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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

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DANCERS NITE OUT

Fri. 2/2 West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St Paul, lesson 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 869-3184.

Fri-Sun 2/2-4 T. C. O. Ballroom Competition, Mpls Conv. Center. Tickets- Daytime \$10, Evening \$20. 431-0936

Fri-Sun 2/9-11 Swing Dance Festival (ad was in Dec issue), Holiday Inn, Arden Hills, 429-4785.

Fri. 2/9 Valentine's Day Sweetheart's Dance, On Your Toes School of Dance, 928-7803 or see ad pg 9.

Fri. 2/9 F.I.A. Studio, Eden Prairie, Open House 6pm, Beginner 7pm, Intermediate 8pm, 722-6311 to learn more.

Sat. 2/10 Valentine Dance, U of M Ballroom Dance Club, Great Hall, Memorial Union, HOTLINE 649-4505.

Sat. 2/10 Valentine Dance, Coliseum Ballroom, lesson 8pm- \$2, dance party 9-11:30pm- \$5, 722-6311.

Sat. 2/10 1st Dance!, DanceSport Ballroom, 874-0984 or see ad pg 4.

Wed. 2/14 Valentine's Day Dance, Sentimental Journey Big Band, Medina Ballroom, 7:30-11:30pm, \$8, 478-6661.

Fri. 2/16 Dean Olson Big Band, Shakopee Ballroom, free lesson w/ paid admission 7:30, dance 8:30-12:00. 461-2966.

Sat. 2/17 Pizza Party Dance, Twin Cities Ballroom Dance Club, 292-8463 or see ad pg 8.

Sat. 2/17 Capitol Ballroom, 8:30-11:30pm, 224-5523.

Sun. 2/18 **USABDA** Birthday Dance & Showcase, Sokol Hall, see info this page.

Fri. 2/23 West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St Paul, lesson 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 869-3184.

Fri. 2/23 Paul Heffron, Shakopee Ballroom, free lesson w/ paid admission 7:30, dance 8:30-midnight. 461-2966.

Sat. 2/24 Intercollegiate Ballroom Dance Workshops, Coliseum Ballroom, see info pg 7. Plus... everyone welcome for evening: Lesson 8pm- \$2, dance 9pm- \$5, 722-6311.

Sat. 2/24 Capitol Ballroom, 8:30-11:30pm, 224-5523.

Ongoing...

Friday nights, ballroom dancing, Everett McClay VFW, 3127 E. 78th St., Bloomington, \$5, 854-1296.

Every Thursday and Sunday, Bel Rae Ballroom, 786-4630

USABDA BIRTHDAY DANCE & SHOWCASE

On Sunday, February 18, USABDA-MN will celebrate its fifth birthday with a showcase dance at Sokol Hall in St. Paul. Amateurs who are current USABDA members are invited to showcase their skills by participating in freestyle type dancing. Costumes are not required and all levels of dancing will be presented. Both amateur couples and pro-am pairs are welcome. Participants pay only the admission to the dance. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Kettler by February 10. Plenty of general dancing will also be provided. Refreshments, including light hors d'oeuvres, beverages and birthday cake will be served.



Sunday, February 18

1:00-5:00pm

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What Is USABDA? Who Are We?

USABDA stands for the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, a non-profit organization formed to preserve and promote ballroom dancing not only as an art but a healthy sport. Minnesota's chapter was started in 1991.

Membership in USABDA is open to ballroom dancers of all levels. There are membership categories for all dancers: Social, Competitive, Junior (17 and under), College students and Associates (professional/instructors).

USABDA sponsors a monthly dance and other special dance events. Membership includes both national and local dues. Membership entitles you to discounts on our monthly dances, a monthly newsletter and a great network for meeting other dancers.

You'll have fun dancing and meet many new friends!
For more information Call the USABDA Hotline number.

