

Ballroom Beat

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We Fromote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Prez Says

Hello fellow dancers, Wow, spring is in full swing. The gorgeous flowers and foliage makes me appreciate this beautiful time. It puts a little more pep in my step.



We have a wonderful slate of instructors lined up for our Ballroom Sundays, great music and the fantastic dance floor to enjoy. I encourage you to enhance your involvement with your chapter. Your special abilities and talents would be a benefit to the rest of us. In the coming months we have Ballroom Sunday dances and our annual Black Tie dinner/dance. Here are ways you could get involved and make a big difference: -Simple decoration for a Ballroom Sunday -Input and help to spread the word about our events -Inviting friends to dance with us -Assist with decorating for our Black Tie

-Ideas for outreach

-Ideas for increasing membership

-Serve on a committee

I'm sure you can think of other ways to enhance our chapter and make it even better. Please give some thought to this and share those thoughts with your president – piedmontdanceprez@gmail.com. I'd love to hear your opinions and ideas – and help you implement them.

See you on Sunday, May 22.

Cindy Caudle, President

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Black Tie Dinner Dance Mid-Summer Night Dream

Our Annual Black Tie Dinner/Dance will be on August 20 this year. It will again be at the beautiful – and newly renovated – Lexington Municipal Club. The club is about 30 minutes from our usual venue, but well worth the drive! The dance floor alone would be worth the drive.

The theme for this year will be "Mid-Summer Dream." DJ Craig will again provide the outstanding music and On Time Catering will provide a delicious meal.

Your Board has decided to keep ticket prices at a member-and-friend benefit level: The price of tickets to the event will remain the same as the past 2 years.

The Black Tie Committee is still open for new members. If you have a penchant to decorating or just like to help with producing such an event, please tell Marcia Barney or Diana Saddler.

Reservation forms will be available at our May 22 Ballroom Sunday. Consider getting a table of your favorite dancers together for the event just to make it extra special!

	May Ballroom Sunday
	We Salute You
	Sunday, May 22, 2016
	4:00 – 4:30 PM Waltz Lesson With Randy Garner
	General Dancing – 4:30 – 6:30 PM Music by Hubert and Marcia Barney
Re	emember: It's the 4 th Sunday of 5 in May!

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 Members!

Scott and Lynne Forrest visited Piedmont NC USA Dance earlier this year and decided to join our Social Dance Class Series. Scott and Lynne are also students of Randy Garner. We're delighted to have you with us!

Chris and Ingrid Squire, friends of the Barneys, also joined our Social Dance Class Series after attending beginner lessons at the JLY classes. We look forward to dancing with you on fourth Sundays!

Welcome Guests!



Harrison Krites and Wilma Hendrix, (*left*), friends of the Barneys, were guests at our April Ballroom Sunday. We look forward to dancing with you again in May!

As always, we welcome friends from the Carolina Heartland and Foothills NC Chapters of USA Dance.

We were happy to see three other couples we've missed during the last few months back with us: Tom and Kathy Rucker, Kahil and Cindy Bitar, and John and Dariel Buczek.

We hope you will return on May 22!

2016 at a Glance

May 22 – We Salute You - Waltz lesson with 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 guests
June 26 – Summer Fun – Laura Steinback will teach the lesson July 24 – Splash Dance – Rumba lesson with James Williams

August 20 - Black Tie Dinner Dance, Mid-

Summer Night Dream - Lexington Municipal Club August 22 – National Ballroom Dance Week

- Beginner Lessons start
- August 28 Sock Hop Adina Harper will teach Cha Cha
- September 25 Beginners' Ball Lesson by Teresa Shadoin

Oct. 23– Presidents' Halloween Dance **November 27**– *Holiday Premier*

Promenade & Annual Business Meeting Dec. 30– Classy Casual Friday Finale (7PM)

New Benefit for Members

At their meeting On March 19 the Piedmont NC USA Dance Board approved a new benefit for members of our Chapter:

A member can purchase a non-transferrable dance pass to either all Ballroom Sundays (and our Friday Finale is a Ballroom Sunday) for a year for \$50 or they can purchase a Premium Pass to all monthly dances plus our Black Tie Dinner Dance for \$100.

Several members have purchased the Premium Pass – including your President and your Bulletin Editor.

The benefit of these passes is in both savings and convenience.

Buczeks are Winners

It seems John and Dariel Buczek *(right)* have added a new activity to their winters in Florida: ballroom dance competition. They entered the Southeastern USA Dance Competition in January. Right off the starting block John and Dariel won 6

blue ribbons for first place in each category they entered in their first dance competition. They were spotted last weekend practicing a



Cha Cha routine for a Showcase. It looked like a winner, too!

Congratulations, John and Dariel!

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 Teresa Shadoin for the Fox Trot lesson at our April Ballroom Sunday.
- 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 Ballroom Sunday Dance: Roger and Cindy Caudle, Kahil and Cindy Bitar, Harrison Krites and Wilma Hendrix, John and Dariel Buczek, Liz Gilkey, and the Barneys.
- To all who bring a great attitude and a love of dance to our *Ballroom Sundays*.

Truisms:

- The number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin depends on whether it's a Waltz or a Swing.
- -I have Rumba ambitions and Paso Doble feet.
- *-If you're having trouble finding the sunshine, try dancing in the rain.*
- -A good Fox Trot awakens my inner stripper.
- *-Envy people who keep dancing after the music stops.*
- -People stare at me just because I dance in my car at stop lights.
- -Dance can be a graph of the heart.
- -Dance begins with a single note.
- *-The goal is to blur the line between practice and dancing.*
- -To become better dancers we must be willing to

suffer an injury to our self-esteem.

- -A decade from now you'll wish you'd been dancing a decade ago.
- -Our dancing improves when we take chances.
- -Find a place inside that is joy and go there to dance.
- -I learn a little every day and pretty soon I know a lot about dancing.
- -I practice a little bit every day and pretty soon I can dance better.
- *The better you dance the more mistakes you make. Pretty soon it becomes your style.*
- -Happiness is giving your partner more than you take.
- -Those who bring happiness to their partners cannot keep it from themselves.
- -Dance is a foreign language all dancers mispronounce it.
- -A good leader is one who can convince his partner to do something she never thought she could do.
- -Dancing includes steps, but dancing is no more a collection of steps than a heap of wood is a house.
- -Go for it accept failure as a possibility!

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

May 22 *We Salute You*

at the Jerry Long Family YMCA On the 24th— 4:00 PM

Dressy casual Attire

Remember - It's the Fourth Sunday of 5 in May!

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