

# Ballroom Beat

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## We Fromote Ballroom Dancing!

## National Ballroom Dance Week Classes

National Ballroom Dance Week is September 16-22 this year. We will offer our annual Beginner Lessons starting August 22 and continue each Wednesday evening through September 18. Our Beginners' Ball on September 23 will be the culmination of the classes. The two dances to be taught this year are Waltz and Cha Cha.

The first class will be at the Jerry Long Family YMCA. Subsequent classes will be at various local studios. Classes will be on Wednesday evening from 7:45 to 8:45. The first class will be Waltz.

A reservation form is attached. Please pass it along to all those who have mentioned wanting to learn to dance and to those who have indicated a desire to meet others in the local dance community,

The classes are open to all new members as well as any interested current members.

### **Celebrate Good Times**

Our 2018
Black Tie
Dinner Dance
will be on
Saturday,
August 18 at
Commons on
the Green in
Lexington.
(Reservation
Form attached.)



We'll have the same great music from DJ Craig, the same outstanding caterer, great friends, and the same wonderful dance floor. This year we hope you will join us to "Celebrate Good Times."

## Social Dance Lessons Board Action

The Piedmont NC USA Dance Board of Directors met on June 30. In addition to finalizing the plans for our annual Black Tie Dinner Dance and National Ballroom Dance Week Lessons, they also discussed our Social Dance Lessons series.

An additional Social Dance Series is planned for the fall. These classes are designed to increased interest among those who are not yet dancers and to attract new members to our Chapter. However, the Board hoped to encourage all interested members of our Chapter to attend the classes. One series of classes each year will be free to both new and returning members of the Chapter. To encourage members to attend as many classes per year as possible, the fee for additional classes will be \$25 (instead of the normal \$45.)

This change in Social Dance Class policy does not apply to the National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner classes as they are free to all members (regardless of tenure or attendance at other classes during the year) and are designed to introduce members to the local dance community.

### July Ballroom Sunday

### Beach Boogie

Sunday, July 22, 2018

4:00 – 4:30 PM Foxtrot Lesson with Randy Garner

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

Remember: It's the 4th Sunday of 5 in July!

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 to the first traffic light on Peace Haven Rd. and turn left. Follow the driveway to the YMCA. Go in the main entrance to a great dance. YMCA: 1150 S. Peacehaven Road, Clemmons 27012

### 2018 at a Glance

July 22 – Beach Boogie

Foxtrot Lesson by Randy Garner at 4 PM, Dance until 6:30 at the Jerry Long Family YMCA 1150 S. Peacehaven Rd., Clemmons Admission - \$5 Members; \$10 guests

August 18, 2018 – *Celebrate Good Times* Black Tie Dinner Dance, Lexington

Reservation forms attached, on website and at our June 24 Dance!

August 22 – National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Lesson start

September 23 – Beginners' Ball – Cha Cha lesson by Adina Harper

October 28 – Presidents' Halloween Dance November 25 – Holiday Premier Promenade and Annual Business Meeting

December 30 – Early New Year's Dance

Welcome New Members: Martin and Gerry Pasquale joined our Spring Social Dance classes. Welcome guest Mack McCarthy.

**Thank You** to Liz Gilkey, Randy and Sherryl Peters, Scott and Lynne Forrest, Dick and Helen Heck, and the Barneys for the hospitality at our June dance.

**Thank You** to Laura Stainbeck (right, back) for the sassy Swing lesson at our June Ballroom Sunday.

#### **Truisms**

- -Dance is a story whose author is the dancer.
- -One of the greatest weapons against stress is dance.

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-Temporary defeat always preceeds success on the dancefloor as in life. Quitting prohibits success.

- -Have the courage to laugh at your mistakes and to forgive your partner's.
- -To a dancer growing old nothing is dearer than a good slow waltz.
- -What air is to the lungs, what light is to the eyes, music is to the heart of a dancer.
- -People aren't born good dancers. They had a lot of fun getting that way.
- -I shall feel badly if I do not dance and I shall dance badly if I do not feel.
- -The hardest thing is not dancing with someone you used to dance with every day.
- -Take a chance. You never know just how perfect the dance might turn out to be.
- -When we first danced I didn't know it was going to be this important to me.
- -One of the hardest things to do in dance is changing what you thought was correct.
- -I just want somebody who will never stop dancing with me.
- -Find a partner who loves you at your best and worst.
- -I want to be the partner who makes all your dances better.
- -It takes both partners to make a beautiful waltz.
- -I want to dance with you. It's as simple and as complicated as that.
- -Partnership Rule #675: There is no progress without forgiveness.

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

July 22, 2018

Beach Boogie Dance

See you at the Jevry Long Family YMCA On the <mark>22nd</mark> — 4:00 PM

Dressy casual attire.