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Send address changes to Karen Voels at address on back of this newsletter. Please notify National USABDA also.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

by Karen Voels
USABDA Chapter Secretary

- The new board members were introduced and job descriptions were handed out to the officers
- Treasurer reports about \$2735 in the account.
- President Jim Baker reviewed his goals and objectives for '96. Jim plans to reach out to Pros to incorporate their expertise. Also discussed how to involve more people to contribute their time and energy, especially retirees.
- USABDA needs a monthly dance coordinator.
- Birthday Dance is Sunday, Feb. 18, Sokol Hall, 1-5 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be catered. Need volunteers to decorate. Showcase will feature free styling with multiple pairs, Am-Am or Pro-Am. Demos limited to USABDA members due to liability.
- The Shriners are interested in co-hosting a dance with USABDA, possibly in March, stipulating contributions to charity.
- Next Beginner Dance tentative for Wednesday, March 27, locations discussed.
- Tea Dance is April 28 at Lafayette Club. Other MN USABDA chapters will be invited. Discussed raising price to cover costs.
- Co-chairs for Grand Ball: Jeff Chinn and Ed Munson.
- Still need housing for students attending workshop Feb. 24th at Coliseum Ballroom.
- Need more reporting on USABDA members who compete and excel. Celia Mullen volunteered to write for newsletter.
- Upcoming demos being considered: Mpls Symphony Ball in June, and 3M annual Service Award Banquet.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at Colleen William's, 4005 Virginia Avenue, Shorewood (483-8998).

COMPETITOR'S COLUMN

includes regional and USABDA events

7th Annual Ohio State Intercollegiate & Adult Dance Sport Classic (USABDA)

March 2-3, Ohio State Univ, Columbus, OH, Sat. night social & prof. show, Contact: Ballroom Dance Assn, (614) 421-0014.

North Central Regional Collegiate & Adult Dance Sport Festival also called the Circle City Dance Festival (USABDA)

March 23, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN, Contact: Heartland USABDA, (317) 272-0428.

St. Louis Star Ball Championships

March 7-10, Stouffers Concourse Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact: David & Suzanne Nyemchek, (314) 227-7202.

Texas Challenge Dance Championships

March 28-30, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, TX. Contact: Houston Center of Dance, (713) 879-0814.

Wisconsin State Dance Competition

April 12-14, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Dan Messenger, (414) 548-8882.

***for a more complete list, see "Amateur Dancers", the national publication for the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association.

TOYS FOR TOTS DECEMBER DANCE

USABDA members and guests responded generously to the call to share their holiday spirit. Over 60 toys, games, puzzles and stuffed animals were donated at our annual benefit dance. The donated toys were distributed to several organizations including **Toys for Tots**, **Santa Anonymous**, and **St. Joseph's Home for Children**. In addition, the profits from the dance were donated to St. Joseph's Home.

The chapter also provided a fun holiday gift to the dancers by sponsoring, a free lesson with **Timothy and Michele Mason** during the dance. Timothy and Michele taught us an "English Party Dance". The dance consisted of an amalgamation of steps done to quickstep music. It moved in a circular pattern and involved changing partners at the end of the amalgamation. Many dancers commented that it was fun to learn something totally different

Through the generosity of **Dale Johnson** and **Twin City Ballroom Dance Club**, USABDA was able to host this benefit dance. Dale's donation of the space made it possible for us to provide the lesson and donate our dance profits. Dale, we appreciate your generosity and support!! Thank you!!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Three new officers and nine board members were elected in the USABDA -MN December annual election. Board members and officers are elected for two year terms of office.

