



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Your Prez Says

Fellow Dancers,

Our "Making Memories," black tie dinner dance, was a wonderful evening! Chinera Latham and the Black Tie Committee did an outstanding job with the decorations, DJ Craig provided a delightful selection of music, the food was great and the company was superb. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 20, 2014 again at the Lexington Municipal Club. I have made it to all of our black tie events since 2008, and I enjoy it more every year. Be sure to join us again - or for the first time - next year.

Every fourth Sunday, our chapter provides an afternoon of ballroom dancing. "Ballroom Sunday" offers a great lesson with different professional instructors, two hours of dancing with a variety of music and dances and a lot of folks who love to dance. We have refreshments and a great floor for dancing. We have partners, people who come without partners, young people, older people, new dancers and dancers who have danced for years all coming together to experience the joy of moving around the room to music. We have people who come to dance a little and socialize a lot and vice-versa. It is a little different every month. If you have not been to Ballroom Sunday for awhile, come back. I think you will enjoy yourself and meet some new friends. If you are a regular, bring some new folks and help them discover how much fun an afternoon of dancing can be! See you on the 27th!

And always: keep dancing, my friends.
Randy Peters. President



Nominating Committee Report

Every two years we elect a Board to serve Piedmont NC USA Dance. This group of enthusiastic dancers is responsible for insuring that our members are happy, that our numbers group, that our finances are sound, and that our purpose of promoting ballroom dancing is met.

This is a year when we elect such a group. The Board elected will serve for 2014-15. Our nominating committee, comprised of Sherryl Peters, Hubert Barney, and Tom Rucker, has proposed the following names as candidates:

Cindy Caudle	Olivia Kleinmaier
Matt Deeter	Marcia Barney
Wini Kniejski	Roger Caudle
Randy Peters	Rebecca MacNeilage

Others may be nominated by petition (signed by 20 members of our Chapter) presented to the nominating committee before the business session on November 24. The election will be at the Annual Business Meeting in November.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best and the Most Original Costumes at our October President's Halloween Dance.

October Ballroom Sunday

President's Halloween Dance Costumes Encouraged

Sunday, October 27, 2013

**4:00 – 4:30 PM --- Lesson
With Robert Simpson**

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

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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 first 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

We Made Memories!

Here are a few pictures from our “Making Memories” Black Tie Dinner Dance on September 21. A plethora of pictures from the event will be on www.ballroom-dancing.org within the week (as soon as your errant editor gets them to your waiting webmaster.)



Table 6 (l to r): Kathy Young, Rebecca MacNeilage, Helen Heck, Kathy Rucker seated in front of Paul Kindley, Jack Mitchell, Dick Heck, and Tom Rucker.



Table 4 (l to r): Eileen Leggio, Cindy Caudle, Kay Stevens, Gena Pappalardo seated in front of Joe Leggio, Randy Caudle, Art Duncan, Peter Brock.



The Deeters and the Lathams pause at the City Silhouette.



Monty and Wendy Burnham (left above) and Bob and Wini Kniejski (right) arrive at the dance.



The Prez and First Lady (left) danced. The Pickles (rt.) enjoyed their first Black Tie Dinner Dance.



Videos for Sale

We are updating our teaching library by replacing our VCR tapes with DVDs. As a result, those who like to use a VCR are in for a real deal: The used VCRs will be available for \$10 each at our Ballroom Sunday dances.

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

2013 at a Glance

October 27 – Cha Cha Lesson by Robert Simpson at 4 PM; Dance until 6:30, Jerry Long Family YMCA
1150 S. Peacehaven Rd., Clemmons
Admission - \$5 USA Dance or YMCA Members; \$10 guests
November 24 – Holiday Premier Promenade Rumba Lesson by Adina Harper
Annual Business Meeting, Election of 2014-15 Board
December 29, 2013 – Early New Years' Party (Please note that this is a fifth Sunday)
September 20, 2014 – Black Tie Dinner Dance, Lexington Municipal Club

