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A Message from our President

With summer winding down and cooler weather on the horizon, things are continuing to heat up on the dance floor. In addition to our monthly dance on Sunday September 11th, Carolina Heartland will hold our annual showcase on Sunday September 18th. All of our showcase performers are working extra hard on their performances to help make sure that this year's NBDW Showcase is a wonderful event. If you haven't reserved your seat for the showcase there is still time to do so.

In addition to our chapter's dance events, the Carolina Fall Classic DanceSport Competition is coming up on Sept.30 through Oct. 2 in Charlotte. This event is important to our chapter as well; it's hosted by Wayne and Marie Crowder who are Carolina Heartland members.

Our chapter supports the competition in many ways: many of our members take part in the competition, many of our members also volunteer to help with the competition and the chapter supports the competition through donation of money for scholarships. In the past we have also taken donations from our members to help support the competition, we will have forms available at our next dance for anyone wishing to donate.

See you on the dance floor!
Terry L. Whittington
President, USA Dance Carolina Heartland Chapter



Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

September 11—Monthly Dance. Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd, Greensboro. 2:30 pm American Tango lesson with Randy Garner. General dancing to recorded ballroom music 3:15 until 5:00. **Admission fees:** \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students, free for first-time guests.

September 18— National Ballroom Dance Week Showcase and Dance. Greensboro Shrine Club. See column below for more details.

September 30-October 2—Carolina Fall Classic. University Hilton, north Charlotte (just off I-85). Exciting fall dance completion that drew over 400 competitors last year, and a qualifying event for USA Dance National championships next spring. For information see

Treasury Balance for August 25: \$3023.17

Meet The Teachers (edited by Trudy Atkins)

This is the first in an occasional series of articles highlighting local dance teachers. We start with

Tim Saunders

Tim, one of the Triad's favorite dance instructors, grew up in Rockingham County where he studied for a business degree at Rockingham Technical Community College.

Tall, slim with a natural talent for ballroom dancing, he used his business acumen to teach dancing and also in dance management with the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. He left the world of dance briefly to pursue a career in insurance but soon found dancing was a lot more fun than selling life-time policies. When Terry Walsh opened Greensboro Ballroom in 1995, he returned to dance instruction for

private and group lessons and corporate functions. Today he has expanded his teaching of all four styles of dance to work with Greensboro Ballet, directing all of its ballroom dance classes. His favorite lessons are teaching couples in preparation for their wedding dance. He obviously enjoyed the experience sufficiently to dance with Kathy, the love of his life, at their own wedding in April. Right on, Tim!

For more information on his class schedule or to arrange a private lesson, Tim can be reached at 336-324-1924.

Tim dancing with Cherrie Wheaton at the NBDW Showcase a couple years ago



It's only a couple weeks away! 11th Annual National Ballroom Dance Week Showcase and Dance—September 18, 2016

NBDW Showcase Chairperson Lib Johnson reports that the following couples have agreed to perform at the showcase: Allison Bailey & Billy Dillon, Dan & Carole Barber, Jan & Carlie Coats, Mel & Victoria Paterline, Burt & Flo Jackson, Ken & Jo Ann Lommel, Rockie & Mary Lou Troxler and Mike Vuncannon & Adina Harper. This will be Mike's and Adina's first times in our showcase!

Already many volunteers have signed up to help with the showcase production. These include Linda & Bob Perry and Lynette Smitherman (decorations and ushering), Al Kamperman & Lynda Williams (reservations/seating), Joe & Eileen Leggio (sound equipment set up and performance), Lib Johnson (music coordination), and Charlie Hafer (DJ). And we will need more volunteers prior to, and at the end of, the showcase to set up and take down decorations.

If you read this newsletter regularly, you'll see that the same people are often mentioned as volunteers for the showcase and spring Black Tie Ball, but we always need additional help. As Lib states, "The success of any organization lies in how well members 'take ownership' by volunteering to help do the work. Our chapter demonstrates this very well each year as we come together working on the NBDW Showcase." And our treasurer says that volunteers help keep our costs way down; the early reservation charge for the showcase has been only \$12 for many years!

