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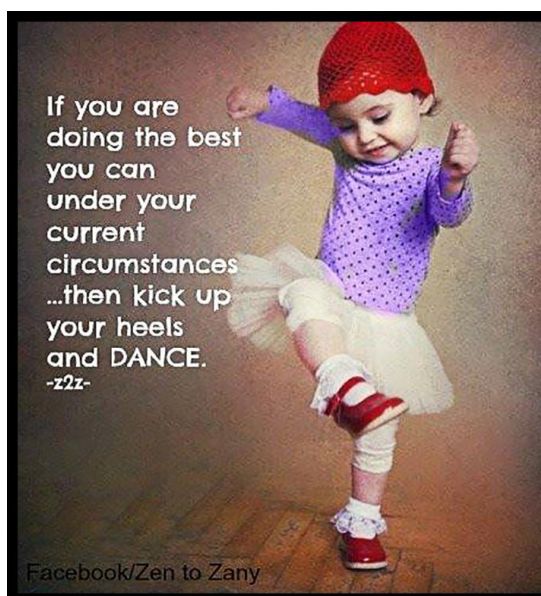
Shiko Carter
Host: Chinese New Year Celebration
Dance

President's Corner by Pamela Levi

February 2016

February in the Lowcountry is wet, often cold and windy. Our four weeks of winter are here! And while it is a bad month for being outside (unless you are lucky enough to be invited to oyster roasts), it is a fabulous month to dance!

It is warm at Ballroom Dance Charleston, the temperature and the people. So take a class, invite a friend, or come to a party. It will be good for you physically, mentally and socially!



Wish you knew a little more about certain dances but not ready for intermediate? Why not try the NEW Beginners Class beginning in February. From 7-7:45pm Debbie Housand will teach our traditional Beginners I Class, followed by 30 minutes of open dancing for beginners with the instructors around to answer questions. Then at 8:15pm, we will have a beginner's class that builds on the dance class that Debbie taught the previous month. Michael Hogarth will review and add several new patterns in the Beginners II class each month. This is a great way to spend two hours and get a lot of instruction, open dancing and enjoyment on a cold Wednesday evening. Come join this group for a laughter filled evening and to improve your dancing.

While I am away this month, Todd Biegger will be handling the Presidential duties. Please email or call him if you have questions, suggestions etc.

There are a lot of our members struggling with health and family issues. Ballroom Dance Charleston is a family for many of us. Many blessings to all of you in the coming year.

Birthdays

Randy Hyman.....	February 3
Alan Capalungan.....	February 5
Jane Locke.....	February 7
Patti Hawthorne.....	February 9
Norman H. Bell, MD.....	February 11
Charlotte Martinez.....	February 11
Wesley Markiewicz.....	February 16
Walter O. LeCroy.....	February 17
Ernie Patterson.....	February 18
John Rock.....	February 19
Kim Pearson.....	February 20
Marina Fridmanovich	February 21
Trudy Carnahan.....	February 22
Rita Peterson.....	February 23
Floyd Jerigan.....	February 25
James Holmes.....	February 27

Special Events

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Valentine's Dance Party

Bring a snack to share

7:30pm Rumba by Travis Willert

8:30pm Dance Party

Dance Host: Travis Willert

DJ: Bob Hyatt

Reception: Allen Vance

Hosts: Michele Costanzo & Connie Vance

Sunday, February 21, 2016 Board

Meeting 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Calhoun Library

Beginner Class at BDC is Being Restructured - First classes February 3, 2016

BDC will be offering Beginner I on Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 7:45pm with Debbie Housand. The February class will be Waltz.

There will be a practice dance from 7:45pm - 8:15pm. This will provide time for the beginner students to practice what they have learned or are learning. Debbie and Mike will be available during this 1/2 hour to answer questions and to assist the students.

Beginner II will start at 8:15pm - 9:00pm with Mike Hogarth. Mike will be teaching the next level of the dance Debbie has taught the previous month. In February Mike will be teaching Beginner II Foxtrot which follows up what Debbie taught in Beginner I in January.