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Truisms

- The only thing worse than a little dancing is no dancing at all.*
- Dancing is non-verbal communication too enjoyable for words.*
- Sometimes the feeling is more important than the music.*
- When one technique seems too hard, remember the hundred that were easy.*
- Dance could move multitudes with untutored language.*
- Even if we can't always be happy we must always dance.*
- A fabulous dance dress is one you can't afford, but did.*
- Dancing with my partner is the only therapy I need.*
- Lord give me music to make me want to dance and the patience to learn how to dance.*
- We learn to dance the same way we climb stairs – one step at a time.*

- Our partnership may not always have it together, but together we have it all.*
- No dancer should mistake the limit of his understanding for the limit of his ability.*
- A little practice upsets a lot of frustration.*
- Learning to dance is the only battle worth waging.*
- I succeed when I dance what I'm feeling.*
- It is as easy to dream a beautiful dance as it is hard to dance one.*
- To dance without emotion is like eating without digesting.*
- Don't judge a dancer's ability by their shoes.*
- A strong leader can afford to be gentle.*

Time to Dance

For some of us the time to dance is whenever there's music playing. For others finding time to dance is a challenge. We have too many interferences and responsibilities and too little space in which to dance.

Like everything else we love to do, we must make the time to dance. We can use our dance time as quality time with our spouse. We allow dancing to be the way we relax – alone or with our partner. Dance can be a major form of exercise to keep us healthy.

Dancing doesn't have to be an extended amount of time. Most of us can't "set aside" a couple of hours every day to just enjoy dancing. We can dance for 3 minutes when we hear a good Cha Cha or swing on the radio – provided it isn't while you're driving, of course. You can go to that reunion, wedding reception, weekend party, or anywhere music is playing and there's open floor space and dance. Keep your ears peeled for the music and your eyes open for those "stolen" moments to dance.

The smooth and standard dances can require a lot of space. A nice big room with a danceable floor sometimes appears where least expected. Some of these floors are at community dances (such as the dance at the South Fork Community Center on the first Saturday of each month) while others are at clubs. Drive a few miles if necessary to find a good dance.

Most of us have heard "When the student is ready a teacher will appear." We could also say "When a dancer is eager an opportunity will appear."

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 guests.

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.

Also Pilot Mtn. Dance on second Saturday from 7 – 9:30 PM. Info: 276-728-4869

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

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



Ø To the Black Tie Committee for an outstanding job with the Black Tie Dinner Dance: Randy and Sherryl Peters, Roger and Cindy Caudle, Wini Kniejski, John and Karen Sykes, Jim and Chinera Latham (decorations chair), Tom and Kathy Rucker, Matt and Luane Deeter, Olivia Kleinmaier, Liz Gilkey, Monty and Wendy Burnham, and the Barneys.

Ø To all who helped with the room setup, take down, decorations, greeting and refreshments at our September Ballroom Sunday: Roger and Cindy Caudle, Randy and Sherryl Peters, Monty and Wendy Burnham, Dick and Helen Heck, Rebecca MacNeilage, Liz Gilkey, and the Barneys.

Ø To all, (such as Monty and Wendy Burnham, above) who bring a great attitude and a love of dance to our *Ballroom Sundays* and other events – you help make dancing so enjoyable.

Check our fabulous web site:

www.ballroom-dancing.org

for regular dance opportunities, registration forms, and other valuable information.

Follow us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/groups/153346133198

and Twitter @PiedmontNCDance

Notes of Appreciation:

- Ø To Tony Econ (right with Kathy Moore) for the fun Fox Trot lesson on September 22. Tony can be reached at 336-407-2634 for private lessons.
- Ø To our terrific Webmaster John Clark for his continued interest and assistance!
- Ø To the incomparable Hubert Barney for assistance with proofing, for inspiration, and for truism input.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

We'll add another outstanding Dance Vision DVD to our library on October 27: *International Style Beginning-Intermediate (Bronze) Syllabus Cha Cha* with Corky Ballas and Olga Rodionova.

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

October 27

Presidents' Halloween Dance

*See you at the
Jerry Long Family YMCA
On the 27th – 4:00 PM*

Dressy casual attire!

Costumes Encouraged!

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