Approximately one half of the eligible voting members cast their ballot in the election. Results of the balloting were tallied and announced at the December monthly dance and are as follows:

President: Jim Baker
Treasurer: Joyce Thompson
Secretary: Melanie Helvig

Four directors were re-elected to their positions as board members. **Pete Maki** will continue to serve as Music Director, **Yvonne Riske** as Dance Demonstration Coordinator, **David Schmidt** as the College and Youth Committee Chair, and **Karen Voels** will serve a one year term to aid in transition to a new secretary, membership coordinator, and data base manager. Newly elected board members include: **Lisa Hamilton**, **Ed Munson**, **Ellen Neuman**, **Carolyn Roberts**, and **Phil Schloss** (who will serve as data base manager). In addition, **Celia Mullen** and **Elaine Prebonich** have volunteered to work on membership

Thanks to all who voted in the election. Please feel free to contact any board member or officer with our ideas and opinions so that our Twin Cities chapter of USABDA is active, thriving, and responsive to the needs of its members. Please express your appreciation to the outgoing officers and board members who volunteered their time and efforts to USABDA. Special thanks to **Jim Flaskerud**, who served as president for three years: **Mark Tepley**, treasurer and former music coordinator; and **Karen Voels**, who has handled the immense job of secretary, data base manager, and membership since the chapter's inception five years ago. Your work is appreciated!!

Dance Demonstrations

by Yvonne M Riske

USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator

USABDA RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR EARLY!

USABDA members helped the residents at **Knollwood Place Apartments** ring in 1996 early with a New Year's Eve bash December 27! Nearly 100 festive folks in their 60's - 90's, dressed in their finest, watched and danced with our members to great tunes supplied by **Pete Maki**. Many thanks to **Gail O'Brien** for coordinating the event on behalf of Knollwood Place and to **Elaine Lehman** who provided her assistance. We received an \$80 donation and a great note of praise...

Dear Yvonne, I just had to write to personally thank you for the support you and your dancers gave to me at our recent New Year's Party. In retrospect, all the things that went wrong could have made a Lucille Ball comedy, but at the time --wow! Your group was fantastic and I know the tenants want them back! Thanks again, Elaine.

The reference to "all the things that went wrong" was a delay in the serving of snacks at the party so Elaine had asked if I could keep talking, keep dancing with the residents, and lead the group in a count-down (at 8:00 p.m. instead of midnight!) in order to keep the troops from getting restless! It was great fun to see the smiles on their faces! A very warm thank you to each of the following for ending the year with a bang: **Karen Kettler** and **Mark Tepley**, **Carol** and **Gary Stroick**, **Monica Mohn** and **Bobby Tarnowski**, **Susan Kindler** and **Arthur Hellmann**, **Michelle Vandesteeg** and **Jeff Chinn**, and **Joyce Thompson** and **Pete Maki**.

UPCOMING DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Sun. 2/11 Valentine's Tea at Nile Healthcare Center 3720 23rd Avenue South, Minneapolis (724-5495 for directions); 1-2 smooth and 1-2 rhythm couples needed for 15 minute show at 3:00 pm. Sunday afternoon. *Note: participants will receive a small gift of beautiful dance notecards as a thank-you.*

Wed. 2/14 Valentine's Day Lunch of the Month at Ridgepoint, 12600-12800 Marion Lane West, Minnetonka (in the East Bldg.- maps will be provided to dancers), 4 couples needed for 45 minute demo beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thu. 2/15 The Atrium of Edinborough Plaza Edina (a familiar site!); lots of dancers needed for 1 hour show that will begin at 7:00 p.m. (893-9890 for directions)

Thu. 2/15 Valentine's Ball at the Bel Rae Ballroom, Hwy 10, Mounds View (786-4630 for directions); 15-20 minute show at the band's intermission - formation teams welcome - lots of dancers needed!

Sun. 3/3 Ballroom Operator's Dance, Bel Rae Ballroom, Hwy. 10, Mounds View (786-4630 for directions); 15-20 minute show at 6:00 p.m.; lots of couples needed!

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United States Theater Arts Champions (USBC- September, 1995). **Theater Arts/Cabaret Champions** (Ohio Star Ball November, 1995). Currently ranked **4th in the United States in American Rhythm**. These are the titles they're most proud of; titles anyone would be proud of!

Robert & Jennifer have contributed an indefinable amount to the Twin Cities ballroom dance community. Students such as **Nels Petersen, Jim Baker, Terri Kimler and Carol Post** (to name a few) have received national titles under their instruction and coaching. They're enormously fun to watch as competitors and wonderfully entertaining as people.

