



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your New Board

Your Piedmont NC USA Dance Board wish you a Happy New Year of Dancing in 2017!

At our Holiday Premier Promenade and Business Session on November 27 we elected an additional member to the Piedmont NC USA Dance Board of Directors. Lynne Forrest will be a welcome addition to a group who work well together to expand ballroom dancing in our community.



2017 Board Members (front, left to right) Cindy Caudle, Marcia Barney (back – left to right) Roger Caudle, Wini Kniejski, and Lynne Forrest. (Olivia Kleinmaier and Vi Thai are absent.)

At their February 4 Board Meeting the Directors will elect officers for the year. They will also appoint Committee Chair for 2017. If you would be interested in serving as a Committee Chair please talk to one of the Board members at our January 22 Ballroom Sunday or call you editor. We welcome all talent!

The Coming Year

The beginning of each year offers a great opportunity to decide just how we wish to improve, enjoy, and contribute to the ballroom dance community. Our Chapter offers many ways to both improve your dancing and your dance environment by sharing your talent:

Perhaps you have a decorator gene in your body and would enjoy making our Ballroom Sunday dances more inviting through adding decorations. (Those at our Early New Year's Dance added a lot to the ambiance of the evening.) You might wish to take on the challenge of Decorations Chair for our BlackTie Dinner Dance on August 19.

Perhaps you are a creative thinker who could contribute ideas for monthly Ballroom Sunday themes. See dates under "2017 at a Glance."

Perhaps you are good at obtaining publicity and would like to be Publicity Chair for the Chapter. Or Youth could be your special interest and you would like to encourage our youngsters to become dancers as Youth Chair.

Membership is always a challenge. Maybe you have ideas for increasing membership.

There's a place for everyone to help make our Chapter even better. Volunteer – see left column!

January Ballroom Sunday

The New Year

Sunday, January 22, 2017
Waltz with James Williams

4:00 – 4:30 PM Waltz Lesson

General Dancing – 4:30 – 6:30 PM
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

2017 at a Glance

January 22 – The New Year

Waltz Lesson by James Williams
at 4 PM, Dance until 6:30 at the
Jerry Long Family YMCA
1150 S. Peacehaven Rd., Clemmons
Admission - \$5 USA Dance or YMCA
Members; \$10 guests

Ballroom Sundays:

February 26, March 26, April 23,
May 28, June 25, July 23

August 19 – Black Tie Dinner Dance – Lexington Municipal Club

August 27

September 24 – Beginners Ball

October 22 – Presidents' Halloween Dance

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade &
Annual Business Session

December 29 – Friday Finale

Early New Year's Dance 6 – 8:30 PM



Congratulations to Cindy Caudle for being inducted into the North Wilkesboro High School Hall of Fame. Cindy received this rare (only 6 were given) award for 40 years of dedicated service to the school.

Thank You to the Caudles, Liz Gilkey, the Forrests, the Flowers, and the Barneys for making our November and December monthly dances environmentally friendly!

Truisms

- Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is great about our partners belong to us as well.
- No dance, no matter the length, is ever wasted.
- The only way a leader can lose control is to lose control of himself.
- The dancer should always feel that the music was created for him.
- Spectacular dancing is always preceded by unspectacular preparation.
- There is no dishonor in not being the best dancer on the floor. There is only dishonor in not being on the dance floor.
- A great joy is to know that your partner still appreciates you in spite of your idiocyncries.
- Beautiful dancing is the result of a succession of little decisions to dance beautifully.
- Set goals, then dance toward them.
- There is no better way to improve your dancing that to add a smile to your expression.
- May I be the dancer who has the resolution to perfect my faults.
- A simple step well-executed is more beautiful than a complicated one that is a struggle.
- Our past dancing is a foreign country. We did thing differently then.

Bring a smile, a friend(s) and a snack to share
to our

January 22, 2017
The New Year Dance

See you at the
Jerry Long Family YMCA
On the 22nd – 4:00 PM

Dressy casual

Remember: It's the 4th Sunday of 5 in
January.

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