advance to President in 2009.

If you would like to nominate additional members, contact Dave Lundquist, Hubert Barney, Marcia Barney, or May Neal for details.



Elections will be held at our Holiday Premier Promenade on November 30. Officer installation will be at our early New Year's Dance on December 28.

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### **Ballroom Sunday Presidents' Dance Sunday, October 26, 2008**

**5:30 – 6:00 PM – Cha Cha Lesson**  
Zenaida Ortiz  
Practice 6:00-6:10 PM

*General Dancing – 6:10 – 8:00 PM-THE floor*  
*Great NEW 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.

**Welcome New Member:**

**Judy Stanley** (right), a new dancer who attended our September Ballroom Sunday and the Autumn Ball on October 11.



**Welcome Guests:**

*Please come again!*

We were delighted to see friends from the Carolina

Heartland Chapter in September!

**Scott Meloun** (right with **Brenda Davis**), a student at *Zax Dance Studio* visited again on September 28 after a lengthy absence. We hope you'll return again soon, Scott.



**Jennifer Sapp**, also a student at *Zax Dance Studio*, visited on September 28 and came to our



Autumn Ball with husband Wayne (left with Jennifer.)

**Sophia Thompson** (see page 4 for photo, another student at *Zax Dance Studio*, also attended both the September 28 Ballroom Sunday and the Autumn Ball.

**Jen Greenholt and Thomas Chappell** (right) danced with us on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Jeanette Yarborough** (left) visited for the first time on September 28.



**Gary, Elizabeth, and Lisa Cranston** dancers from Lexington also visited for

the first time in September.

**Gloria Young**, a favorite "dancing sister" visited again on September 28.

*Bring a guest to our October 26 Dance. If they join, both of you win: They get a membership in a great organization and you get free admission to our November Holiday Premier Promenade!*

**The rest of 2008 and 2009 at a Glance**

October 26 - Presidents' Dance, Skateland  
 5:30 – 6 Cha Cha Lesson, Dance until 8 PM  
 November 30 – Holiday Premier Promenade  
 December 28 – Early New Year's Dance  
**2009** Dances: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 27.

*Footnotes:*

-Thanks to **Martha Plyler and Jerry Evans** for becoming double Gold Sponsors (this is their second one) in our Friends and Sponsors Program. After dealing with some health issues, Martha and Jerry expect to be back dancing with us soon.



-Thanks to **Kate Reidenbach** (right) for becoming a Friend in our Friends and Sponsors Program.

-Thanks to **Tom and Linda Siaton** for becoming Friends in our Friends and Sponsors Program.

**National Elections**

While we don't expect the same kind of campaigning for National Office in USA Dance as in the National Legislative and Executive branches, we dancers do have elections, too. Ballots are due by October 30 for National Office. While only one office is contested, your vote is still important as a show of interest for all offices. Details and ballots are in your September/October "American Dancer" which every member should have received last month. (If you did not receive a magazine, call Mary at 800-447-9047.) Follow the directions in the magazine and get your ballot in before the end of the month.

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### Truisms

- Dancers are soldiers that liberate music from the steadfast possession of sound.
- Kindness is the lead which all partners can follow.
- Dance without emotion is a bird without wings.
- You can only dance your best when you feel the music.
- Lost opportunities to dance are never found again
- It is the emotion that is the real essence of dance, not steps or figures.
- One should count each dance as a separate life.
- All great dances require time.
- When discussing modifications, emphasize the error, not the partner committing it.
- We dance well only when we enjoy it.
- Each of my dance partners becomes a part of my dancing.
- We can let the music rule us or we can take charge and dance to the music within.
- To improve our ability to dance is to change. To dance well is to change often.

- The joy of dancing lies not in never failing, but in learning each time we fail.
- I have never seen a perfect dance, nor a completely imperfect one.
- Dance is the ability of two people to move together toward a common beauty.
- Dance and music are necessities, not luxuries.
- To dance is not a matter of chance, but a matter of choice.
- There are people of spirit and there are people of passion. Those who have both are dancers.
- All great dancing comes from daring to begin.
- Dancing at its best is one soul in 2 bodies.