In 1986 Jennifer was teaching at **Fred Astaire Dance Studio** in Bloomington. At the same time, Robert was just coming back to teaching, and asked, "Who's that cute girl?" Strategically, they were paired up for re-training, and the rest, as they say, is history. Including the addition of their daughter, **Caitlin**, in 1988. In 1989, they spent some time in Florida, but the experience was marginal. What really drove them back to Minneapolis, oddly enough, was a car accident which left severe injuries to both. Upon returning, serious dancing was put on hiatus for about a year to recuperate. Many hours of therapy and training were needed to recover what had been lost.

It's been their dream for years to have their own studio, and it has finally become reality- the **DanceSport Ballroom**. The mansion in which the studio is located is just west of the Lyndale/ Franklin intersection. The studio is on the 3rd floor with a turn-of-the-century appeal, competition-sized floor, lots of windows, painted ceiling and plenty of parking. They're hoping that it will appeal to the romantic in all of us. Eventually they hope to add/convert the second floor of the mansion as a studio designed for children's classes. They also plan, down the road, to rent the ballroom for weddings and parties.

The Fosters travel a lot, doing shows and competitions and such. That's obviously going to slow down some as they concentrate on the new studio. It will! also give them opportunity to add to their family which is a definite goal. (By the way, Caitlin is appearing in her very first competition at TCO this month. She got her new gown from Santa and will be dancing with her dad!)

More than the applause of the audience, more that the awards, more than the titles... what really drives them both is the teaching. Jennifer said, "The reason I do what I do is that my first love is teaching. (And to continue my own education.) My students help me as much as I help them. It's really quite an honor. People often look at us and think that we love all the applause and recognition, but it's deeper than that. A teacher sees the potential- what it does for a student's life. That's what makes us tick. "

Editors note: PBS will be airing the Ohio Star Ball for the First time on February 7th. Robert & Jennifer will be featured. Mark your calendars!




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USABDA PROFILE

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MELANIE HELVIG

Meet USABDA's new secretary! Melanie has been involved with USABDA or with dancing in one way or another for several years and we're thrilled to have her on the board. She's been the secretary of most of the organizations she's been involved in, so it seemed a natural thing to do.

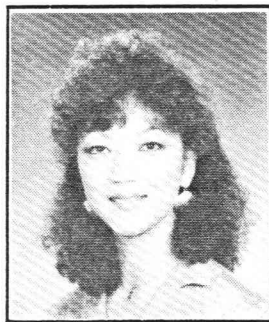
Professionally, Melanie is a **Spanish** teacher with the Minneapolis Public Schools, currently serving at **Minneapolis North High School**. She's done some interpreting as well and feels very much at home with the Hispanic culture. Having been to Spain, Mexico and South America many times, it's no surprise!

It's also no surprise that she loves the rhythm dances. In fact, she learned the native way of doing such dances as salsa and merengue long before taking ballroom dance lessons. It's her comfort zone. She admires smooth, but it's been more of an effort to learn than the rhythm dances.

Melanie started ballroom about five years ago. She'd been waiting and hoping to meet a partner, but finally gave up and started lessons on her own, first with **David Bailey**, then with **Ranier Rics, Paul Botes and Shinya McHenry**. Her goal, if any, is to be a good social dancer. *"To be a performer, one has to dedicate more time to it than I can give. So I take lessons for the fun of it. I dance for the fun of it. It's my absolute favorite thing to do."*

When **USABDA's Silver Formation Team** was coming together back in 1994, Melanie joined, to pursue getting over stage fright. While her hidden desire is to perform, she says that she's incredibly stage shy. With the formation team, it gives her opportunity to perform while taking the pressure off as a solo performer. She's just not a spotlight kind of gal, and said that she had a lot to overcome just to become a teacher. The formation team has been a step in that direction.

