



Carolina Heartbeat



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From the President.....

GREAT NEWS!

We're moving to the High Point Elks Lodge for our future dances! Our June 12 trial dance at the Lodge proved that it could accommodate the 49 people who were there and more. We had space enough even for the waltzes. Five rectangular tables with chairs were set up and could accommodate more than were in attendance that day. There was plenty of space for snacks and drinks. As a result, the membership present voted 30 to 5 to stay at this facility.



Most people felt that the table and food arrangements promoted greater socializing than at Skateland, so many people circulated and found it easier to ask people to dance. Most importantly, the floor wasn't sticky! A few glitches, like having access to ice, setting up tables and getting the air conditioning cooler, have been resolved with the Elks Lodge. All the remaining dates for 2011 have been confirmed.

The Elks Lodge is generous with the time allotment on Sunday afternoons, which will allow us to have Board meetings there prior to the dances. Furthermore, we can have youth lessons and/or dances prior to our dances to encourage youth participation in ballroom dance. Another not so minor plus is that the cost is slightly less than at Skateland. I'm sure you can see why I am so excited about this new venue! Please join us on July 10.

The Venue Committee, led by Donna Guinard and Charlie Hafer, has explored options for nearly two years, so we are glad to come to rest at this new place to dance.

I'd especially like to thank all those folks who came out on such a hot day to participate in the Outreach Parisian Promenade. See other special thanks on page 2, column 2.

Pat Willis says there is still room for volunteer dancers in the showcase. Deadline to enter is July 15 and music MUST be in to Pat by Sept. 15. Flyer attached. New email for Pat is pwil06@coastalnet.net. See flyer!

Happy dancing,
Cherrie Wheaton
2011 Carolina Heartland President

Carolina Heartland Calendar

Saturday, July 9, Mayberry Ballroom Dance, Cha Cha Lesson 7:00 by Lib Johnson, Dancing at from 7:45 to music of Bill & Carole Bryant, Armfield Civic & Recreation Center of Pilot Mtn. Contact carolebryant@surry.net or 336-374-2712

Sunday, July 10, Carolina Heartland Monthly Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, Waltz Lesson at 5:00 by Susie Buck, Dancing - 5:45 to 7:30. 700 Old Mill Rd., High Point, NC 27265. Map attached or enclosed.

Sunday, July 10, Carolina Heartland Board Meeting 3:00, High Point Elks Lodge.

Spotlight on Bill Hawks & Charlotte Duncan.

Ballroom dancing has opened an exciting world of pleasure and new friends to Bill Hawks and Charlotte Duncan. Bill Hawks, a sports enthusiast who managed and played for a semi-pro baseball team in the 70s, also served in the US Army. He later worked for Western Electric, continuing his career at BellSouth until 1908 when he retired to care for his wife, who passed away in 2008.



Charlotte Duncan, a working mom and talented seamstress, had been married for 43 years when her husband passed away, also in 2008. She kept busy with two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, but after watching "Dancing with the Stars," she decided to sign up for ballroom dance classes. She had been dancing since she could walk but had never had ballroom lessons. Meanwhile, Bill began attending ballroom dance classes in January, 2009, but with no dance partner; he had decided not to return to class until Carole Bryant called. Carol told him that Charlotte had signed up for a dance class and did not have a partner so Bill and Charlotte began attending class together and became friends.

After a year of ballroom dancing, Charlotte introduced Bill to other types of dance, broadening the dance experience to beach music venues, cafés, coffee houses, wineries, and to country and bluegrass music. Now they usually dance four to five times a week.

Last Hallowe'en, they won \$100 in a costume and dance contest and recently won first place dancing a waltz in the North Carolina Senior Arts competition. They continue to take ballroom lessons and serve on the Mayberry Ballroom Dance Committee. While enjoying all types of dancing, they agree that ballroom remains their favorite pursuit.

Baton Rouge USADance National Qualifying Competition:

This month several Carolina Heartland couples participated in the USA Dance National Qualifying Competition in Baton Rouge. Jerry and Jo Ann Snyder, Mel and Victoria Paterline, Burt and Flo Jackson and first timers, Scott and Jackie Tanseer all went, as well as Raleigh friends Carlie and Jan Coates. We're proud of them and can't wait to hear about their experiences.

Dancers Volunteer for NBDW Showcase & Dance, Sept. 25, 2011!

It's always exciting to learn the volunteers who are stepping forward to help make a big success of our annual NBDW Showcase. This year, you can expect to see two rumbas, a waltz, a cha cha, an Argentine tango, a west coast swing, an east coast swing, a quickstep, a foxtrot, and two unidentified dances.

