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From the President...One of the wonderful things about our chapter is the many who work behind the scenes to make Carolina Heartland one of the best chapters around. One of these people is Joe Leggio who mans our website www.carolinaheartland.org. Please check it out.



Jerry Snyder

In the past two weeks, two people have contacted me because of the web site. Joe has done a wonderful job of showing how involved our chapter is. You might also find a picture of yourself dancing among the 566 (33 albums) he has posted. I want to personally thank him for the great job he does for our chapter.

As I mentioned before, we are an all-volunteer organization. It's fun but also challenging. Tim and Judy Daughtry need another couple to help with hospitality. Please step forward to help in this position and thank you.

Another person who does a wonderful job is Lib Johnson who arranges for our dance instructors. I know you have all enjoyed the variety of dance lessons, and I'm sure she would welcome suggestions for your favorite dance or dance instructor. Please let her know, and I know she will try to accommodate you.

Right now Lib is experiencing some difficulties. She recently had rotor cuff surgery on her right shoulder. Ladies, can you imagine yourself putting on your makeup with one arm? Better yet, can you imagine your husband doing it for you? Let me ask you a question. Would you walk out of the house if your husband or a friend did your makeup? I didn't think so. I know Jo Ann wouldn't.

We want to involve young people in ballroom dance. Sherri Raeford, our youth coordinator, is working with some of her high school students and networking with other drama and music teachers to help young people experience the joy of ballroom dancing. This is where our future lies. Wayne Crowder is also starting a beginner's class for youth eight to ten years of age. If you know of any children or grandchildren who may have an interest, please contact me (336-545-4515). And thank you for all your talent, your friendship, and your enjoyment of ballroom dancing. You all make my job easier. Bless you.

Jerry Snyder

USA Dance Calendar

Saturday, February 7 - Rumba Workshop with Dance Instructor from Fred Astaire Studio on Battleground, 2 - 4 p.m., Guilford Grange, Greensboro.

Sunday February 8 - Monthly Dance, Skateland USA West, 5 p.m., Samba Lesson with Jim Brady, dancing 5:45-7:30 p.m., Skateland USA West, Stage Coach Trail, Greensboro.

Monday, February 12 - Demonstration: Dancing through the Decades, 4 p.m., Stratford Retirement Community, 1573 Skeet Club Road, High Point.

Saturday, April 11 - Black Tie: *Dancing by Starlight*, 6:15 - 10:30 p.m., Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro. (Reservation information at www.carolinaheartland.org.)

Spotlight on...



Joyce D'Arconte Although Joyce was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, she attended seven different schools in five states before her teenage years. (Her peregrinations were due to her father's army service and his later employment by US Steel.

At the age of six she started taking ballet lessons, then piano and voice. In high school she studied creative dance and piano and sang in a choir. Her church organist gave her free organ lessons, but her parents moved again, and that was over.

After receiving a BS degree from Penn State, she put dance on hold for several years while teaching, getting married and having two children. In 1984, she moved with her children, Tricia and Rich, to North Carolina to be near family and thus began a new phase of her life.

Again pursuing her love of dance, she took lessons in Country Western and Shag. It was not until 1990 that she found a place to begin ballroom dance lessons. She began dancing five times a week, studying a different dance each night. "I couldn't get enough," she says. "I was in dance heaven."

It still took three years before she connected to ballroom dance locations. Over the years she has settled down and is now content to sit out a few dances, but "Frankly, I would be happier if I could dance every one."

Joyce retired last September and started watercolor lessons and playing the piano again, but first and foremost, "I am a passionate ballroom dancer," she says.

Visit Website to Register for Premier Dance of Year

"Ticket registration forms are posted on our website," is a reminder from Black Tie Chair Cherrie Wheaton, but few have taken advantage of early registration.

Early registration promises a better table, according to Dot Mason, who is in charge of ticket sales and tables. All you need to do is visit www.carolinaheartland.org to get everything you need to know about the dance as well as hotel reservations if you wish to spend the night.

Cherrie adds, "My recommendation is that they send their checks and table seating requests in early to Dot Mason to be sure of having their requests filled. Tables will seat 9 to 10 guests."

The reception with a cash bar will start at 6:15 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Hosts and Tellers Needed for Second Sunday Dances

Needed: Hosts for Second Sunday dances in May, June, July, August, September, and October.

Tellers needed for Second Sunday dances in May, July, August, September, October and November.

The duties of hosts are mainly setting up before the dance and taking down toward the end.

Tellers need to arrive by 4:40 p.m. but are relieved periodically so they can dance, eat, and socialize. A total of 67 attended our January dance (59 members and eight guests.) Receipts from admissions were \$346. (One who was on the Members' List paid \$8 since she said her membership had expired). Expenses were, as usual, \$310. We also received \$25 for a membership renewal and \$5 for a late video.

Rumba Workshop

Saturday, February 7 2 - 4 p.m.

Dasha Chube, Instructor

Fred Astaire Studio Battleground

Guilford Grange

\$20 USA Dance members \$15 students

\$25 non-USA Dance members

Guilford Middle School Road

Greensboro

Registration Information - 299-7412

Dancing in Guilford by Charlotte Griner

Sunday, February 1 - Tea Dance, music by Tim Saunders, 3:30-5:30 pm, Guilford Grange.

