



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Prez sez...

Over the past few decades I have observed many changes in the local dance community and in our Chapter. Many old friends have been replaced by new friends. It has been wonderful watching many new dancers grow into accomplished members of our group. Over the years some of our favorite instructors have retired or passed away. We've added new ones with different philosophies and skills.

However, the basic principles of ballroom dancing and the purpose of our Chapter haven't aged at all!

A beautiful Waltz well-executed looks very much the same – if you don't consider the lady's attire – as it did decades ago.

Social changes may be reflected in the more equal responsibilities of the partners today; however, the male is still the leader and the female must still learn to follow.

The differences between some of the International Style dances and the comparable American Style dance is diminishing (Jive and East Coast Swing, for example.) However, the styles still retain individual characteristics to offer new challenges. We can always look forward to never lacking for something more to learn.

The age of our dancers is changing, too, of course. As we mature it becomes even more important that we remember the purpose of our Chapter and our organization. Each of us can help insure that ballroom dancing continues to thrive. Invite someone you know to give dancing a whirl. They will be rewarded by a lifetime of health-preserving pleasure.

See you on May 28!

Marcia Barney, May President



Charity Event

Our Annual Charity Event held on March 26 was a tremendous success. Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends we donated \$1240 to Childhood Obesity Prevention.

Thank you specifically to those who donated money and/or sale items: The Barneys, the Caudles, Joe and Eileen

Leggio, the Kniejskis.

Shoppers were also an important part of the success of the event: the Forrests, Susan Mueller, the Marklands, the Leggios, and the Caudles. I understand that some of the clothing items purchased have already been handsomely displayed by two of our leaders.

Get Ready for the Big Event:

Starry, Starry Night

Our Annual Black Tie Dinner/Dance is just around the corner so mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 19. We will again hold the event at the lovely Lexington Municipal Club and the cost will be the same as last year.

Reservation forms will be available at the May 28 Ballroom Sunday.

May Ballroom Sunday

Memorial Day Bash

Sunday, May 28, 2017
Rumba with Adina Harper

4:00 – 4:30 PM Rumba Lesson

General Dancing – 4:30 – 6:30 PM
New 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

2017 at a Glance

May 28– Memorial Day Bash, Rumba Lesson by Adina Harper at 4 PM, Dance until 6:30 at the Jerry Long Family YMCA
1150 S. Peacehaven Rd., Clemmons
Admission - \$5 Members; \$10 guests

Ballroom Sundays:

June 25 - Sunshine Dance

July 23 – Sailor’s Shuffle

**August 19 – Black Tie Dinner Dance –
Lexington Municipal Club**

August 27 – After the Ball

September 24 – Beginners Ball

October 22 – Presidents’ Halloween Dance

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade &
Annual Business Session

December 29 – Friday Finale 6 – 8:30 PM

Thank You to Roger and Cindy Caudle, Liz Gilkey, Dick and Helen Heck, Corky and Danny Flowers, Charles and Lorene Markland, and the Barneys for the hospitality at our March and April monthly dances. Thank you to our wonderful instructors in March (Theresa Shadoin) and April (Laura Steinback.)

Welcome New Member: Bob Heryford, who joined Piedmont NC USA Dance on April 23. We’re delighted to have you!

Welcome **Linda Wakefield**, a guests at our April Ballroom Sunday. We hope you’ll return in May!

Mack and Traci Crisco were welcome guests in March. We look forward to seeing you again.

New Studio in Winston-Salem: “Best of Ballroom Dance Studio” is opening at 644Hanes Mall Blvd. Info: bobdancestudio@gmail.com

Truisms

- To be overcome by the urge to dance is a delectable form of defeat.
- Be more than nice to your partner – be kind.
- Hope and confidence – with a good bit of practice – makes beautiful dancing.
- It’s hard to improve if you consider learning a burden.
- Beautiful dancing requires hard work, but most of all it requires love of dancing.
- Pessimism even makes dancing more difficult. Maybe that’s why dancers have so little of it.
- Tear yourself away from the safe comforts of “routine” and discover just how well you can dance.
- If it is painful it is not good for your dancing.
- I’m a good dancer today because I had a partner who believed in me and I didn’t have the heart to let them down.
- Finding a good partner is a beginning, learning together is progress, dancing together is bliss.
- The highest form of folly is when you “learn” a step without understanding the technique.
- Dancing is like a stew. If you don’t stir it up regularly it will get a lot of scum on top.
- For dancers obstacles are possibilities that require more creativity.
- To be a really good dancer you have to have your heart in your dancing and dancing in your heart.

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

May 28, 2017

Memorial Day Bash

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

Dressy casual attire.

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