

Ballroom Beat

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We Fromote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Prez Says

Hello fellow dancers,

With summer the opportunities to dance are also heating up. This is very exciting because Roger and I

are always looking for places to dance. A few short years ago finding comfortable places to dance was, for us, a major chore. We now have more social dances where we live and in the surrounding area. Another reason is USA Dance. When out of town we check the national website to see if there is a ballroom dance in the area. We have been lucky a few times to be in the right place at the right time to attend a USA Dance event in that area. When you travel go to our website <u>www.ballroom-dancing.org</u> to get to the national site or go straight to <u>www.usadance.org</u> to locate this information under the heading "Chapter" to find a place to dance.

As dancers and dance students we are extremely lucky to have Piedmont NC USA dance available in our area. A comfortable atmosphere, great music and a fantastic dance floor is hard to beat. What better place to practice what we are working on in our classes or just to let our feet move to the music. I look forward to sharing the dance floor with you and your friends on Sunday June 28. Keep dancing,

Cindy Caudle, President

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Call for Leaders

Every other year Piedmont NC USA Dance elects a new Board of Directors. From this Board a new slate of officers is elected. The Board members serve 2 years. Those elected this year will serve from January 2016 - December 2017. At their July meeting the current Board will appoint a nominating committee to propose members of the new Board. Any member in good standing of Piedmont NC USA is eligible to serve on the nominating committee. Any member in good standing of the Chapter, other than nominating committee members, is eligible for nomination as a Board member. If you are interested in serving our Chapter in either capacity, notify President Cindy Caudle before July 6. She would be delighted to hear from you.

Under the Glitter Dome

Our annual Black Tie Dinner Dance will be "Under the Glitter Dome" at the Lexington Municipal Center. We will again enjoy the outstanding music of DJ Craig to enhance the pleasure of an evening of good food, good floor, and good friends. A reservation form is attached. Make yours now.

June Ballroom Sunday

Star Gazing

Sunday, June 28, 2015 With Randy Garner (New Instructor)

4:00 – 4:30 PM Swing 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

Welcome Guests!

Kristine Kokoski (right with Hubert Barney) came to our May Ballroom Sunday. We hope you will return, Kristine.





Ted and Gay Lynn Isby (*left* also attended our May dance. We look forward to seeing you in June! Debra Garing (*below right with* and Cindy

Roger Caudle), a friend of Roger and Cindy

Caudle, also danced with us on May 26. Please come again. Anne-Marie Durand-Kennett and Alan Ziegler (*below left* danced with us in May. We hope you will do so again in June!





We are always happy to see friends from Carolina Heartland USA Dance and Carolina Foothills USA Dance also.

Bring a guest to our June Ballroom Sunday! If they join you get in free in July and everyone enjoys the dance even more!

2015 at a Glance

June 28 – Star Gazing Swing Lesson by Randy Garner 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 quests July 26 – Fireworks August 23 – Wild Card Ball August 24 – National Ballroom Dance Week Beginner Lesson Start September 19 – Black Tie Dinner/Dance "Under the Glitter Dome" at the Lexington Municipal Club September 27 – Beginners' Ball October 25 – Presidents' Halloween Dance November 22 – Holiday Premier Promenade & Annual Business Meeting December 27 – Early New Year's Dance

Farewell to a Good Friend

When we needed an Instructor to fillin in an emergency at Ballroom Sunday, when we needed an instructor to make a



complicated dance easy to learn, or when we needed a good instructor to help with our annual National Ballroom Dance Week Lessons we knew to call Tony Econ. On April 26, 2015, Tony Econ, taught Viennese Waltz for Piedmont NC USA Dance. That will be the last lesson we enjoy with one of our favorite instructors. Tony passed away suddenly on June 17. Condolences to wife Joan (also a former dance instructor.)

Tony will be missed by all in the local dance community and by other USA Dance Chapters in the area.



There's something suitable for all your dance friends, instructors, and partners!