HOWEVER, there is still work to be done. The Food Committee is now enlisting volunteers to donate delicious finger foods for the event.

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Dance Opportunities

Friday, Sept. 2 – 1st Friday Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro . 8-10 pm. Great dance floor, music by Lib Johnson. Details 336-299-7412.

Saturday, Sept. 3—1st Saturday Dance. Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem. 8-10 pm. 336-659-4305.

Sunday, Sept. 4—Tim Saunders 1st Sunday Tea Dance. Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30 pm. 336-324-1924.

Friday, Sept. 9- 2nd Friday Dinner Dance. High Point Elks, 700 Old Mill Rd., 7-10 pm. Music by Rodney & Carolyn Williams, Reservations: Carolyn 336-945-3635, cvkw@twc.com.

Saturday, Sept. 10– Greensboro Social Dance Club. Lewis Recreation Center, 8:00 pm. Eileen Leggio 336-643-6088.

Sunday, Sept. 25 – Piedmont USA Dance. Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. 4 pm lesson, 4:30-6:30 dance. Marcia 336-712-8183

Friday, Sept. 30 – Step Set Dance Club 5th Friday Dance. Guilford Grange, 7:30-9:30 pm. Charlie Hafer 336-554-5279.

Classes – Southfork Rec. Center, Winston-Salem, with Allen Berryhill. Wed: Beginner Ballroom 7:30 pm, Non-beginner 8:30; Thur: Non-beginner 7:30, Beginner 8:30. 336-659-4305.

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Please contact Lib at libsjohnson@triad.rr.com to arrange to bring refreshments. We need things such as crackers and cheese, crackers and spreads, nuts, fruit or veggie trays, small sandwiches, fruit balls, and sweet goods such as cookies, candy, and cakes. The chapter supplies the beverages, and there will be a cash bar.

If you are busy and just prefer to make a donation, just bring or send a check (made out to Carolina Heartland USA Dance) to Charles Hafer, 2223 Reville Ln, Greensboro, NC 27407. In addition, to volunteer for other tasks, such as pre-showcase set up, contact Lib at email address listed above.

And when all the prep work is done, have a great time at the showcase! Below is a 2015 Showcase photo of Carole & Dan Barber, taken by Terry Romine.



Important Note On Driving To The Showcase:

If you use GPS Navigation, the address for Greensboro Shrine Club is 5010 High Point Rd. Because of the road changes, you will now need to turn onto High Point Rd. from the new Gate City Blvd. to reach the club. However, if I-73 is convenient for you, just take exit 100 off I-73 onto Gate City Blvd., head toward Greensboro, and turn right where there is a sign pointing to “Sedgefield”. The Shrine club is about 3/4 mile from I-73. And if you are coming from Greensboro on Gate City Blvd., turn left at the “Sedgefield” sign.



August Heartland Report

Over 30 people attended our August 14 monthly dance, and were treated to a great waltz lesson by Adina Harper, followed by social dance music programmed by Terry Whittington. Among those attending were non-members Tom Hovey, Mike Vuncannon, and Harrah Purdy.

Thanks to Terry and Melanie Whittington for hosting and to Charlie Hafer for helping set up. Also thanks to those who brought refreshments, including Mark Lichtenberger and Mary Beth Jordan.

Please join us for a fun dance September 11, beginning with a tango lesson by Randy Garner.

A Great Rumba Workshop! So, What Should We Do Next ?

Over a dozen people attended our intermediate American rumba workshop on August 13.

Robert Simpson spent a lot of time teaching techniques such as proper dance position, leading and following and Cuban motion, then followed with rather complicated material. An excellent workshop.

Our final workshop of 2016 will be on November 12. The teacher for that workshop has not been finalized, nor has the dance to be taught. We are looking for suggestions on what to teach, and at what level. **If you have a suggestion for that workshop please contact Melanie Whittington (infvivi@aol.com or 919-563-0350) and let her know.** As usual, we will need at least 9 people registered for the workshop to occur, so we will need several requests for a specific dance (such as quickstep, samba or whatever) in order to consider scheduling a workshop for that dance.



Right: Wes & Lynette Smitherman at August Monthly Dance

Left: Social dancing at 2015 Showcase