



Ballroom Beat

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We Promote Ballroom Dancing!

Things that make us Thankful

It's that time of the year – a time when we become more aware to the blessings we enjoy. As dancers, we have some unique – and some pretty common - things for which to be thankful. See if you can add to this list:

- The opportunity to dance.
 - Our partners.
 - Our Instructors.
 - Our venue.
 - Technological advances that make it easier to make good music programs.
 - Availability of reference sources.
 - Leaders who are willing to “do a little more” to make our dances happen.
 - The comradery of fellow dancers.
 - Smiles and laughter that is such a part of dance.
 - The opportunity to keep learning.
 - Mute button on cell phones.
 - Diversity of skill levels at our dances.
 - Our music.
 - That favorite dance move for which we never tire.
 - Chocolate (there's always some at our refreshment table!)
 - Our theme song “Watermark.”
 - Fourth Sundays.
 - That “aha” moment when you finally really “get” that one technique that makes all the difference in your dancing.
 - Being healthy enough to enjoy dancing.
 - Close friends you've made dancing.
 - Your partner's ability to laugh with you rather than at you.
 - Getting all dressed up for a special dance.
 - New dance shoes – especially if they come wrapped in bubble wrap.
 - Old dance pictures.
- See you on November 26!*

Annual Meeting

Our Holiday Premier Promenade is the dance to welcome the Annual Holiday Season, it is also our Annual Meeting. Because our main “business” is dance and our Board of Directors are an efficient group, this session will barely interrupt our major pursuit. However, in alternate years we elect a new Board.

This year we will elect leaders for the 2018 and 2019 term. Nominating Committee Chair, Past Chapter President Hubert Barney (*right*) has placed the following names in nomination:



Cindy Caudle
Marcia Barney
Wini Kniejski

Lynne Forrest
Roger Caudle
Scott Forrest

Hubert is still looking for a couple of interested, enthusiastic dancers who would like to become part of our leadership team. If you are such a member of our Chapter, call Hubert at 336-766-9707. Officers for 2018 will be elected by the Board in December from among the Board members we elect on November 26.

November Ballroom Sunday

Holiday Premier Promenade

Sunday, November 26, 2017
Cha Cha with Adina Harper

4:00 – 4:30 PM Cha Cha Lesson

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

NEW 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 to the first traffic light on Peace Haven Rd. and turn left.** Follow the driveway to the YMCA. Go in the main entrance to a great dance. YMCA: 1150 S. Peacehaven Road, Clemmons 27012

2017 & 2018 at a Glance

November 26 – Holiday Premier Promenade And Annual Business Session

Cha Cha 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 and Special Events:

December 29 – Friday Finale 6 – 8:30 PM

August 18, 2018 – Black Tie Dinner Dance
at Commons on the Green in Lexington

2018 Ballroom Sundays (marked in your new calendar) – January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October, November 25 and December 30. All except December are the 4th Sunday, December is the 5th Sunday.

Thank You to Bob and Wini Kniejski, Liz Gilkey, Charles and Lorene Markland, Scott and Lynne Forrest, and the Barneys for the hospitality at our October monthly dance.

Thank you to **Laura Stainback** (far rt.) for the fun Fox Trot lesson in October!

Welcome Guests Jay and Elisa Knight and Kathleen Welch (on left at rt.)! We look forward to dancing with you in November and in the New Year!



Congratulations! Bob and Wini Kniejski, our star competitors shined brightly at the Fred Astaire Nationals in November by earning three first places and one third place!

Truisms

- Dancing is the art of creating visual beauty from music.
- Really good dancers dance a few steps really well.
- There are no new dances, just new dancers.
- Dance as well as you can. The floor would be almost empty if only the best danced.
- People don't stop dancing because they grow old. They grow old because they stop dancing.
- I shut my eyes and dream of dancing. I open my eyes and dance.
- All roads to better – even great – dancing pass through challenges.
- Never let your dancing skills wither from underuse.
- Newer dancers stumble, experienced dancers syncopate.
- Let's dance until the moon becomes the sun.
- You must do well in your profession so that you can support your dance habit.
- A good old fashioned Fox Trot wakes up my inner stripper.
- Envy people who keep on dancing after the music has stopped.
- A man who dances has his choice of romances.
- Don't smile just because you dance well, but because of how much better you will become.
- Dance with those who believe in you.
- Make your partner Thankful for you.

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

November 26, 2017

Holiday Premier Promenade

See you at the
Jerry Long Family YMCA
On the 26th – 4:00 PM

Dressy casual or Holiday attire.
2018 Calendars available at dance.

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