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From the President...

Precious Memories. This could have been our Dancer's Hymn as precious memories have been made and will continue to be made as members and guests of Carolina Heartland come together the second Sunday of each month for a few hours of dance and fellowship.



Carolyn Steed

This month we move to our new location [Skateland U.S.A. on North Church Street] and enjoy a new time [5:30-8 p.m.] as the dancing, fellowship and memories we have become accustomed to remain a constant.

We are indeed fortunate that our chapter has continued to grow, and it has become necessary for us to find a new home. Having a large active chapter of members who truly enjoy being together is the goal of all chapters. My sincere appreciation to each member of Carolina Heartland who has contributed in his/her own special way to bringing us to where we are today. It's a challenge to find a large dance space that is desirable, to have great music month after month, and to have dancers who continually come together expecting another great afternoon and leave feeling they had it all.

Relocation always invokes mixed emotions. It is with reluctance we change locations, having enjoyed so many good times at The Grange; however, there is the excitement of a larger, different location. That's where we are today. We have the best situation in that we are taking our music and friends with us; basically, everything continues exactly the same...just in a new place at a new time.

Put on your favorite dancing shoes, get your partner of choice and enjoy the music we love as we dance in our new space at Skateland. The snack bar is closed, but as always, we will have refreshments provided by members. Plan to bring friends and join us.

Again, thanks for the continued growth that has made our move a necessity. I think it says volumes for our chapter.

Carolyn Steed

USA Dance Calendar

July 8 - Monthly Dance: Foxtrot lesson with Jim Brady, Classically Yours Studio, 5:30 p.m.; dancing 6:15-8 p.m. Skateland, North Church St., Greensboro.

July 22 - Shall We Dance demonstration, Outreach program, Evergreens Nursing Home, High Point. (Call Curtis Holt at 451-2346 to register.)

August 12 - Monthly Dance, Cha cha lesson Dasha Chub, Fred Astaire.

September 9- Monthly Dance: Cha cha lesson, Dasha Chub, Fred Astaire.

September 16 - Showcase: Dancing with Our Stars, 3:30 p.m. Shrine Club, 5010 High Point Road, Greensboro.

Spotlight on...



Dot Mason has fished for...and eaten... piranha in Brazil. She has traveled on a former Russian spy ship to Antarctica to walk among hundreds of penguins. She has hiked in Nepal, Spain and Norway; however, before any of these experiences, she met and married Homer Mason 47 years ago this month, raised two children and taught geography at NC A&T and UNCG for 28 years.

When Dot retired in 1997, she decided to visit all of the places she had taught about in the geography textbooks. Being a devout Quaker, she discovered early on that she wanted to do more than satisfy her wanderlust. Joining Global Volunteers, she now volunteers for short-term service programs around the world.

Recent travels have taken her to Ecuador to teach mentally and physically handicapped children and to Peru to teach English in an orphanage. (En route she visited Macchu Picchu and ate guinea pig, a Peruvian delicacy.) Her teaching expertise was recognized in 2005 when she was named Outstanding Geographic Educator of the Year by the NC Geographical Society.

Since beginning dancing lessons with Homer in 1994, Dot dances two or three times a week when not traveling. Homer continues to dance...with and without her, so when you miss Dot at dances in October, you will know she's off to Greece to teach English on the isle of Crete. Meanwhile, Homer, who does not share her lust for travel, is happy to remain at home, dancing and playing tennis (and usually winning).

"Dancing with Our Stars" Entries Are Welcome

Couples who wish to participate in the Carolina Heartland's 2007 Showcase on Sunday, September 16, should contact Rockie Troxler or Jerry Snyder.

"Dancing with Our Stars" is the theme of this year's Showcase which will be held 4-7 p.m. at the Oriental Shrine Club in Greensboro. Performances will be limited to 15, concluding with a presentation by Scott and Lena, an award-winning amateur competition team from Raleigh.

Chairman Ellie Dolota has named the following committees to assist with the Showcase: Refreshments: Lynette Smitherman and Cheryl Wheaton; Decorations: Eileen Leggio, Yvette Zannini and Betty McClintock; and Publicity: Chattie Byrd. Jerry Snyder will serve as master of ceremonies.

Admission is \$10 (\$5 for students). Call 317-2225 or E-mail ellieandjoedance@yahoo.com.

Monthly Dance Site Moves to Skateland USA North

Our chapter will move its monthly dance from The Grange in Greensboro to a spacious new site, Skateland USA North, and a new time (5:30 p.m.) beginning Sunday, July 8.

Our growing membership, which has doubled in the past two years, makes the move necessary. Skateland, located at 3801 N. Church Street near the intersection with Pisgah Church Road, is a temporary location, reserved for a three-month trial period. Refreshments will be available as they have been at the Grange, and members are encouraged to bring their favorite finger food to serve with coffee and soft drinks.

New Member Campaign - The Carolina Heartland board has announced a membership drive extending from June through September. The member who enrolls the most NEW members during this period will receive a \$40 gift certificate. Furthermore, guests visiting for the first time, **who are not members of other USA Dance chapters**, will enjoy free admission.

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After the Dance.....

With Carolina USA Dance Chapters ...

