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The President's Column

I realized as I contemplated this article that it is the 18th column I have written for our newsletter. It continues to be a reflective process to have the opportunity to reach out into the dance community each month. I have realized over the months just how much the ballroom dance community means to all of us who share the love of dance.

Many of you have reached out to me with kind words of affirmation and appreciation for the time I have served as president. And in turn, I have to express appreciation for a collaborative board and a family-like atmosphere among the membership. One thing I want to do is to give back to the dance community for all the joy and friendship I have received. So, this month I leave you with a little poem I wrote when thinking of all of you and the time we spend together on the dance floor.

The music starts and couples take the floor,

Stress leaves my brain; my heart begins to soar.

My soul lifts as the laughter fills the air,

I start to move with joy beyond compare.

The next best thing to dancing, pure and true,

Is that I get to share the dance with you.

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Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

Sunday, June 9— Monthly Dance, Guilford Grange. **3:30-4:15 pm:**

Mambo lesson taught by Adina Harper. **4:15-6:00 pm:** social dancing to music prepared by Rockie Troxler. Admission: \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students.

Sunday, Sept. 15— 14th Annual Showcase & Dance, Bur-Mil Club, **4:00-7:00 pm.** More information coming; but best to start working on your showcase number(s) soon! Volunteers of all sorts will be greatly appreciated; contact Melody at melodykearns1954@gmail.com for information.

May Carolina Heartland News

At the May 19 Monthly dance, those who came out in the summer-like weather were treated to a cool waltz lesson taught by Randy Garner, followed by fun social dancing to hot music programmed by Rockie Troxler.

We thank those who came early to help hosts Mike Vuncannon, and Lynette Smitherman set up, including Wes Smitherman, Melody Kearns, and Charlie Hafer. And thanks to those who brought delicious snacks (including a variety of cut fruit), who were Lynette Smitherman, Mary Lou Troxler, Mary Beth Jordan, Donna Guinard, Liz Gilkey, Caroline Owen, Charlie Hafer, Becky Weaver and Ken Lommel.

And thanks to Tim Saunders for teaching a rather challenging Bolero workshop on May 11, and the 18 people who attended the workshop. Hopefully they learned a few patterns they can put to use often.

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Coming In Future Months!

July 14 Monthly Dance will start at 3:30 pm with American Foxtrot lesson by Allen Berryhill.

August 10 Workshop, 2-4 pm. Teacher and subject dance style to be determined.

Competitors' Corner

The first annual San Antonio Dance Sport Classic was held at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, TX on May 18 through 20. It was a National Qualifying Event with couples coming from all over the USA and a few foreign countries. Three couples from Carolina Heartland competed.

Gary and Patty Agans were very successful in their events. They competed in both Smooth and Rhythm Senior 2 and Senior 3 at the Silver level and won First place in all events.

Billy Dillon and Allison Bailey were also very successful in their events. They competed in Adult and Senior 1 Latin at the Novice and Pre-Champ levels and won first place in all events.

Mel and Victoria Paterline were very pleased with their results. They competed in both American Smooth and International Standard in the Senior 3 and Senior 4 age groups. They finished with one second place and several 3rd places including Bronze Medals in Senior 3 and Senior 4 Novice skill level.

Congratulations to our Chapter Competitors for representing Carolina Heartland so well at the competition!

Photos at right by Melody Kearns, from May 19 Waltz lesson

Right: Randy Garner & Pamela Ashton, Paul & Ling Sun, Ken & Christine Chiou (in mirror)

Far right: Randy Garner & Doris Kiser



June Ballroom Dance Opportunities (all times PM)

June 1, 1st Saturday, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, 8:00-10:00. Contact: 336-659-4305.

June 2, 1st Sunday, Tim Saunders Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Road, Greensboro, **3:00-5:00.** Contact: Tim, 336-324-1924.

June 7 , 1st Friday, Guilford Grange Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

June 8, 2nd Saturday, Greensboro Social Dance, Lewis Recreation Center, 8-10. Contact: Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

June 9, 2nd Sunday, Carolina Heartland Dance, Guilford Grange. See details near top of page 1.

June 14, 2nd Friday, Dinner & Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Rd., Dinner 7:00; Dancing 8:00. Contact: Carolyn Williams, 336-945-3635.

June 21, 3rd Friday, Step Set Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10. Contact: Charlotte Jackson, 336-889-5534 or jercharjack@yahoo.com.

June 22, 4th Saturday, Horizon Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com, 336-299-7412.

June 23, 4th Sunday, Piedmont USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. Lesson at 4:00; dancing from 4:30-6:30. Contact: Marcia, 336-712-8183 or hmbar@aol.com.

Most photos below (from April 6th Black Tie) by professional photographer Steve Raeford