Now, Let's have a little contest! For a small prize of the cost of one admission to the Showcase, can you make a good guess as to who will be doing what dance? Here are the performers: Fran Randolph and Jerry Whittaker, Jerry and Jo Ann Snyder (signed up for 2 dances if we need them), Wayne & Wanda Wilson (2 if we need them), Katie Young & Sasha Varlamova, Tim Saunders & Becky Wray, Tim Saunders & Viritia Harper, Pam & Brian Bennett, Cindy Smith and Robertas Maleckis, Pat Willis & Scotty Michaelson. Write the names of the dances and place the names of the dancers beside each. Make your best guess. Put two couples beside of rumba. Mail your guesses to Pat Willis, 5411 Lake Wousicki Rd., Walnut Cove, NC 27052-9509. The winner will be the first one received with the most correct answers. Have fun! Winner to be announced July 10!

Dance Opportunities in the Triad

Friday, July 1, First Friday at Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., dancing 8-10 p.m., music by Bob & Lib Johnson 336-299-7412 . Red, White and Blue, Patriotic dance

Sunday, July 3, Tim Saunders First Sunday dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30. Tim -336-324-1924.

Friday, July 8 , Second Friday Dance High Point Elks Lodge, music by Carolyn & Rodney Williams, 336-945-3635

Saturday, July 9, and every 2nd Saturday, Greensboro Social Club, 8:00 p.m. Lewis Recreation Center, Britt Hammond, 919-942-3881.

Treasurer's May report: Current balance \$5247; June Income \$514, June Expenses \$315

Saturday, July 16, and every 3rd Sat., Mountain Empire, 7:30 p.m., Rural Retreat Community Center, Contact Becky at 276-783-5402, iballroomdance@embarqmail.com

Saturday, July 23, Horizon Dance Club, 8-10 p.m., Guilford Grange, Walk-ins welcome.

Sunday, July 24, Piedmont, USA Dance - Jerry Long Family YMCA, 4 p.m. lesson, dancing 4:30-6:30, Clemmons

Southfork, Winston: Allen Berryhill, teacher. Wed. night, 7:30-Beginner Ballroom; 8:30-Non-Beginner. Thursday: 7:30-Non-beginner: 8:30-Beginner. 336-659-4305

Friday, July 29, Stepset, Guilford Grange, 7:30, \$5.00. Joe Leggio, 336-643-6088

Amateur Dancer, USA Dance magazine: Yes, That was Chattie Byrd on page 13 of the March issue shown dancing with Tim Saunders, a photo undoubtedly taken by our eminent photographer Steve Raeford although no credit was given. We've missed Chattie at our dances in recent months but family problems have prevented her attending. We hope she will be back among us soon with her winning smile and ballroom grace.

A note of thanks to people who brought food to the June 12 dance: Doris Kiser, Trudy Atkins, Ellie Dolata, Donna Guinard, Charlotte Duncan, Dan and Peg Manross, Ling Sun, Fran Randolph, John Dorosk, Bob Johnson, and to **Ken & Jo Ann Lommel**, our hospitality hosts.

To Charlie Hafer for being a great treasurer, newsletter proofreader, and "all purpose guy."

To Bill & Carole Bryant for the wonderful strict tempo music.

To Adina Harper for a great foxtrot step.

To all who brought guests.

Carolina Fall Classic Volunteer Coordinators! A big thank you to Cynthia Carroll who has agree to serve with Linda Jackson in co-ordinating the volunteers for the competition. Be ready with "Yes" when they call on you. The competition is October 7-9 at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown. **Folks will tell you this is a fun thing to be a part of!** Check out the website for more information: www.carolinafallclassic.com

Volunteers! To be a teller at one of our dances, contact Charlie at 336-852-0515 or charleshafer@gmail.com. **To host a dance,** call Ken & Jo Ann Lommel, kmlommel@hotmail.com or 336-855-7071.

Black Tie Chairman: We are still looking for someone to chair the Black Tie Committee for 2012, please contact Cherri Wheaton, gcwheaton@earthlink.net or 336-540-8953.



Photos by Steve Raeford: Adina Harper and Paul Sun, Peg Sterling & Dan Manross, Dick and Wallena Morris, Wanda Clark & George Wheaton, Bob & Linda Perry

Contact Steve, if you would like to suggest a dance or instructor for our dances: raefordphoto@bellsouth.net or 336-275-2251.



Right: Photos from Parisian Promenade on June 5 provided by Mebane Ham: Bill & Cinda Wall, Charlie Hafer & Trudy Atkins

