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A Message from our President



With the holidays upon us there is no better time to get out your dancing shoes and attend one of the many upcoming Christmas Holiday dances. Our chapter's monthly dance will be held on December 11th at the Guilford Grange and we would love to have you join us.

USA Dance recently held elections for national officers for the next two years. Carolina Heartland's own Carole Barber was elected to the position of Dance-Sport Delegate. Join me in congratulating Carole and in letting her know just how happy we are to have her as a part of our chapter.

The next big event that we have coming up will be our annual Black Tie to be held on April 22nd, 2017. It's right around the corner and will be here before we know it. I hope by our January newsletter to be able to start providing you with some details about the Black Tie, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this great annual event.

See you on the dance floor!
Terry L. Whittington, President
Carolina Heartland #6092 USA Dance, Inc.

Our New Website

Carolina Heartland chapter has a new website! Our vice president Mark Lichtenberger has been working on the website and it can be found at <http://6092.usadance.org/> Mark will be adding to the new site over time, we thank him for his work.

We also thank Joe Leggio, who maintained our previous website for over a decade.

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Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

December 11 —Christmas-Holidays Dance. Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd, Greensboro. 2:30 pm Line dance lesson with Lib Johnson. General dancing to recorded ballroom music 3:15 until 5:00. **Admission fees:** \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students, free for first-time guests. **Please bring unwrapped toys and gifts for youth of all ages; see photo of tree and gifts from last year on page 2.**

April 22, 2017—13th Annual Black Tie Ball (Spring formal dinner-dance) at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. More details available early next year.



Randy Garner & Doris Kiser

Meet The Teachers (edited by Trudy Atkins)

Randy Garner

Dancing has been part of Randy Garner's life as student, instructor and competitive dancer although the focus has been on teaching in recent years

"I started teaching dance at Fred Astaire Dance Studios in 1977," he says, becoming the Dance Director at the Greensboro studio in 1979, training all the other teachers. "I became certified in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Supreme Gold in Ten Dances in 1980." That's when he began competing.

He competed in Theater Arts in 1980 and 1981, winning the southeastern dance competition in Columbia (SC) both years. "I moved to Charlotte to teach at the Fred Astaire Studio," where he became the top teacher in lessons taught as well as the top teacher bringing in new students for three years. While living in Charlotte, he won two Freddy Awards which at that time was the highest award a teacher could receive.

Competing in American style smooth, he was the southeastern dance champion in 1983 and 1984.

Randy bought and owned the Fred Astaire dance studio in Hickory for four years, setting records for small franchises in small markets three years in a row.

The criteria was lessons sold, competition numbers and lessons taught. In 1990, he sold the rights to his franchise and opened an independent studio in Hickory where he taught for four more years.

He continued to compete with his partner for several years until 2008 when he began teaching in Kernersville in several locations.

"In 2009, I started going to Assisted Living Communities, getting the residents up and dancing." This grew into multiple locations of Assisted Living, Dementia Care and Alzheimer's communities, bringing the joy of dancing to more than 30 retirement communities in all.

"I am currently teaching private lessons in the Kernersville area," he says. So if you are interested in taking lessons, give him a call at **336-209-6079** or might catch his next dancing lesson at a Carolina Heartland dance. Randy is a welcome addition to the world of ballroom dancing in the Triad and beyond.

Dance Opportunities

Friday, Dec. 2 – 1st Friday Christmas Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro . 8-10.pm. Great dance floor, music by Joe Leggio. Details 336-299-7412.

Saturday, Dec. 3—1st Saturday Dance. Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem. 8-10 pm. 336-659-4305.

Sunday, Dec. 4—Tim Saunders Holiday Showcase & Dance. Guilford Grange. 3:30-5:30 pm. 336-324-1924.

Friday, Dec. 9 - 2nd Friday Dinner Dance. High Point Elks, 700 Old Mill Rd., 7-10 pm. Music by Rodney & Carolyn Williams, Reservations: Carolyn 336-945-3635, cvkw@twc.com.

Friday, Dec. 16 – Step Set Dance Club, River Landing Wellness Center, 7:30-9:30 pm. Charlie Hafer 336-554-5279.

Friday, Dec. 30– Special Piedmont USA Dance. Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. 7 pm.. Marcia 336-712-8183.

Saturday, Dec. 31– Triad Ballroom Dance Club New Year’s Eve Dinner-Dance. High Point Elks, 7:30-12:15 am. Formal or Semi-formal attire. Singles welcome, champagne toast. Reservation information: Linda Perry 336-643-4047.

Saturday, Dec. 31—New Year’s Eve Oldies & Ballroom Benefit Dance Party. Guilford Grange, 9:00-midnight. Casual attire, please bring refreshments (no alcoholic beverages allowed), profits to Urban Ministry. Charlie 336-554-5279.

Classes – Southfork Rec. Center, Winston-Salem, with Allen Berryhill. Wed: Beginner Ballroom 7:30 pm, Non-beginner 8:30; Thur: Non-beginner 7:30, Beginner 8:30. 336-659-4305.

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The new website is supplied by USA Dance, Inc., and supported by your USA Dance membership dues. This will save our chapter over \$80 a year in website hosting fees, money that can put to other uses.

And don't forget our group page on Facebook, where people post information on future dance events, and photos and videos from dances. To find our group page in Facebook, just type "Carolina Heartland" in the Search Facebook window. We thank Lib Johnson for setting up and managing the Facebook group page.

Don't forget to bring unwrapped toys and other gifts for youths to our Dec. 11 dance! At right are gifts from Dec. 2015 dance.



Treasury Balance for Nov. 30: \$2411.40



November Heartland Report

Those who attended the November 13 Monthly Dance were treated to a somewhat challenging cha cha lesson, taught by Adina Harper. Then we danced to great music programmed by Rockie Troxler.

Besides Adina and Rockie, we also thank Marty Bergman and Charlie Hafer for pre-dance set up. Also thanks to those who brought refreshments, including Lynette Smitherman, Marty Bergman, Donna Guinard, Mary Beth Jordan, and Ken Lommel.

Don't forget our annual Christmas Holidays dance on Dec. 11. Lib Johnson will be teaching some great line dances, including tango. Also thanks to Lib for proof-reading our newsletter and finding all the mistakes that even the wonderful Microsoft programs miss!



Photos from 2015 Christmas dance.

Left: Cherrie & George Wheaton

Right: Sebastian Wren & Jo Ann Lommel

