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The President's Column

I hope the summer months are bringing you joy, vacations and lots of dancing. As the year continues I want to



specifically thank the board and committee chairs.

Mel Paterline, Vice President, is a brilliant businessman who provides invaluable services and advice. He and his wife, Victoria are also beautiful dancers who compete and represent us extremely well. An absolute dynamo is Lib Johnson who was the editor of our newsletter throughout this year. She is also the Special Events Chair and force behind events such as workshops, dance lessons, Black Tie and Showcase. She provides music and schedules the other music providers whom we appreciate!

Charlie Hafer has joined our board and is assuming the responsibilities of the newsletter and membership along with being a music provider. He brings lots of experience to the board and has much to contribute. Lynette Smitherman is our Social Chair and keeps up with the very demanding responsibilities of finding hosts, seeing we have refreshments and being sure the room is set.

Rodger Haberfield is the friendly face you often see collecting fees at dances; he is our Treasurer. Melody Kearns is our Secretary and does a thorough job of seeing that we have clear minutes that are shared on our website. Our website is maintained by Mark Lichtenberger who has also hosted DanceSport practice dances and is working on furthering our programming for university students.

And finally, thanks to Steve Raeford for chairing Outreach and providing quality photography for our newsletter. There are countless others who help in many ways and I appreciate all of you.

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Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

August 11— American Cha Cha Workshop, Guilford Grange, 2-4pm, taught by Tim Saunders, \$20. For more details and to reserve a spot, contact libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

Important: to hold the workshop, we must have at least 10 people registered by 8 pm, Thursday August 9, so don't delay!

August 12— Monthly Dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-4:15 pm: Foxtrot lesson taught by Randy Garner. 4:15-6:00 pm, social dancing to music prepared by Rockie Troxler. Admission: \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students.

September 9—Monthly Dance, Guilford Grange. 3:30-6:00 pm. Lesson TBA.

September 16—13th Annual Showcase & Ball. See article below center.

Dance Into Autumn! Yes, we have another fantastic theme to set the mood for our annual "journey" in producing our 13th National Ballroom Dance Week (NBDW) Showcase/Ball. Thanks to Marty Bergman for that wonderful theme. Quick review: Date- **September 16, 2018**; Venue-**Greensboro Shrine Club**; Time- **4:00-7:00**. Cost-**\$15.00**.

Promises to spectators: 14 or so great performances, two full hours of general dancing, two dance hosts for single ladies, great music, and delectable refreshments. So far we have 19 performers who want to present 11 dances. Three of those performers are exciting new entrants! And yes, we have room for more performers! So please get your official entry forms to us by **August 10, 2018**. The flyer sent earlier (and available at some dances) has all the pertinent information and where to send the form. If you need another form, contact libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

Stepping up to serve as Tri-Chairpersons again this year are Lib Johnson, Mel and Victoria Paterline.

Lib says "please call to offer your help in producing this Showcase/Ball. Perhaps you can help publicize this event, make flower arrangements, set up on the day of the event, or disassemble after the event. Other folks might find it easier to just sign up to bring delectable snacks for our usual fantastic array of treats".

Melody Kearns began a list of contributors at our last dance and will continue at the August and September dances. Or you can email her at melodykearns1954@gmail.com.

Contact Lib, Mel, or Victoria to offer your help: mpaterline@gmail.com, vpaterline@gmail.com, or libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.



Spotlight on Janice Bergman

Although she is a relatively new Carolina Heartland member, Janice has ballroom dance experience going back a couple decades. And, although she has lived in many areas of the USA, she is no stranger to the Tar Heel State.

She says "As a young woman in New York City, I had North Carolina connections at an early age. During two of my college breaks, I was able to work at Teterboro Airport where my dad worked. Those being my dating years, I met and dated some of the flight personnel who flew the Burlington Industries employees to NY. Consequently, many dates were spent with pilots or flight instructors who flew me over New York City at night in small planes. That certainly was not a young woman's average date".



"After college, I worked in the buying office of a designer furniture showroom near the UN. Since the majority of the furniture was manufactured in NC, I frequently talked with their production people. I would chuckle when NC received a dusting of snow and everyone would leave work early".

