



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Pres Says

Fellow dancer,

I hope you had a great holiday season. I feel honored to be elected President of our Chapter and will do all I can to meet your expectations.

As a high school math teacher and three sports coach, dance was not an active passion – until we started taking lessons in 2005 and were hooked. Since we had very few opportunities to dance in Wilkes County we searched for dance venues. One Sunday afternoon Cindy and I ventured from northern Wilkes County to try a dance opportunity at the Clemmons Y. Never, in my wildest imagination did I envision becoming this involved with Piedmont NC USA Dance. Yet here we are and so thrilled to be here!

We were greeted with an atmosphere of welcome and had a great time. The members and guests were extremely friendly so we felt right at home. We have met so many people that have enriched our lives by simply knowing them. The members should feel proud, since the chapter is a reflection of each of you.

Your 2012 Board is working hard to see that our dances are fun with opportunities to learn and practice and to DANCE, DANCE, DANCE.

I hope everyone will have an absolutely great time remaining or becoming a Piedmont NC USA Dance member in 2012. Remember, you add something special to Ballroom Sunday only you can bring!

Feel free to contact me anytime at 336-984-8815 or caudlerc@charter.net. See you on the 22nd!

Roger Caudle, President.



New for 2012

At the beginning of each year your Board establishes ways to make the new one better than the preceding ones.

We're starting with a new Instructor in January. Robert Simpson is certainly no novice Instructor, he is just new to Piedmont NC USA Dance.

Our Board has set some meaningful goals for expanding our Workshops (**first one on February 25**) and our Youth Ballroom Dance Program. We also plan to increase the number of our public dance demonstrations.

The purpose of our Chapter is to promote ballroom dancing. That means not only increasing the number of dancers, but insuring that our members improve their abilities and subsequently their pleasure.

In November many completed a survey. Thank you! However, a survey is not the only way to express your opinions. Please tell your Board members what you want and how you'd like to help make our Chapter stronger. A Board contact sheet will be available at the January Ballroom Sunday on January 22. Be sure to pick up yours.

January Ballroom Sunday

The 4th Sunday of 5 This Month

**The Ice Breaker
Sunday, January 22, 2012**

**4:00 – 4:30 PM – Fox Trot Lesson
By Robert Simpson**

*General Dancing – 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney*

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Directions to Jerry Long Family YMCA in Clemmons: From I-40 on the west side of Winston-Salem take the Clemmons exit. Go north away from downtown Clemmons. Turn left onto Peacehaven Road at the first traffic light not associated with I-40. Go less than ½ mile and the YMCA is on your left. Go in the main entrance to a great dance. YMCA: 1150 S. Peacehaven Road, Clemmons 27012

*Bring a guest to our Ice Breaker on January 22!
Dancing is even more enjoyable when you share the fun with friends!*

2012 at a Glance

Welcome New Member:

Mary Matthews (*right*), a friend of Susan Yuson, is our newest member. We look forward to seeing you again on January 22!



Welcome Guests:

Please come again!



Karen Giannini and John Jarvis (*left*) friends of the Barneys, visited on November 27. We hope you will return.

Art Duncan, (*far right with Helen Heck*) also a friend of the Barneys visited on November 27. We hope you'll return in January, Art!



Pam Orbison (*left*) a teacher from Salisbury also visited on November 27. We look forward to seeing you again in January!

Rodger Haberfield (*right*) also visited on November 27. Come back in January, Rodger. Friends from Carolina Heartland are always welcome, too!



- January 22 – Foxtrot lesson with Robert Simpson at 4 PM, dance until 6:30 PM
- Feb. 25 – “Make it Beautiful” for the Ladies And “The Art of Leading” for the Guys.
- February 26 – Snowball Dance, Rumba lesson with Teresa Shadoin at 4 PM, dance until 6:30 PM
- March 25 – Spring Fling: West Coast Swing Lesson with James Williams at 4 PM, dance until 6:30
- April 22 – Dogwood Ball
- May 27 – Veterans Dance
- June 24 – Tiki Party
- July 22 – 50’s Party
- August 26 – Puttin’ on the Ritz
- September 15, 2012 – Black Tie Dinner Dance, Municipal Club, Lexington
- September 23 – Beginners Ball
- October 28 – President’s Halloween Dance
- November 25 – Holiday Premier Promenade
- December 30, 2012 – Early New Year’s Dance

Footnotes:

Thanks to **Doug Learn** for their contribution to our Youth Fund.
Thank you to **Hubert and Marcia Barney** for sponsoring our Member Appreciation Dance on December 28!

That’s the Spirit!