Besides dance, her main love is nature, being outdoors. It's where she feels rejuvenated. Loves sunrises, sunsets, walks by the lake, fresh air, oceans and animals. **Loves** animals. She's got one cat, **Lucius**, plus a homeless outdoor one that's gradually becoming tame. She also plays piano a little, sings a little and hopes someday to take up painting. If you stop into **Amelia's** on a Thursday night, ask Melanie to dance. You might find her there.



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...from the PRESIDENT

Please join me in thanking all of the outgoing officers and USABDA board members for their dedication and hard work this past year. They put in many long hours and sacrifice of their time in order to make the chapter activities, which we all enjoy, possible. Thank you.

The new officers and board look forward to an exciting and challenging year in 1996. My plan and objectives for this year were submitted to the board at our last meeting. We will be discussing and finalizing them at our February meeting. Once the plans are finalized I will share them with you in the next newsletter.

Our chapter of USABDA is run for you, our members, by the board. If you have suggestions on activities or improvements please pass your suggestions to a board member. In that vein, we are always in need of volunteers to assist at functions. Please consider volunteering to help at activities as it is YOUR chapter.

Jim Baker

FORMATION TEAM UPDATE

The USABDA formation teams need men! There are several lovely women without partners and it offers a great opportunity to learn new steps and patterns, perform and socialize.

The **Open Smooth** and **Open Rhythm** teams need 2-3 men who are more advanced- silver level at least, with some substantial knowledge in gold.

The **Silver Smooth** team is looking for 3-4 guys at least somewhat proficient in silver level smooth. The Open teams meet Wednesday from 7-9pm, the Silver team Thursdays at 9pm.

Shinya McHenry (Dancers Studio) is choreographer and coach, cost is a mere \$25 per month. It's oodles of fun and a very economical way to advance your dancing. If this interests you at all call Shinya at 641-0777 or talk to any of the members from the teams.

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Take advantage of this great offer to make new friends, get involved, and help out your organization at the same time! If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please talk to the door hosts or hostesses at the Birthday Dance on Sunday the 18th.

HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED

On February 24, 1996, college students from neighboring states will be coming in town for the first ever **Twin Cities Intercollegiate Workshop**. Being held at the **Coliseum Ballroom**, the workshop will cover hustle, Latin, tango, and waltz, and will end with a dance in the evening that will be open to the public.

In order to help make the workshop a success and encourage more students to come participate, I would like to ask for volunteers to house some of the students that weekend. This is a great opportunity to encourage young people to continue dancing and learning about dancing! Please contact **Elaine Barrett** at 789-2177 to sign up to help.

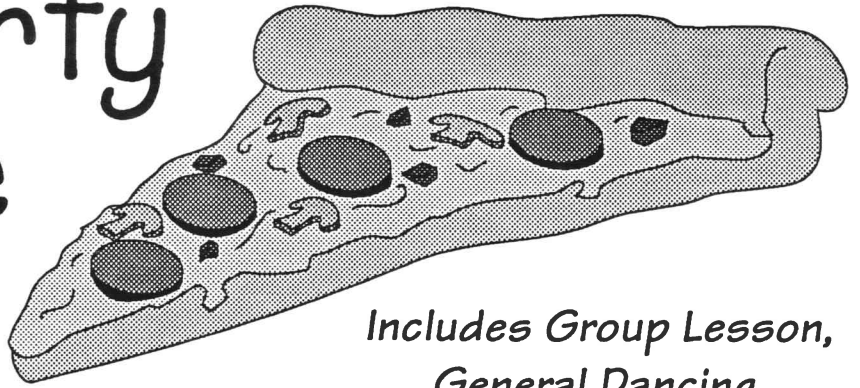
SWAPLINES

Sensual black rhythm 1-piece, Sz 4-8. Gold/black AB stoning at neckline & bottom, full-length, leg-slit, black chiffon panels, hem detail, stretch material. \$500. Theresa, 778-4405.

Elegant black rhythm 1-piece Sz 4-6. One arm bare, contrast white detail on top, shimmer w/ jet rhinestones. Randy Christensen design. USBC Champ. \$1000, Theresa, 778-4405.

