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Little Black Dress Party - What a great group!

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## *President's Corner*

by Pamela Levi

October 2015

### **Looking Forward to Our First Anniversary**

Our very first party in our beautiful new facility was New Years Eve 2014, and very soon we will celebrate our first anniversary at Pier Pont Crossing.

In the summer before our move, the membership filled out a survey that gave direction to the Board for what was desirable in our new facility. The Board used the results of that survey for guidance. The outcome of listening to the membership is a beautiful, well functioning facility.

We are positioning for a second year of growth and success. We are a member-supported organization and as a Board we are charged with balancing fiscal responsibility with meeting as many of the needs of our members as possible. On Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, a survey will be available to all members and non-members who are on our 400+ email list. All opinions and suggestions matter, but it is the member's answers that will provide direction for the coming year and beyond.

So please take the time to answer the survey, your time is sincerely appreciated and your suggestions and opinions matter greatly. The survey results will be made available to the membership in November.

Have you looked at the calendar for October? It is crammed with new educational opportunities, two BIG parties and a Grand Ball. We have lots of opportunities at BDC to have a wonderful time with some really good people who love to dance. Hope to see you at many of these events.

A special thank you to Jan Hyatt for getting our calendars on-line several weeks before the month begins, to Marcia Hessert for making the job of Host Director look elegant and easy (we all know it is a lot of work) and to my fellow Board members who conduct the work of our organization with professional behavior and respect for each other and all the members of



Little Black Dress Party  
Host: Carol Ann Bly  
Reception: Roger Viton  
DJ: Susan Groome

our organization. It is a sincere pleasure to serve as your President, thank you.

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## *Birthdays*

Alene G. Williams.....October 1  
Bob Kohn.....October 3  
Michele Turco.....October 10  
Michele A. Costanzo.....October 15  
Cheryl L. Erckert .....October 15  
Melissa Koci.....October 19  
Kim Brown.....October 20  
Sharon K. Henson.....October 21  
Ron Hawthorne.....October 23  
Shelby J. Groome.....October 25  
Kim M. McDermott.....October 25  
Lee Staats.....October 25  
Victoria Washington.....October 30  
Jackie T. Kohn.....October 31

## *Special Events*

**Styling Workshop,**  
**by Anya and Gordan Kwan**  
Sunday, October 4, 2015  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
\$25 Members/\$35 Non-Members

**Polish Theme Dance Party**  
Saturday, October 10, 2015  
7:30pm - The Polonaize (Polish National  
Dance) by Debbie Housand  
8:30pm - Dance Party  
DJ: Bob Hyatt  
Reception:  
Host: Margaret Markiewicz and Urszula  
Jones

**Harvest Gala - an Evening of Big Band  
Music and Dancing**  
Saturday, October 17, 2015  
8:00 pm - No Lesson  
DJ: Bob Hyatt  
Reception:  
Hosts: Marcia Hessert and Jackie Kohn

**Board Meeting**  
Sunday, October 18, Calhoun Library  
2:00pm

**Halloween Theme Dance Party**  
Saturday, October 31, 2015  
7:30pm - Society Foxtrot by David Roland  
DJ: Susan Groome  
Reception:  
Hosts: Shelby Groome & Anne deGraaf

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*Name the Mystery Dancer*  
*Win a free pass for Friday or Saturday*

## *night party*

Guess who I am?

I was born in NJ but moved to Queens, NY where I grew up and graduated from high school. I began attending college but dropped out to join the WAVES. I had to leave the WAVES when I fell in love and married a Navy guy. We came to Charleston and eventually ended up retiring here. Years later I did finish my college degree at The College of Charleston. As a Navy wife my six children were born in NY, Japan, Hawaii, California and Morocco. I also have nine grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



I began dancing very early in my life and I seemed to always do well but my teacher never complimented me on my achievements. I really did not learn the relationship of dance to music until well into my adulthood when I learned to count beats and measures. I was not introduced to ballroom dancing until I was invited as a guest to Arthur Murray Studio and I then became totally hooked on dancing and have been hooked ever since!

My hobbies include ballroom dancing as well as any kind of dancing, the beach, camping, reading, volunteer teaching/tutoring and activities at the Low Country Senior Center.

The older I get the more I value everything - faith, family, friends, freedom, health, Maturity, and appreciation for all God's Gifts.

Can you guess who I am?



## *September Mystery Dancer and Winner*

The Mystery Dancer for September was Sharon Keene. Roger Viton guessed the right answer and received a free pass. Please be sure to look for Sharon around the ballroom and introduce yourself if you have not met.



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## *October Class and Instructor Profiles*

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

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### *Spotlight on New Members*

**Patricia (Cookie) Bragg** - Many of you have seen Cookie around the dance floor for the past few months at Saturday night parties and the beginner class on Wednesday night. We are excited to welcome Cookie as an "official" new member. She is a native Charlestonian and grew up in one of our most loved places - Folly Beach. She lived for a short time in St. Louis, MO and now resides in Summerville, SC. Cookie has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She loves to read and of course - dance. She is very happy to be dancing again after being away from it for a number of years. Cookie is retired and was previously a Bookkeeper. Her first dance experience was in 2003 when she took lessons for several years at Creative Sparks. Another love Cookie has is traveling. She just returned from a fabulous cruise on the Danube with one of her daughters. Welcome Cookie. We will be looking for you on the dance floor. Cookie was invited to our ballroom by Jan & Bob Hyatt.



**Gail Williamson** - Let's extend a warm welcome to Gail. She has been sharing her great enthusiasm for dance with us for several months. Gail was born and raised in Allendale County, SC. She has lived in Charleston for the past 25 years while growing a Start Farm Insurance Agency. She is still active in the business and works daily. She has one grown daughter and three delightful grandchildren. Gail has been shagging all her life so learning ballroom is a very



different experience. She reminds herself that she needs to practice and have patience. Word is that Gail picks up new dance moves very easily. Gail lives on the water in Charleston and feels that loving the water must have something to do with being a Pisces. A favorite hobby for Gail is kayaking but now she has added ballroom dance as another enjoyable hobby. Jody and Steve Martindale invited Gail to our ballroom.

**James O. "Sonny" Metze** - Welcome to Ballroom Dance Charleston!

Sonny was born in Columbia, SC and moved to Charleston two years ago. He is a graduate of USC with a degree in Business Administration. Sonny was also a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was a commercial general contractor for 40 plus years and had wanted to move to Charleston since the early nineties. When the time was right he made the move. He says the city has changed a great deal since the 60's, 70's and 80's but the spirit and atmosphere here are still the same. Sonny has been dancing for three months and is hoping ballroom dancing and shagging will become a big part of his major interests. Some of his other interests include his faith, financial markets, currencies and world economy. He also enjoys Pilates, yoga, art history and tennis. Sonny believes the Holy Spirit helped him realize he should be here in Charleston and he feels right at home in this great city. Let's all help make sure Sonny keeps dancing! Sonny was invited to our ballroom by Jo-Ann Flynn.



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*Parties and Videos*

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