The winners of our November “Holiday bell” mixer were Helen Heck and Art Duncan.



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Truisms

- *Good partners recognize their faults and their partner's virtues.*
- *An open mind is a necessary tool for great dancing.*
- *The most important quality in dance is enthusiasm.*
- *It is better to dance and be considered a dullard than to sit and remove all doubt.*
- *The chief merit of music is a background for dance.*
- *Better a spin round the floor than a spin in the park.*
- *No lead can be so clearly and carefully made that it cannot be misinterpreted.*
- *When you dance start happy and it will only get better from there.*
- *Practice may not always be its own reward, but if you dance for a long time it usually pays huge dividends.*
- *Try dancing through the various challenges that confront you.*

- *Good technique is at the bottom of everything.*
- *Let us prefer to be dancers.*
- *Dance comes within the soles of men when they realize their oneness with music.*
- *In the eyes of a great partner missteps are originality.*
- *Different dances have different rise and fall and different pitfalls.*
- *He who dances believes the impossible.*
- *True ability to dance is not attained by thinking, but by dancing.*
- *There is a kind of magic about always being steady, reliable, and improving.*
- *The day you stop dancing is the day you start decaying.*
- *The difficult becomes easy when explained simply.*

Who are We

Geographically the Piedmont NC Chapter of USA Dance covers Northwest North Carolina from Kernersville to Hickory and south to Lexington and Salisbury as well as north to Boone. Our members come from an even broader range as there is some overlap in membership with the Carolina Heartland Chapter in Greensboro and the Carolina Foothills Chapter in Hickory.

A look at the home addresses of our Board Members provided an interesting insight into the vast territory covered by our chapter.

President Roger Caudle and Director-at-Large Cindy are from Hays, NC. That's near North Wilkesboro. Our Vice President Tom Rucker, Secretary Randy Peters, Directors-at-Large Dianna Saddler and John Buczek are from different sections of Winston-Salem. Treasurer Karen Sykes and Director-at-Large Chinera

Latham are from Mocksville.

Advocate Director Marcia Barney is from Clemmons.

Some other places represented are Jamestown,

Pfafftown, Lexington, Kernersville, Greensboro, Hickory, Bermuda Run, King, Advance, Rural Hall, Millers Creek (Max and Carolyn Bumgarner, left, are two of our Millers Creek members), Salisbury, North Wilkesboro, Warrensville, Lewisville, and Yadkinville.

Let's invite our neighbors to become Piedmont NC USA Dance dancers!



Special Invitations:

Mtn. Empire USA

Dance – Third Saturday of each month usually at Rural Retreat Community Center Lesson @ 7:30, Dance 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402. \$7.50 members, \$10 guests.



Line Duffield, Liz Gilkey, Dick and Helen Heck, Mike and Kathy Lewis, Gene and Donna McDonald, Susan Yuson, and the Barneys.

Ø To many members and guests who provided the helpful feedback through our November survey!

Ø To all (*such as Jack Mitchell and Maureen Drew, above left*) who bring a great attitude and a love of dance to our Ballroom Sundays and other events – you help make dancing so enjoyable.

Carolina Heartlands USA Dance - Second Sunday. 5:00 – 7:30 PM, directions: check www.CarolinaHeartland.org. Also second Saturday night in Pilot Mountain 7:00 until 10:30. Confirm at:336-374-2712 or 336-341-6111. \$7 members, \$10 for guests.

Foothills USA Dance 4th Saturday night at Hickory Christian Academy, 7:30 – 10:30 PM. \$5 members, \$8 guests. www.carolinafoothills.org for directions.

Check our fabulous web site:

www.ballroom-dancing.org

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

Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To James Williams for the fun Swing step on November 27.
- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance!
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for assistance with proofing, for inspiration, and for truism input.
- Ø To all who helped with the room setup, take down, greeting and refreshments at our November Ballroom Sunday: Roger and Cindy Caudle, Randy and Sherryl Peters, Rita Crews, Dick and Helen Heck, John and Dariel Buczek, Maureen Drew and Jack Mitchell,

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add another outstanding Dance Vision video – *American Style Open Choreography Waltz* with David Hamilton and Olga Foraponova - and an outstanding new DVD – *Bronze American Syllabus Rumba* with Donald Johnson and Kasia Kozak - to our library on January 22.

Use the enclosed form to make your reservations for the February 25 Workshop today!

Bring a smile, a friend(s) and a snack to share to our
January 22

Ice Breaker Dance

See you at the
Jerry Long Family YMCA
on the 23th – 4:00 PM

Dressy casual attire.

Remember: It's the 4th Sunday of 5!

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