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Pizza Party Dance

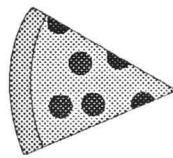


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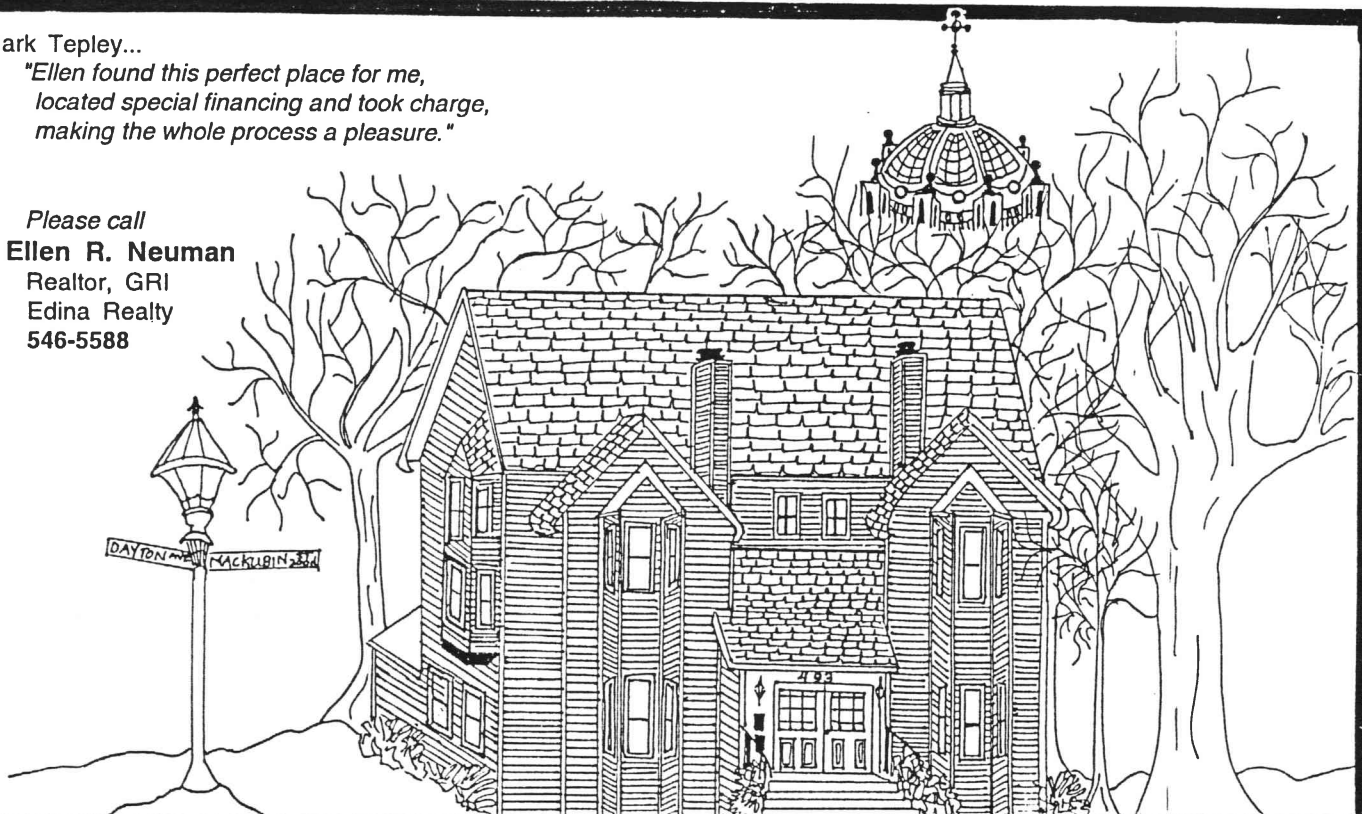
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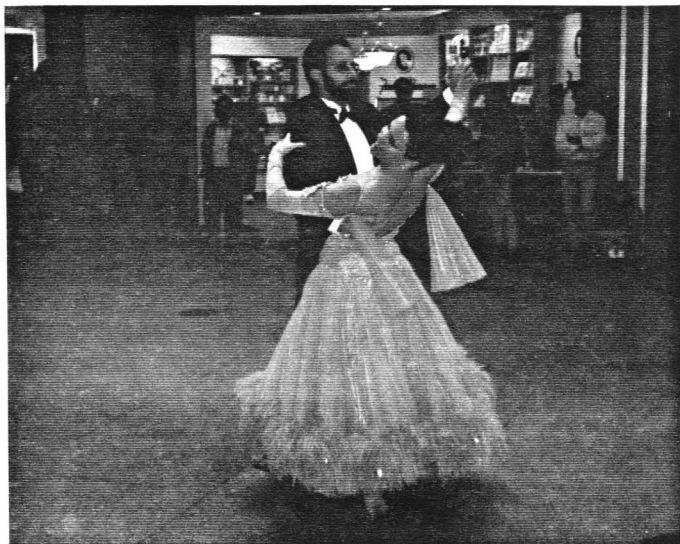
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If yes, member # _____

