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A Message from our President

As the new year begins and the dance season starts over again, Carolina Heartland is working hard to bring all of our dance friends more opportunity to dance.

The next big event for our chapter is our annual Black Tie Gala to be held on April 22nd. We are currently in the planning stages for this event and looking for volunteers to help make this night a great success. So anyone interested in helping with the Black Tie please contact me (Surgeoncsa@aol.com, 919-883-1487).

Carolina Heartland is striving to provide everyone with better opportunities to both learn to dance and to practice those skills on the dance floor. Be on the lookout for an altered workshop schedule for the upcoming year that should provide better opportunities to attend. We are also pursuing the ability to offer lessons through the chapter on a more regular basis. And we have found an additional location to hold dance events, so the board is exploring the option of adding a second dance on a Friday or Saturday night in addition to our regular Sunday dances.

2017 looks like it will be a great year for our chapter with more opportunities to learn and to dance and with fellowship with all of our friends.

See you on the dance floor!

Terry L. Whittington, President

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Carolina Heartland Event Calendar for 2017

The chapter board of directors met on December 18 and discussed the event schedule for 2017. Below is the current schedule, which is subject to change and additions. All future changes and additions will be noted in this newsletter, on our website and Facebook page, and via email.

One thing to note is that we will be holding 3 workshop-plus-dance events, on the 2nd Saturdays in May, August, and October. These will be like the successful event we held in May 2016, with an afternoon workshop, then a break for dinner, resting, change of attire, etc., and then a 3 hour evening dance. The cost of the workshop will be \$20 per person, and those attending the workshop will get free admission to the dance. If you attend only the dance, you will pay the usual dance admission fee. And in the months with the workshop-plus-dance, there will be no 2nd Sunday dance. Also, due to the workshops, there will be no pre-dance lesson for the Saturday dances.

There is no February workshop scheduled. In recent years, there has been low interest in February workshop due to nasty winter weather and people with the flu and other winter illnesses.

The dances to be taught, and the instructors for the workshops, have not been scheduled yet. As usual, all the workshops and 2nd weekend dances will be held at Guilford Grange.

Current 2017 Event Schedule

(Be sure to mark these on your 2017 calendar)

- ***Sunday, January 8** – 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, February 12** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, March 12** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, April 9** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Saturday, April 22** – 13th Annual Black Tie Dinner-Dance at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, 6:30-11 pm.
- ***Saturday, May 13** – Workshop 2-4 pm; Dance 7-10 pm.
- ***Sunday, June 11** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, July 9** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Saturday, August 12** -- Workshop 2-4 pm; Dance 7-10 pm.
- ***Sunday, September 10** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, September 17** (tentative date) – 12th annual National Ballroom Dance Week Showcase & Dance, Greensboro Shrine Club, 4:00-7:00 pm.
- ***Friday, September 29 through Sunday, October 1**— Carolina Fall Classic dance competition, University Hilton, Charlotte.
- ***Saturday, October 14** -- Workshop 2-4 pm; Dance 7-10 pm.
- ***Sunday, November 12** -- 2nd Sunday dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ***Sunday, December 10** – Annual Christmas Holidays dance, with pre-dance lesson, 2:30-5:00 pm.

January Carolina Heartland Dance

January 8—2nd Sunday Dance. Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd, Greensboro. 2:30 pm swing lesson taught ny Adina Harper. 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.

New Website, Same Familiar Web Address

Mark Lichtenberger has succeeded in setting our new website to use the familiar CarolinaHeartland.org web address. Please only use this web address and NOT the one listed in December newsletter, which will no longer work.

And please keep your USA Dance membership email address up to date, so you can receive important emails from Carolina Heartland and USA Dance in a timely manner.

New Board Member

Linda Jackson, long-time Carolina Heartland board member and former president, has rejoined the board. She will be working to arrange volunteers to help with our dances and other events.

And look for exciting news from the board on ways we will be showing our appreciation for the members that come in early and stay late to help produce our monthly dances. They may set up furniture and decorate before the dance, collect admissions during the lesson and dance, or prepare the dance music program. And they often don't get to do as much dancing as they would like.

Treasury Balance for Dec 31:
\$2468.38

All photos in this issue by professional photographer Steve Raeford. Right: Our tree and the gifts for kids collected at December monthly dance.



Triad Ballroom Dance Opportunities

Friday, Jan. 6 – 1st Friday Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro . 8-10.pm. Great dance floor, music by Lib Johnson. Details 336-299-7412.

Saturday, Jan. 7—1st Saturday Dance. Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem. 8-10 pm. 336-659-4305.

Friday, Jan. 13 - 2nd Friday Dinner Dance. High Point Elks, 700 Old Mill Rd., 7-10 pm. Music by Rodney & Carolyn Williams. Couples and singles welcome, includes catered dinner. Reservations: Carolyn 336-945-3635, cvkw@twc.com.

Saturday, Jan. 14 – Greensboro Social Dance Club, Lewis Recreation Center, 8:00 pm. Eileen Leggio 336-643-6088.

Friday, Jan. 20 – Step Set Dance Club, River Landing Wellness Center, 7:30-9:30 pm. Charlie Hafer 336-554-5279.

Sunday, Jan. 22 – Piedmont USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. 4 pm lesson, 4:30-6:30 dance. Marcia 336-712-8183.

Saturday, Jan. 28– 4th Saturday Dance with Bob & Lib & Bonnie, Guilford Grange 8-10 pm.. 336-299-7412.

Friday, Feb. 3 – 1st Friday Dance, Guilford Grange. 8-10.pm. \$5. Great dance floor, music by Joe Leggio. Details 336-299-7412.

Saturday, Feb. 4—1st Saturday Dance. Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem. 8-10 pm. 336-659-4305.

Sunday, Feb. 5—Tim Saunders Pre-Super Bowl Dance, Guilford Grange, 3-5 pm. 336-324-1924.

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.

December Heartland Report

We had good attendance at our Annual Christmas Holidays dance on December 11, and collected a large number of nice toys and gifts for kids and youths.

We thank Wes Smitherman, who brought the shining Christmas tree with the big red ribbon, and all those who brought the gifts that went under the tree. And thanks to Marty Bergman, Robin Borsos, Trudy Atkins, Cherrie Wheaton, Lib Johnson, Charlie Hafer, and others who helped with dance set up and decorating the tables and room to make it very festive.

Thanks to Doris Kiser, David Wood, Sherri Raeford, Marty Bergman, Jim & Ann Astin, Lib Johnson, Lynette Smitherman, Franzi Brown, and any others who brought the great holiday treats to eat. And thanks to Lib Johnson, who taught a rather intricate tango line dance and an enhanced samba line dance, and Charlie Hafer who programmed the holiday-themed music. See photos from the dance on this page.



**Left: Rick Pardue & Franzi Brown
Right; Victoria & Mel Paterline**



Below: Marty Bergman & Rick Pardue practice dancing (or wrestling?)

Below: Ann & Jim Astin



Above: Christine & Ken Chiou