First Friday (February 6) - Guilford Grange, 4902 Guilford School Road, 8-10 pm, music by Lib and Bob Johnson.

Every Friday - Biltmore Ballroom Center, 3530 Old North Main Road, High Point. Lesson and dancing 7:30-10 pm.

Friday, February 13 - Carl's Dance, 6:30 p.m., High Point Elks Club, dinner and dancing to Carolyn and Rodney Williams' music (Reservations MUST be made by preceding Tuesday afternoon.).

Saturday, February 14 - Valentines Dinner Dance Greensboro Social Club, 6:30 p.m., Greensboro Elks Club.

Sunday, February 15 - Greensboro Big Band "Sweet" Sounds; Shrine Children's Hospital Benefit, Oriental Shrine Club, 6-8 pm. Admission is free; dinner may be purchased.

Friday, February 20 - StepSet Dance Club, 8 - 10:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Club, Horsepen Creek Road (336-643-6088)

Saturday, February 28 - Horizon Dance Club, 8-10 p.m., Guilford Grange.

Dancing with the Stars - When Dancing with the Stars performed at the Greensboro Coliseum Tuesday, January 27, twenty of the Triad's own stars from the Fred Astaire Dance Studios in Greensboro and Winston Salem were among the performers.

Receiving first-place accolades were **Paul Millington and Jennifer Ferguson** with a close second for **Mark Katz*** and **Caroline Pendland**. Other couples chosen to perform were: From Greensboro: **Barry and April Dalton, Adam Thornton and Lannette Hodges, Paul Millington and Jennifer Ferguson, Mark Katz* and Caroline Pendland, Alonzo Boshulte and Cathy Katz,* Chris Engle and Analyse Triolo, Jim Osborne and Sylvia Lopes, Mark Lichtenberger* and Adina Harper**

From Winston-Salem: **Matt Spahr and Laura Stainback and Mike Krawiec and Lynn Felder.**

Congratulations to all!

**Mark and Cathy Katz and Mark and Raziya Lichtenberger are members of our own Carolina Heartland chapter.*

New Dance Videos Purchased with Fees for Late Videos

Our board voted at its January meeting to supplement late fees for dance videos and purchase eight additional dance videos.

Re late fees: Dance videos may be checked out monthly without charge; but if not returned/renewed the following month, a \$5 late fee is levied for each video. Recently several members expressed surprise at the \$5 fee which is regrettable. Therefore, both old and new members are reminded of our longstanding policy. Meanwhile, the new videos will greatly enhance our collection.

Manhattan Competition -Mary Lou and Rockie Troxler placed third in SR III Pre-Champ and fourth in SR III Championship January 16-18 in the Manhattan Amateur Classic. "Last year we placed first in Pre-Champ, but this year the competition was much tougher,"Rockie says."In fact,we placed ahead of several that we had never beaten before, so ironically the third place this year was more significant."

Hospitality Co-chairs - Hospitality Chairs Tim and Judy Daughtry need co-chairs for their committee. They also express appreciation to Lynda Williams, Al Kamperman, and Lynette & Wes Smitherman who served as hosts for our January dance and to the following who brought dishes for the hospitality table: Yvette & Joe Zannini, Dot & Homer Mason, Carole & Bill Bryant, Trudy Atkins, Betty & Conrad McClintock, Fran Randolph, Doris Kiser, Ann & Jim Astin, Elaine Frost, Flo & Burt Jackson, Ken & Jo-Ann Lommel, and Wanda and Wayne Wilson.

Condolences to Curtis Holt on the death of his wife in late December following a difficult illness. Joan had been his dancing partner in California in earlier days.

Dancing at Skateland: 1. *Bill Taylor with Joyce D'Arconte*, 2. *Cherrie and George Wheaton*, 3. *Dance Instructor Tim Saunders with Lib Johnson*, 4. *Mary Beth and Bob Jordan*, 5. *Doris Kiser with Bill Bryant*, 6. *Felix Kubiak with Sherri Raeford*.

NC Chapter News

Piedmont NC USA Dance will hold its February 22 "Ballroom Sunday" at a new location at a new time: Lesson at 4 p.m., dancing until 6:30 p.m.at the West Forsyth YMCA, 1150 South Peacehaven Road, Clemmons. Check www.ballroom-dancing.org for directions. Admission: \$1.

If you know the schedule for any of the following chapters' monthly dances, please send to HeartBeat.

Charlotte (Queen City) - Stephen Lucas, slucasnc@earthlink.net (Second Saturday)

Raleigh/Durham (Triangle) -Tom Tucker, Jr., tomtucker@mindspring.com. Web site: www.triangleusadance.org. (Third Saturday)

Wilmington (Azalea Coast) - Allan Pellnat, acusabda@att.net or 910 799-1694

Asheville - John Diet john@dietzdesigns.com)

Greenville - Chikako Massey, cmassey@suddenlink.net

Hickory/Morganton, etc. (Carolina Foothills) Mike Sheldon, badbob80@charter.net

Carolina Pines (Moore County) - Janet Welch, mwelch52@embarqmail.com

Rocky Mount - president@rockymountusadance.org

Elizabeth City (Northeast NC) - Mike Turner,mtworkshop@inteliport.com.

Wytheville,Va. Area (Mountain Empire)

Rural Retreat, Va. More info: (276-783-5402; or 276-621-4681). (Third Saturday).