Our "Beginner" classes are the foundation for Ballroom Dance Charleston. Our mission is to offer Beginner classes to expand ballroom dancing in the Charleston area. We are hoping the added practice dance will help students feel more comfortable with their dance steps and we hope they will all join us on Friday and Saturday nights for our parties.

Remember - if you see a new dancer be sure to ask for a dance. Everyone needs practice!

February Class and Instructor Profiles

Please [click here](#) for complete Class and Instructor Profiles for February

Group Classes Scheduled for February

Monday: 7:00pm Advanced East Coast Swing, by Debbie Housand

Tuesday: 7:00pm Intermediate Waltz, by David Roland

Wednesday: 7:00pm Beginner 1 Waltz, by Debbie Housand

Wednesday: 7:45pm - 8:15pm Beginner Dance Practice **-Be sure to stay for practice - instructors available to help.**

Wednesday: 8:15pm Beginner II Foxtrot, by Mike Hogarth (follows Beginner 1 Foxtrot from January)

Thursday: 6:00pm Technique, by David Roland

Saturday: 3:00pm Argentine Tango, by James Jiang

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

John and Ann Kassen

This lovely couple is only too happy to spend a few months of the winter in beautiful Charleston. Think about it - Kewadin, Michigan VS Charleston, SC - easy choice for a few months. We are so happy to welcome them as members. You may recognize them when they return to us in early February. While in the Charleston area, they reside on Seabrook Island. John was born and raised in Detroit, MI while Ann was born in Dublin, Ireland but immigrated to the US at a young age. John and Ann met during college in Detroit and have been married 44 years. Their hobbies and interests include gardening, bridge, reading, biking, and of course ballroom dancing.



Ann and John Kassen

They have been visiting the SC coast and Charleston with their children since the 1980s. They found Seabrook Island in the 1990s and it is their favorite SC destination, along with Charleston. Three or four years ago, finding themselves housebound in Michigan due to severe winter weather, they booked a month on Seabrook Island, they found us by researching Ballroom Dancing. When they arrived to Ballroom Dance Charleston, they were afraid they were at the wrong address. They opened the door and were greeted by several welcoming people. We are happy they will be back this year and hope to see them very often during their winter stay on Seabrook Island.

MYSTERY DANCER

WHO AM I? Win a free pass if you get the correct answer.

I was born in a little town just outside of New York City. My teen years were part of the wonderful 50s era with poodle skirts and the "jitterbug." We danced every chance we had - YMCA, church dances and private parties. My boyfriend then later, husband, always participated in these sock hops too. Once we were married, dancing took a back seat for a number of years.

In the early 70's, the year-around temperatures and proximity to the ocean lured my family to relocate to Florida. Most of my education took place in New Jersey but I continued with additional education in Florida. During my career years in Florida, I was an office manager for a CPA firm, export manager, assistant general manager for a manufacturing firm selling communications towers to the government and I was also a realtor.

When our daughter was in kindergarten, through an acquaintance with another mother, I became part of a dance group, which in turn led to a repertory group. My husband and I were members of the Kickin' Country Cloggers. We did not return to swing dancing until the children were grown. We were exposed to Salsa dancing and really enjoyed it. I don't know if we would have become involved in ballroom dancing if we had not found Charleston when one of our children relocated to the area a number of years ago. When we retired, we decided we needed a place in Charleston. We did swing dancing at Pivots. A friend in the dance community led us to BDC and we immediately took on the challenge of ballroom dancing.

My hobbies are reading, boating, theater, travelling, sports events and, of course, ballroom dancing! I love to cruise, especially the ones with dancing and classes.

Our family is growing. In addition to our children and grandchildren, we are expecting our first great grandchild in May.

I cherish the close relationship with family and being able to participate in their lives. I value my long-term friendships as well as the new ones. I am blessed to have a spouse that shares my enthusiasm for dancing as well as many of my other interests.

Ballroom dancing is an enriching experience and my only regret is that I didn't



start earlier. My mantra is "have fun" and that is exactly what I am doing!

WHO AM I?

Please send your guess to Jan by email - janruayhyatt@yahoo.com
The winner will receive a free pass.

Parties and Videos

Please [click here](#) for parties and videos.