Membership Category (one for each person)

- Social Dancer _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
- Competitor _____ x \$30 = \$ _____
- Students (17 & under) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
- Students (College) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
- Associate (pro supporter) _____ x \$35 = \$ _____
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Additional Information

- Occupations _____
- Hobbies _____
- Competitor? Pro/Am _____; American _____; International _____
- Are you willing to help USABDA? ____ How? _____

USABDA- Minnesota Chapter membership requires dues at both the local and national levels. The local dues are \$10 per person for amateurs and are due annually. The national dues depends on membership category (listed above). Associate (professional) members of the national chapter require no fee to join the local chapter. Please return application with a check made out for the total amount payable to USABDA- MN.

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DANCE NOTES

☛ You'll notice that we're inserting flyers in the newsletter every other month promoting that month's **Beginner Dance**. There's a purpose behind this. They're not so much for you, but for you to copy and hand out to your friends, coworkers and family. Make use of them! There will be flyers in the *next* issue for a dance on Wednesday, March 27th.

☛ **Ohio Star Ball** is coming to PBS! Word is that February 7th is the first airing. Watch for the **Fosters**, we hear that they're featured. And check out their timely profile on page 5.

☛ **Constantine Dance Arts** is now open! It's a two-part operation of store and studio. **Celebrity Dance Shoes** are offered in the store (by appointment only right now) and the **American School of Russian Ballet** occupies the other portion of the operation. The location is the northeast corner of Hwy 169 and Hwy 36 in New Hope. Call 476-0058 for more information.

☛ For all those competing in the **Twin Cities Open**, please send me your pictures. Have a copy made before you do, since I trim them to fit the space. We'll have all of the results of the comp plus your photos in the March issue.

☛ If you belong to, or know of a club, organization or association that has a large dance floor, let us know. We're always looking for new space to hold our dances.

The Editor

...from the Editorial staff

Well, it's been a year since we took on the newsletter, and what a year it's been...from numerous missed deadlines, to complete computer crashes to printing the wrong number of copies to the many, *many* typos. While we can't say that *all* of it has been a resounding success and indescribable pleasure, we'd both agree that we're proud of the finished product and proud that it helps put our organization in the best light possible.

Our personal thanks to the board members and others who have contributed to the content: Yvonne Riske for her highly energized commentary on the dance demos; Karen Voels for the late evenings assembling, stapling and labeling; Karen Kettler, who with Shari, scoured the thesaurus for titles for the monthly dances so that they'd sound, you know, *cute*; David Schmit for his articles and for being a great USABDA promoter; Mark Tepley for paying the bills; Dorothy Jones for her advice; and, USABDA President Jim Flaskerud for his encouraging words.

Shari Akemann & Bruce Willits

**He who cannot dance
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