



# Ballroom Beat

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*We Promote Ballroom Dancing!*

***Happy Holidays and May all your dancing be right!***

## Your Prez Says

*Hello fellow dancers,*

*"Tis the season" for so many things: to celebrate the holidays; to spend quality time with family; to reconnect with friends; and to dance, dance, and dance!*

*As I write this I am also preparing for a Black Tie Christmas dinner/dance this evening. One of the many dances Roger and I will enjoy attending this holiday season. How fortunate we are because just a few years ago we couldn't even sway – certainly not dance.*

*As we began our journey into ballroom dancing, we had to hunt for places to dance. And most we found were not ballroom. One of the couples in our group lesson class, Max and Carolyn Bumgarner, told us about the Piedmont USA Dance at the YMCA in Clemmons that would be the following Sunday afternoon. Skeptically we ventured to Clemmons that Sunday. What a surprise we had when we arrived!*

*We were warmly welcomed to a wonderful place to practice the dances we were working on in our classes without criticism from anyone when we made mistakes. Everyone – from the accomplished dancers to the beginners like us - shared the dance floor. In other words room for all! This is what our Chapter is all about – room for all. Not only room on the dance floor but also for our members to have active input into our Chapter through sharing ideas, serving on committees, or assisting with hospitality.*

*I wish each of you a very glorious Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing you at our Early New Year's Dance on December 28.*

*Cindy Caudle, President*



### Jackie Cooke Elected To 2015 Piedmont NC USA Dance Board

Our 2015 Board is delighted to welcome Jackie Cooke as our newest addition. Jackie was elected at our Annual Meeting on November 23.

Jackie is a fairly new dancer who has demonstrated her love of dance and her creativity. She and partner Tim (right) won the November costume contest. The Board will meet in early January to elect officers from among the membership-elected Board members: Cindy Caudle, Roger Caudle, Wini Kniejski, Randy Peters, Matt Deeter, Olivia Kleinmaier, Rebecca MacNeilage, Jackie Cooke, and Marcia Barney.



**December Ballroom Sunday**

**Early New Years Dance**

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Swing Lesson  
By Robert Simpson**

**General Dancing – 4:30 – 6:30 PM  
New Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney**

### Directions to Jerry Long Family YMCA in

**Clemmons:** From I-40 on the west side of Winston-Salem take the Clemmons exit. Go north away from downtown Clemmons. Turn left onto Peacehaven Road at the second traffic light not associated with I-40. Go less than ½ mile and the YMCA is on your left. Go in the main entrance to a great dance. YMCA: 1150 S. Peacehaven Road, Clemmons 27012

### Welcome New Member

We are delighted to welcome **Jan Fish** (right with Hubert Barney) as our newest member.

### Welcome Guests

Several guests attended our November 23 Holiday Premier Promenade: **Tina Dampier, Katherine Gleeson, Emily Bier, and Luke Zinda**. We hope you will return for our New Years' Dance on December 28!



*Bring a guest to our December Early New Years Dance! If they join you get in free in January and everyone enjoys the dance even more!*

### 2015 at a Glance

#### 2015 Ballroom Sundays and Events:

January 25, 2015, February 22, 2015,  
March 22, 2015, April 26, 2015,  
May 24, 2015, June 28, 2015,  
July 26, 2015, August 23, 2015  
September 19 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance  
September 27, 2015 – Beginners' Ball  
October 25 – Presidents' Halloween Dance  
November 22, 2015 – Holiday Premier

Promenade & Annual Business Meeting  
December 27, 2015 – Early New Year's  
Dance

**Thank You** to all who made our November Holiday Premier Promenade 2014 a success: Roger and Cindy Caudle, Randy and Sherryl Peters, Liz Gilkey, Adina Harper, Marty and Wendy Burnham, John and Dariel Buczek, Kay Stevens, John Clark, and the Barneys.

### Truisms:

- To be happy one must have a sense of success – and dance a lot.
- Dancing is a habit worth cultivating.
- Inventing dance steps may not be wise, but making them yours certainly is.
- He who learns to dance creates joy.
- We could probably exist without dance.
- No music, not even a waltz, can be fully enjoyed until it is danced.
- The dance may not always be beautiful, but the attempt to dance is.
- The greatest weakness for most beginning dancers is that they don't realize their own strengths.
- The golden years are when you have more time to dance and less time to get ready to dance.
- A failure to dance for 7 days makes one weak.
- A good partner knows how to light a fire beneath our feet. A great partner knows how to light a fire within us.
- All partnerships are based on trust.

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*See you on December 28 at 4 PM!*