Charlotte - Stephen Lucas reports that the Queen City chapter will meet Saturday, July 14, at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, beginning with a Latin lesson at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the ballroom dancing party that follows from 8:30 - 11 p.m. is "Dancing for Dollars," a fundraiser for UNCCCharlotte Dancesport. Visitors are welcome; for more information check www.charlotteusadance.org.

Greenville - Randy Nichols reports the Greenville chapter will meet Saturday, July 28, beginning with a lesson at the Pitt County Recreation Complex, 4561 County Home Road. You can reach Randy at 919-738-5461.

Hickory - Nellie Pruitt says the Carolina Foothills Chapter of USA Dance, Inc., will go Hawaiian for its July dance Saturday (the 28th), at the Neill Clark Recreation Center on 29th Avenue NW in Hickory. Dancing is from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Nellie at 828-327-6932.

Rocky Mount - Vince Tesoro says his chapter's monthly dances are on the second Saturday of the month on the large wooden floor in at the Imperial Centre on Falls Road and North Franklin Street in the old library building. Next dance is July 14 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. For information, call Vince at 252-212-5525 or 252-469-0515. Refreshments served.

Raleigh - Tom Tucker, who attended our Black Tie with his wife, says the Triangle chapter will meet as usual at the Highland Methodist Church July 21. He is surveying the membership, seeking volunteers for a day of dance workshops in the fall which several members have requested.

Wytheville - Becky Comer reports the Mountain Empire Chapter will meet July 21, beginning with a lesson at 7:30; dancing until 11 p.m.

Winston-Salem - From Marcia Barney: the Piedmont NC Chapter meets July 22, lesson at 5:30 p.m., dancing from 6 - 8 p.m., Skateland, Clemmons.

Lord of the Dance Wins Hymn Competition

Carolyn Williams, Betty McClintock, and JoAnn Snyder all submitted the winning entry, "Lord of the Dance," in the Dancer's Hymn contest in March.

The words were written by Sydney Carter in 1963 to music based on a 19th century Shaker tune.

The first of five verses follows: " *I danced in the morning when the world*

was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven, and I danced on earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

"Dance then, wherever you may be. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."

Our Website: If you haven't checked Carolina Heartland.org this month, then you are not among the 1000 who have. Webmaster Joe Leggio reports 967 "unique visitors" who have checked in 1153 times as of June 27, possibly to view the 358 photos he has posted. But see for yourself and you may see yourself in color in 14 pages of photos by our Official Photographer Steve Raeford (and Sherri) as well as Curtis Holt, Carolyn Steed, etc.

Dues Update - The following members are reminded to send 2007-08 dues to USA Dance Membership Director, PO Box 1126, Southampton, PA 18966: Britt Hammond, Carol Kruep, Jerry Whittaker and George and Cheryl Wheaton.

Friendly Friday Melodies - Evening concerts on Fridays in July from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Friendly Shopping Center are: **July 6** - Old South Dixieland Band (New Orleans jazz);

July 13 - Lisa Dames (Nashville recording artist);

July 20 - Rob Massengale Band (Dancing thru the Decades - 1950s);

July 27 - WonderWall Band (1960s) Attendees are invited to bring a canned food item for the Second Harvest food bank.

Louisiana Competition - Ellie and Joe Dolata placed sixth in bronze and silver recently in the Baton Rouge competition. "We were just dancing in our category to place," Ellie says. "It felt great to have an 'official gown' and be out there.

Best Triad Dances

July 1 - Tea Dance, Greensboro Ballroom, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., hosted by Tim Saunders. (Call 854-1850 for monthly schedule.)

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

July 14 - Picnic-Dance: 7 p.m.: Greensboro Social Club, Lewis Recreation Center, check (members-\$5; non-members-\$8) by July 7 to Baxter Stapleton, 3 Keppen Trail, Greensboro 27410.

Heartland Members Invited to Mayberry Ballroom Dance -

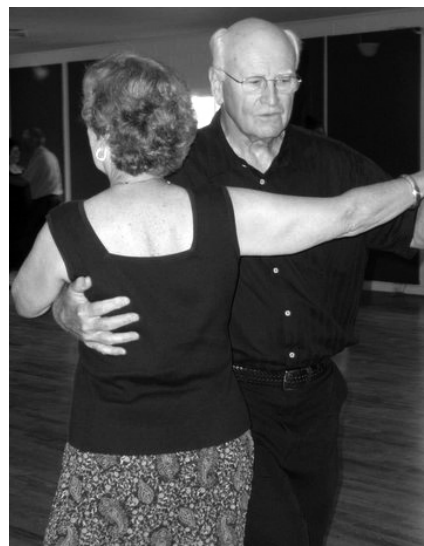
Carol and Bill Bryant (seen below) have issued a special invitation to Heartland members to attend the first Mayberry Ballroom Dance at the Pro Health Fitness Center in Mount Airy on Saturday, July 14, from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. The Center is located off the Hwy. 52 intersection with 601 at 280 N. Point Blvd. For more information, call the Bryants at 336-374-2712.



Bob Perry and Britt Hammond



Betsy Holder and Bob Jordan



Carol and Bill Bryant