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President's Corner

Welcome to an abbreviated version of our monthly newsletter. Our editor is taking a much-needed vacation but has graciously agreed to prepare this somewhat truncated edition so we can let you know what is going on in the RVA dance world. Our monthly summary calendar of area dances is included; ads and calendars from those local studios that normally post their monthly calendars are not. You can find studio calendars on their individual websites. We want to thank Ginny Engler for her hard work and diligence in always getting this newsletter out in a timely fashion.

As I write this column, we are once again experiencing a major power outage across the region as a result of a devastating storm that roared across the region on June 16. I have a neighbor's tree in my yard that took out a fence and damaged my shed. My mother lost a tree in her front yard and also has a neighbor's tree lying across her back deck and the power lines that service the entire block. She's doing well without power – at 91, she remembers the days before AC, cable TV and Wi-Fi. Do you?

We had a great month of dancing in June. 61 attended our "Beach Blast at Brookland" 1st Saturday Dance. Phyllis Harris finished her Waltz series with a flourish and a few new steps and DJ Ed Pabalate provided a great dance mix, many of the tunes being sung by his talented daughter, Heather. It was a real treat for the feet - and the ears. Many of our dancers dressed in "beach casual" in support of our dance theme, and Connie's Crew provided a wonderful assortment of tasty snacks.

The 3rd Saturday Dance on June 18 was in jeopardy due to the widespread power outage from that storm right up to the day of the

dance. Fortunately, power was restored and 82 braved the dark streets and dangerous intersections to attend. Cliff Knittel taught a

fun Salsa class that had everyone moving parts of their body they didn't know could move and Bill Irwin once again showed why he is one of the top ballroom deejays in the state with his great playlist. As always, the food was tasty and the dance floor was great. And once again, last minute postings about the dance on our Facebook page and our website and an eblast to our members spread the word.

This month we are pleased to return to Rigby's Jig Dance Studio on July 2 for our 1st Saturday Dance. We will be celebrating our nation's birthday, so we are suggesting you wear something in Red, White, or Blue – or all three – to our early "4th of July" party featuring an American Tango lesson taught by DJ and instructor, Alan Hedgpeth. Last year we had more than 100 in attendance for this event. We hope to top that figure this year. Come be a part of this great American dance celebration!

For those of you who enjoy the West Coat Swing, our Chapter is supporting the "WCS International Flash Mob" event on September 3 at Regency Square. On that day, dancers around the globe will be performing the same routine at a variety of venues. Our local dancers are practicing for this event on most Sundays from 6-7 PM at Rigby's Jig studio. It's not too late to get involved – no partner necessary to participate. For more info, email: infor@westsideofswing.com

See you on the dance floor! Phil

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REMEMBER - Richmond members get into <u>1 free dance</u> during their birthday month !



Ed's daughter, Heather, amazed us again with her fantastic vocals



Birthdays

Richmond Chapter

7/11 Diana Donald 7/12 Eden Jackson 7/13 Ellen Mary Krueger 7/14 Sheila Clemmer 7/22 Ernest Walker 7/23 Julie Cole 7/24 Karent Pennington 7/25 Ed Ely 7/26 Mark Crean 7/28 Paul Clemmer 7/28 Mark Elliotte 7/29 Arthur Dewey

Tri Cities

7/24 Ming Chiu



DJ Ed Pabalate, Brookland MS dance

Richmond has a youth scholarship program. Check out our website and click on the Scholarship link

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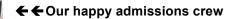
Renewals

Richmond Chapter

Carol Antoniius Becky Cobb Glen Crawford Karen Crawford Bill Gaidos Bill Gallahan Helga Gallahan Jim Rucker Theresa Kitts Hadis Morkoc Judith Onesty Dan Pinnell Thuyen Trevino

Tri Cities

Jerry Hargrove



Phyllis's Waltz lesson at Brookland MS on June 4th





The Riverside School finishes their year of dance with a flair







Cliff Knittell gave us a great SALSA lesson at Deep Run on June18th





← DJ Bill Irwin

Cliff & partner Marcella, showing the women their part →





Then Cliff and Marcella showed us what we were <u>supposed</u> to look like!



July 2016 DANCE CALENDAR

Date	Organization/Event/Time	Location	Contact	Admission/Band/Notes
	Dance Space FREE Friday night	The Dance Space	804-673-3326	
7/1	hustle lesson and dance. 8pm	6004 West Broad St	lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	
7/2	Richmond Chapter dance. 7:30 Am Tango less w/ Alan Hedgpeth; dancing 8:30-10:30	Rigby's Jib 5470 W. Broad St Richmond	Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com	DJ Alan Hedgpeth Come in your Red, White & Blue
7/3 17,24 & 31	Sunday Evening Dance, ballroom mix. 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	\$8 pp
7/6- 27	New- Beginner Series with Lynn, 7p Wednesdays.	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	7/6,13,20-Tango 7/27-Rumba
7/9	Tri-Cities Chapter Dance. 7-7:20- beg.Waltz/Rumba w/Dale Smith. 7:30 WCS w/Edwin Roa. Dancing til 10:30.	Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3701 Conduit Rd., Col.Hgt	804-512-7819 ebhlewisburg@outlook.com	DJ Randy Goodfellow
7/9	Rigby's Jig Sparkler Ball, 8-10p	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
7/9	Williamsburg USA Dance 4 th of July Dance.7:30 Merengue less w/Amy. Dance 8:30-10:30p	Quarterpath Rec Center 202 Quarterpath Rd Williamsburg, VA	Williamsburgusadance.com	DJ – Bill Irwin
7/10	Smooth Night Club 2 w/Phyllis,5pm-Note New Time	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	
7/10	Sunday Evening California Mix 7- 9pm.	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7 per person
7/16	Charlottesville Swing Dance Soc. 7p- WCS w/Kristin Wenger, dance 8-11p	Municipal Arts Center 1119 5 th St. SW Charlottesville, VA	www.cvilleswingdance.net	
7/16	Richmond Chapter Dance, 7:30- 8:15 Salsa less w/Cliff Knittell. Dancing til 10:30pm.	Deep Run Rec. Center 9910 Ridgefield Parkway	Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com	Music by Bill Irwin
7/17	Special – Kristin Wenger for 3 lessons: 10a-NC2,11a-NC2, 12p- WCS	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	
7/18	Richmond USA Dance Board Mtg. 6:00 pm.	9620 Evansway Lane Richmond	804-447-0175 plsisk@aol.com	Agenda items 24 hr. prior to meeting
7/23	Tidewater USA Dance.7:30 Night Club 2-Step less w/Walter Schultz Dancing til 10:30pm	Dancesport VA 5721 Arrowhead Drive Virginia Beach, VA	757-550-0450 twcusadance.org	\$10 memb./15 non memb. \$5 students DJ Alan Hedgpeth
7/23	Rigby's Jig Members Only Dance Party, Revelry at Rigby's.8-10pm.	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	Hosted by Shirlene Howard.
July	NO Charlottesville USA Dance	Municipal Arts Center 1119 5 th St. SW Charlottesville, VA	usadancecville.org	\$12 non-memb,9 memb. \$6 stud w/ID.
7/31	Beautiful Bolero w/Phyllis, 5:00p. Note New Time	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 lynn.irwin2@gmail.com	