### Editorial

#### A Special Thank You

In our quest for perfection, or just for learning how to dance better, we too frequently forget the value of two little words: Thank You. In this case, an expression of appreciation to our Piedmont NC USA Dance officers and Board members. As leaders of our Chapter they are expected to make our events run seamlessly and with every dance a wonderful experience. This requires that a number of people do far more than just show up.

The other day I asked someone what they thought about a particular aspect of a dance. Their reply was "it was great." After asking what others around them said about it, "they must have really liked it, too, because no one had a complaint." How frequently we live by the "if there had been anything wrong I would have told you" motto.

Let's remember that the most important rule of dancing – or life – is the same for officers as for partners: express your appreciation often and your complaints seldom. While they seem to enjoy making our events special, a little encouragement can go a long way! Remember, too, that they are an inclusive, not an exclusive, group and welcome your involvement in whatever capacity you choose.

Thank you, Linda, Rita, Donna, Dick, Dave, Hubert, Helen, Don, Tom (*above with Kathy*), and Dianna. (If you don't know their last names, talk to them until you do!) Your Editor just tags along for the pure fun of it.



## Special Invitations:

**Mtn. Empire USA Dance** – Sat, October 18, Rural Retreat Community Center. Lesson @ 7:30, Dance 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402. \$7.50 members, \$10 guests.

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

**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. 4:00 – 7:30 PM, Skateland USA West in Greensboro. Also second Saturday night (Nov. 8, December 13) in Mount Airy for the Mayberry Ballroom Dance at the pro Health Fitness Center in Mt. Airy. Time 7:30 for lesson, dance until 10:30. Call 336-374-2712 or 276-755-3072 for details and to confirm dates.

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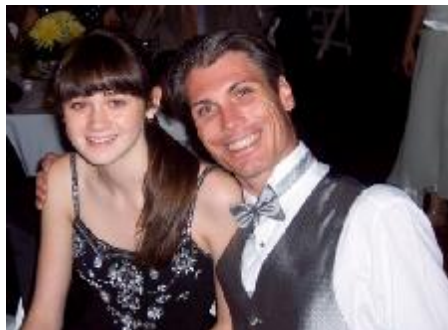
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for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

## Notes of Appreciation:

Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance.

Ø To Zach Lawrence, assisted by Noelia Haller, of *Zax Dance Studio* (above with student *Sophia Thompson*) for teaching us to execute a beautiful Waltz step on Sept. 28. It was also great to see Zach at our Black Tie!



- Ø To the fabulous Video Librarian Tim Moore for taking such good care of our extensive video/DVD library. A list of available titles is available from Tim or your editor.
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for assistance with camera, proofing, inspiration, and truism input.
- Ø To Don and Linda Rankin, Tom and Kathy Rucker, Carol and Bill Bryant, Loretta Brier and Corbett Jones, Andrew and Laurie Stroupe, Randy and Sherryl Peters, and the Barneys for the treats at our September Ballroom Sunday. Thanks to Hubert Barney for taking care of the water pitchers and to Randy and Sherryl Peters for bringing the paper products.
- Ø To the fabulous *Autumn Ball* committee led by Chair Linda Rankin, the Barneys, Rita Crews, Gene and Donna McDonald, Dianna and Jim Saddler, Hilda Forrest, Don Rankin. Mary Hooks pitched in at key times, also.
- Ø Special Thanks to Tom and Kathy Rucker for the donation of the table arrangements at the *Autumn Ball*. The beautiful arrangements were created by Kathy who is a professional florist.
- Ø To all who bring a wonderful attitude and a love of dance to our Ballroom Sundays!

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add 2 more fabulous Dance Vision video and DVD to our library on October 26: Video - *International Style Advanced II Samba* by Ron Montez and DVD - *American Bronze Cha Cha Variations* by Donald Johnson and Kasia Kozak. .

Bring a smile, a friend(s) and a snack to share to our **October 26 Presidents' Dance**.

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