



Carolina Heartbeat

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From the President.....

Carolina Heartland Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. is an equal opportunity dance chapter. We are open to anyone and everyone who enjoys dancing.

Whether you are a beginner or would like to begin, or maybe you're an advanced dancer and want a place to dance, you are welcomed at Carolina Heartland.

We also extend to every member an equal opportunity to volunteer to make our Chapter better. There are a number of areas where we can use help.

*We need people to sign up as host and hostess for our monthly dances. Sign the list which is on the food table, or call Co-chairpersons Tim or Judy Daughtry. [336-694-5019]

*Lib Johnson is chair of our Carolina Heartland Showcase on September 27, 2009. Ask her if she needs help. [336-299-7412; libsjohnson@triad.rr.com]

*The High Point Classic Dancesport Championships is scheduled for October 23, 24 and 25. Chairman of Volunteers Joe Zannini says people are needed for the food committee; transportation for officials; set up and tear down comp area; greeters; dressing room attendants; coffee pick-up and delivery; attendants to check on water coolers, trash cans, rest-rooms, and so on. [See contact info. for Joe, Col. 3]

In addition, we need someone or ones to head up solicitation of corporate and individual donations. Please contact me on this if you can help. [336-545-4515 or tangotwo@bellsouth.net]

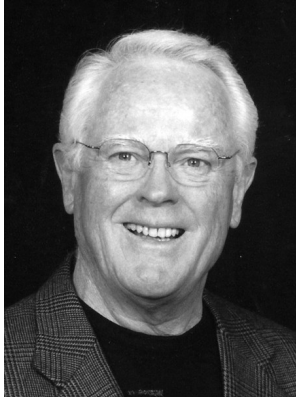
*Black Tie Chairman Linda Jackson needs many volunteers! Contact her! ljackson7@triad.rr.com; 336-674-6108

Gee, I hope I have not made you too tired to dance!

One of the many things that makes our chapter so great is the "can-do" attitude of our people. The way everyone has stepped up to the plate to do things necessary to make our Chapter so good is a blessing to each of us.

Thanks and bless you.

Jerry Snyder



Carolina Heartland Calendar

Saturday, Aug. 8, Mayberry Ballroom Dance, Lesson at 7:00 pm, dancing from 7:45 pm.

All Carolina Heartland monthly dances: Lesson at 5:00, dancing 5:45-7:30 pm. Skateland USA West, Stage Coach Trail, Greensboro

Saturday, August 8, Mambo workshop, sponsored by Carolina Heartland and taught by Wayne and Marie Crowder, 2:00-4:00. Refreshments available

Sunday, August 9, Carolina Heartland, Foxtrot lesson by Robert Simpson

September 13, 2009 Carolina Heartland Monthly Dance, Lesson by Robertas Maleckis and Inga Sirkaite, Type dance TBA

September 18-September 27, 2009, National Ballroom Dance Week

Monday, September 21, Free beginner lessons (PM), Guilford Grange, Details TBA

Sunday, September 27, 2009, Carolina Heartland Showcase, Conclusion of National Ballroom Dance Week., Shrine Club, 5010 High Point Rd., 4:00-7:00 pm

Spotlight on Jerry Meisner.....

It was the word "dancer" on a license plate at St. Paul Apostle Catholic Church that caught the eye of Jerry and his wife, Harol Hoffman, three years



ago. Both were heavily into folk dancing, especially Norwegian and Swedish, and more recently into swing, so ballroom dancing was a natural next step to which fellow church members, Audrey and Ralph Mawyer, happily introduced them.

"Not knowing a fox trot from a samba, we had a steep hill to climb," Jerry says.

"We soon became regulars at club dances and the Grange which we joined and have profited from both activities."

More recently they have enjoyed the challenges of Wayne and Marie Crowder's workshops in International Style ballroom dancing, but "We strongly hang on to our non-competitive dancing posture," he says. "We had competed too long in the workplace (and formerly road races) to change from an enjoyable hobby to a competitive one."

Jerry, Professor of Physics (and former department head) at UNCG, directed a local dance troupe for 30 years. The wide array of the troupe's international dances reads like a United Nations roster (see page 2).

Before UNCG, he received his Ph.D in particle physics from the University of California at Berkeley with a post doctorate at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He met Harol See Col. 1, page 2.....

Members Volunteer.....

NBDW Showcase

The Carolina Heartland Showcase (Sept. 27,) promises to be a grand evening of exciting entertainment with performances from the following couples: Rockie and Mary Lou Troxler, Cindy Smith and Robert Simpson, Wayne and Wanda Wilson, Chattie Byrd and Bob Cockrell, Steve and Sherri Raeford, Jerry and Jo Ann Snyder, Virita Harper and Tim Saunders, Jerry and Harol Meisner, Dave Idol and Olivia Kleinmaier, Tim Saunders and Becky Bray, Kathy Tanaka and Robert Simpson. If there are no other volunteers, some of these couples will perform a second dance. We will have at least two hours of general dancing to the music of Bob and Lib Johnson, delicious refreshments, and a cash bar. **(Aug 27, 2009 Entry deadline.)**

Joe Zannini Wants YOU!

For folks who have never attended a dance competition, the High Point Classic is the perfect opportunity to learn what it is all about. You can plan to be on a first row seat "taking it all in" or you can be part of the action. None of the volunteer jobs require a high skill level, so there is nothing to be nervous about. Most of the jobs are such that a person can be at task as well as keep an eye on the marvelous dancing. The International Home Furnishing Club is easy to find: 201 E. Green St., High Point, NC. Contact Joe and offer to help: 336-357-3564 or Joe@carolinameadows.net.

Black Tie Ball 2010.....

Do you feel left out sometimes? Serving on a committee such as the Black Tie is the best way to feel you are truly an integral part of a group.

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