



# USA Dance, Inc.



## Carolina Heartbeat: a Publication of Carolina Heartland, Chapter #6092

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### From the desk of our President

When I look back over the past twenty years that I have been involved with ballroom dance, my main memories center around the camaraderie and friendship within the dance world. All the laughter, the smiles, the joys and the support within the group have empowered my life with people of substance, passion, depth and drive. The health and wellness benefits have been icing on the cake to a lifestyle that continues to make my life more meaningful and full.



I want to thank all of you for being a part of such a vibrant, passionate and evolving group.

The dance community at large in the Piedmont/Triad is an amazing and eclectic group and I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve as Chapter President of Carolina Heartland Chapter 6092. Steve and I have connected with USA Dancer members and attended dances across the country through our travels and have enjoyed being a part of a National as well as a local group. The scope of USA Dance is vast and our possibilities for growth as a chapter are endless. Being in the center of North Carolina gives us the unique opportunity to reach out to areas and dancers throughout the state and beyond.

We are the stewards of a wonderful organization that has the potential to do amazing things for the dance community! Fred Astaire once said, "Do it big, do it right, do it with style." This is my wish for our chapter as we move forward.

Sherri Raeford, President  
Carolina Heartland of USA Dance, Inc.

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### Carolina Heartland Calendar

**Carolina Heartland**, January 14, 2018. **Mambo Lesson** by Tim Saunders, 2:30, Dancing, 3:15, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC. **Admission fees: \$5:00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, and \$5.00 for students with ID card. Please bring your favorite snacks and enjoy dancing to the music of Lib Johnson**

### Spotlight on Allison Bailey and Operation Smile!

Yes, you have seen Allison in this spot before as a new member and partner of Billy Dillon.



In her short history with this chapter we have seen her step forward three years in a row to help make our annual showcase a huge success. Now we have learned that she has stepped forward to aid in a Fred Astaire project that will help provide funds to enable American doctors to go to foreign countries to perform much needed surgeries on children with cleft palate issues (Operation Smile). Allison will be dancing in this Fred Astaire endeavor, not to win a dancing contest, but to persuade friends to make donations toward the \$10,000.00 goal she is trying to meet.

"I am participating in this event on Feb. 10 as a representative of my employer Cone Health; I am the "Star"- Ha!

The first link below takes you directly to my page. The second link is the main page for the event. To navigate to my page from this website, click ON TOP of my picture to go to my page. The red "donate" button does not take you there. This has caused confusion so far for some people."

[http://support.operationsmile.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr\\_id=2491&pxfid=41643](http://support.operationsmile.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr_id=2491&pxfid=41643)

<http://ww2.operationsmile.org/campaigns/dancing-with-the-carolina-stars/index-2018.html?referrer=https://www.google.com>

I will appreciate your donating to this worthy cause. Allison

**Monthly lessons, Lessons for "Beginners," and return to Outreach!** The new Carolina Heartland Board will follow the past history of Carolina Heartland, so you can expect the usual lessons at each of our monthly dances and at least four two-hour workshops for the year: February 10, May 12, August 11, and October 13. The dance and instructor for January are named in the calendar above. Adina Harper will teach a quick-step lesson on February 11 and Robert Simpson will teach bolero on March 11. On February 10, 2:00-4:00, Jordan Jewell will teach swing and rumba, focusing on the basics of both. This workshop will be our first effort of the year to teach beginning dancers. Details about registering for this workshop will soon follow in an email & flyer. We will also return to the Outreach Program of the past with help from Jo Ann Lommel and Sherri & Steve Raeford.

**Black Tie Spring Ball:** We're beginning those all-so-important plans! Yes we need help in several categories. If you think you would like to be chairman of this event or serve in a job suitable to your skills, please contact Special Events Chairman Lib Johnson at [libsjohnson@triad.rr.com](mailto:libsjohnson@triad.rr.com) or 336-299-7412. We hope to use the skills of a large number of volunteers in producing this very popular event. Date/venue TBA soon!

**Toys for Kids Drive a Success!** Toys, teddy bears, dolls, super heroes and bikes by the hundred! Santa's elves were very busily putting the toys they collected into huge

boxes for specifically aged children. Cont. page 2, col. 1.



**Friday, Jan. 5, 1st Friday**, Guilford Grange Dance, 4909 Guilford School Rd. Dancing at 8:00. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

**Saturday, Jan. 6, First Saturday**, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, 8:00-10:00pm. Contact: 336-659-4305.

**Sunday, Jan. 7, First Sunday**, Tim Saunders Showcase/Dance, Guilford Grange, several beautiful performances, 2 hours general dancing, 3:00-5:30. Contact: Tim, 336-324-1924. (See flyer that went out Jan. 2, 2018 for performance times.)

**Friday, Jan. 12, 2nd Friday**, Dinner & Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Rd., Dinner-7:00-Dancing 8:00, Music by Rodney and Carolyn, 336-945-3635.

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 2nd Saturday**, Greensboro Social Dance Club, 8:00 p.m., Lewis Recreation Center. Contact: Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

**Sunday, Jan. 14, Second Sunday**, Carolina Heartland, USA Dance, Guilford Grange, 2:30 lesson, 3:15 general dancing. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com, 336-299-7412.

**Friday, Jan. 19, 3rd Friday**, Step Set Dance, Please note change of venue and time: Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC, 8:00-10:00. Contact: Charlotte Jackson, 336-889-5534, jercharjack@yahoo.com.

**Saturday, Jan. 27**, Horizon 4th Saturday Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC, 8:00-10:00. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

**Sunday, Jan. 28, Fourth Sunday**, Piedmont, USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Lesson at 4:00 and dancing from 4:30-6:30. Contact: Marcia, 336-712-8183 or hmbar@aol.com.

**Weekly Classes** - Southfork, Winston: Allen Berryhill, teacher. **Wednesday night, 7:30**, Beginner Ballroom; 8:30, Non-Beginner Ballroom. **Thursday night, 7:30**, Non-beginner; 8:30, Beginner. Contact: 336-659-4305.

**Dec. 10 dance:** A large group was delighted with guest teacher Alan Hedgpeth who taught some delightful variations of some familiar swing amalgamations like the "back walks" and a couple of steps new to us all. Using familiar material to build on always makes for a "more palatable lesson," putting folks in a good comfort zone. The icing on the cake that day was the time Alan and his partner, Ginny Gwaltney, spent by dancing around with many people the last two hours of the dance. We were also delighted to dance to Alan's fantastic music. Thanks to Alan and Ginny!

**Many thanks to the hosts on Dec. 10:** Sherri & Steve Raeford, Mel & Victoria Paterline. And great appreciation to the faithful snack providers: Liz Gilkey, Mary Beth Jordan, Melody Kearns, Ken Lommel, Pat Patnik, Victoria Paterline, Steve & Sherri Raeford, Cherrie & George Wheaton, & Lib Johnson.



Alan and Lindy enthusiast JoAnn Lommel

**Toys for Kids continued:** This was the scene at the Salvation Army Warehouse when Cherrie Wheaton delivered the toys collected by members of Carolina Heartland. A big thank you to all who contributed. The Salvation Army was very grateful to get so many toys from our dance group. The wonderful thing is that you helped make a needy child's Christmas joyful.

**Video Checkout-Thanks to Lynette Smitherman, our video keeper. (lwsmitterman@gmail.com) Please return videos the next month to avoid late fee: \$5.00.**

Photos by Professional Steve Raeford: Rick Pardue with Liz Gilkey and then Marty Bergman, Cherrie & George Wheaton, Melody Kearns, and Rodger Haberfield (These 2 are new board members.)