She continues "Moving a lot and experiencing many interesting things added so much enrichment to my life". After NYC Janice lived in Charlottesville, VA, Salt Lake City, Bethesda, MD, Charlottesville again, Roanoke, New Orleans, and Martinsville, VA, where she held three interesting and challenging jobs. Moving around gave her opportunities to learn things like cross country skiing, hiking, and about the Mardi Gras.

Janice retired to Greensboro in 2001. She says "since then I have been able to pursue my passion for traveling. With seven trips to Europe and five to Hawaii behind me, I will be visiting three Greek Islands in August. I have resumed dancing, which I began in the 1990's with Jose in Danville. Along with my highly interesting life, I also managed to have three children who have given me five grandchildren".

(See more of Janice's travels on Page 2)

Triad Dance Opportunities (all times PM)

Friday, August 3, 1st Friday, Guilford Grange Dance, 8:00-10:00, 4909 Guilford School Road, Greensboro, NC. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com. (Grange address not repeated in other entries below.)

Saturday, August 4, 1st Saturday, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, 8:00-10:00. Contact: 336-659-4305.

Sunday, August 5, 1st Sunday, Tim Saunders Dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30. Contact: Tim, 336-324-1924.

Friday, August 10, 2nd Friday, Dinner & Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Rd., Dinner-7:00; Dancing 8:00. Contact: Carolyn Williams, 336-945-3635.

Saturday, August 11, 2nd Saturday, Greensboro Social Dance, 8:00, Lewis Recreation Center. Contact: Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

Sunday, August 12, 2nd Sunday, Carolina Heartland Dance, Guilford Grange. See details near top of page 1.

Friday, August 17, 3rd Friday, Step Set Dance, Guilford Grange, 8:00-10:00. Contact: Charlotte Jackson, 336-889-5534 or jercharjack@yahoo.com.

Saturday, August 25, 4th Saturday, Horizon Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com, 336-299-7412.

Sunday, August 26, 4th Sunday, Piedmont USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Lesson at 4:00; dancing from 4:30-6:30. Contact: Marcia, 336-712-8183 or hmbar@aol.com.

July 10th Monthly Dance

Close to three dozen dancers came to our 2nd Sunday dance, and most of them came early for the excellent Viennese Waltz lesson taught by Adina Harper. They enjoyed the dance music provided by Charlie Hafer (despite some computer glitches that have since been corrected), and the summery decorations provided by hostess Marty Bergman.

We thank Lib Johnson, Sherri Raeford, Mary Beth Jordan, Lynette Smitherman, Peg Sterling & Dan Manross, Lou & Liz Popowsky for bringing refreshments. And for those hungry for more instruction in Viennese Waltz, don't forget the workshop taught by Adina in **November!**

Below: Great attendance for Viennese Waltz lesson by Adina Harper, July 10th!



Former Editor Returns

Former Carolina Heartbeat chief editor Charles Hafer has returned from his year-long vacation in the mountains of eastern Tennessee. The Carolina Heartland Board of Directors sincerely thanks Lib Johnson for taking the reins and doing an heroic job as chief editor during the past year, in addition to her myriad other duties. Lib will continue to write and edit articles for this newsletter.

Carolina Heartland Treasury Balance – Currently \$2820

Dancing In The Dining Room!

Want to brighten the day for some seniors? We are having a dance outreach for the residents of the Pennybryn retirement home Thursday, August 16. We will be mainly doing social dancing (in their dining room) but there will be a couple special dance performances! If you would like to participate, contact Steve Raeford (raefordphoto@bellsouth.net, 336-601-1768) for details.



Left: Janice Bergman discovers the Grand Canyon (one place she has not called home!)

Competitors' Corner

The 14th "Gumbo of Ballroom" competition was held in Baton Rouge, LA at the end of June, with over 600 competitors from 39 states, Canada and Europe. Two Carolina Heartland members, Mel and Victoria Paterline, represented our chapter. They competed in American Smooth style (for the first time in 4 years) and were awarded 2nd place in Senior 4 Silver. In International Standard style they were finalists in several events and won 4th place in Senior 4 Silver. They were pleased with their results and proud to represent our chapter.

Below: July Dance photos by professional photographer Steve Raeford



Far Left: Dan Paterson & Susan Thurman

Left: Rodger Haberfield & Mary Ellen Poe

Right: Liz and Lou Popowsky