Truisms

- -When you love to dance learning even the most difficult moves seems like fun.
- -When the itch to dance comes over us, nothing can cure it like a good waltz.
- *-There is little more painful than a beautiful waltz when you have a broken foot.*
- *-The dance may end, but the memory can remain. -Dance is inhabited music.*
- *When dancing do one thing at a time and you'll do it better.*
- -There are a lot of good dancers. Find one and be one.
- -Dance is an instant vacation.
- *-Life is good when you smile a lot, laugh a lot, and dance a mambo.*
- -Spend your money on things money can buy. Spend your time on learning to dance better.
- -Keep dancing until your confusion becomes clear.
- -It is best to dance while your heart is young.

- -Getting frustrated with yourself is aceptable. Getting frustrated with your partner isn't.
- -I love some of my old things like a great swing step.
- -Dance: Be persistent to get it. Be consistent to keep it.
- -Lessons will allow you to hear it and see it. Practice will allow you to learn it.
- -A lasting partner must be celebrated, not tolerated.
- -An inaccurate statement when learning a dance step "one more time."
- -When dancing I can run away without leaving home.
- *-Dance is movement made more enjoyable by music.*
- *-The first step to being better is being willing to learn.*
- -If you don't dance daily you're missing a chance for regular happiness.
- -Dance is the anitdote for sadness.
- -Self-confidence can make a mediocre dancer into a good dancer.
- -Arrogance can make a good leader into a former leader.
- -A single dance can make me happy for a day. -Dance is eloquence.

Kniejskis are Winners

. We love to watch Bob and Wini Kniejski dance at Ballroom Sunday dances. Apparently judges love to watch them dance in competition. At the recent Fred Astaire Dance Studio Nationals in Atlanta Bob and Wini won and placed in the top 3 in a number of smooth and rhythm finals. For

some they were dancing Pro-Am with their instructors, for others they danced together. We are most proud of them for



winning top honors in the Amateur Couple Rhythm competition.

Congratulations, Bob and Wini!

Special Invitations:

=Mtn. Empire USA Dance –

Third Saturday of each month in Marion, Virginia. Lesson @ 7:30, Dance 8:30 – 11 PM. Info: (276) 783-5402. \$7.50 members, \$10 quests.



=Carolina Heartlands USA Dance - Second Sunday, Lesson 2:30 – 3:15 PM Dancing until 5:00 PM, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford Road, Greensboro. \$8 members, \$10 guests, \$5 students. Info:336-210-0324.

=Foothills USA Dance 4th Saturday night at Hickory Christian Academy, 7:30 – 10:30 PM. \$5 members, \$8 guests. <u>www.carolinafoothills.org</u> for directions.

=Salsa lessons are offered every Saturday evening at Quality Inn of Winston-Salem offf Silas Creek Parkway across from Hanes Mall on Hawthorne Street) call 765-6670 for details.

Check our fabulous web site: <u>www.ballroom-dancing.org</u> for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information. Follow us on Facebook at: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/153346133198</u> and Twitter @PiedmontNCDance

Notes of Appreciation:

- To James Williams for the tempting Tango lesson on May 24.
- To Cindy Caudle and John Clark for all the work they did and do to maintain our web site.

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- To the incomparable Hubert Barney for assistance with proofing, for inspiration, and for truism input.
- To all who helped with the room setup, take down, decorations, greeting and refreshments at our May Ballroom Sunday Dance: Roger and Cindy Caudle, Liz Gilkey, Randy and Sherryl Peters, Kay Stevens, John and Dariel Buczek, Corky and Danny Flowers, and the Barneys.
- Thanks to Rodney and Carolyn Williams for information about the death of Tony Econ.
- To all, (such as John and Dariel Buczek, above) who bring a great attitude and a love of dance to our Ballroom Sundays and other events – you help make dancing so enjoyable.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add another great Dance Vision DVD to our Library on June 28: *American Style Rhythm Syllabus Beginning-Intermediate (Bronze) East Coast Swing* with Donald Johnson and Kasia Kozak.

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

June 28 *Star Gazing*

Come and Meet New Instructor Randy Garner!

See you at the Jerry Long Family YMCA On the 28th — 4:00 PM

Dressy casual Attire