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A Message from our President

Spring is nearly upon us and with the coming of spring comes Carolina Heartland's

13th annual Black Tie Dance. This year's big event will be held on April 22nd at the Koury Convention center; a copy of the registration form is included with this newsletter and as always we hope to have a great evening with all of our dance friends.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with the event, so if you're interested in helping out please let Linda Jackson know at ljdances7@gmail.com or 336-210-0324.

Our Dance this month will be held on March 12th and we have an instructor from the Raleigh area, Jordan Jewel, coming to teach a Foxtrot lesson. Jordan is a regular teacher for the Triangle USA Dance chapter and teaches a fun lesson, so please come out and join us for this new instructor. Hopefully we will be able to have him back in the future.

At our monthly dance on April 9th Adina Harper will be teaching a Swing lesson and then she will be joining us again on May 13th to teach Waltz for our first workshop of the year.

On another note we will be holding a dance on March 25th at The Wellness Center at UNCG that will be themed like a mini competition. The event is the weekend before USA Dance Nationals and will give our chapters many competitive members the ability to "Practice" before the national competition. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

See you on the dance floor.
Terry L. Whittington
President, USA Dance, Carolina Heartland Chapter



Upcoming Carolina Heartland Events

Monthly Dance, March 12- Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd, Greensboro. 2:30 pm: Foxtrot lesson with Jordan Jewell, 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.

Competitor Practice plus Fun Dance, March 25- Everyone welcome, UNCG Recreation and Wellness Center, 1301 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro. 1 pm, \$15.

Black Tie Ball "Springs" To Life in April.

Carolina Heartland's 13th Annual Spring Formal Ball will be held again at the Koury Convention Center at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro. The date is Saturday, April 22, 2017, the time is 6:30 pm. The theme this year is **Spring Garden Party**, which is rather appropriate since spring weather has arrived and spring foliage is emerging and spring flowers are already blooming in our gardens!

Our chapter has held the spring ball ever since we were formed in 2005. Every year the ball has been planned, promoted, and produced by chapter volunteers, and this year is no exception. We will need volun-

teers in the areas of decoration planning and creation, decorating the ballrooms before the event, dismantling the decorations right after the event, and welcoming attendees and ushering them to their seats.

We have had some very artistic volunteers every year; see the photos in this issue of our recent Black Tie events. Our creative volunteers have managed to keep our expenses low, although the hotel charges for food and beverage and other services have increased considerably over the 13 years. Last year only around 11 percent of the ticket price went to our chapter for all the decorating and providing music, the rest went to the Sheraton and to the professional photographer.

To volunteer to assist with this year's Black Tie, please contact our Linda Jackson at ljdances7@gmail.com or 336-210-0324. To reserve seats at the Spring Garden Party Ball, please download or print the form at our website, www.carolinaheartland.org, or on our Carolina Heartland Facebook page, print the form you may have received via email, or pick up a reservation form at any dance at the Guilford Grange or many other local dances where this newsletter is found. Don't miss out on the fun!

Below: 2014 Black Tie Ball



Dance Opportunities

Friday, March 10 - 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.

Saturday, March 11 – Greensboro Social Dance Club, Lewis Recreation Center, 8:00 pm. Eileen Leggio 336-643-6088.

Sunday, March 19 – Spring Oldies Ballroom Benefit Dance, Guilford Grange, 7:30-9:30 pm. Charlie Hafer 336-554-5279.

Saturday, March 25– 4th Saturday (Horizon) Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10 pm. 336-299-7412.

Sunday, March 26 – Piedmont USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Clemmons. 4 pm lesson, 4:30-6:30 dance. Marcia 336-712-8183.

Friday, March 31 – Step Set Dance Club 5th Friday Dance. Guilford Grange, 7:30-9:30 pm. Charlie Hafer 336-554-5279.

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

Sunday, April 2—Tim Saunders 1st Sunday Dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30 pm. 336-324-1924.

Friday, April 7 – 1st Friday Dance, Guilford Grange, 8-10 pm. Great dance floor, great music. 336-299-7412.

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.

February Heartland Report

After our January dance was cancelled because of the big snow storm, dancers were really ready to dance for our February 12 Valentine’s Dance. We had one of the largest attendances in the past several years, including 14 non-member guests.

We welcomed first-time guests John Bert, Liz & Lou Popowsky, Dan & Alice Wilson, and Don Wagner. Other guests included Bart & Beth Hillenbrand, Susan Thurman, Patricia Littlefield, and former members Joe & Eileen Leggio, Franzi Brown, and Scott Tanseer.

Many dancers arrived early enough to attend Tim Saunders’ excellent Bolero lesson, and then danced to the great dance music programmed by Terry Whittington. And they enjoyed the Valentine decorations supplied by Lib Johnson and Melanie Whittington and others. We thank Larry and Linda, Terry and Melanie Whittington, Marty Bergman, and others who helped decorate.

Thanks also to Melanie and Linda, who also brought refreshments, as did Mary Beth Jordan, Ling Sun, Eileen Leggio, Lib Johnson, Ken Lommel, Beth Hillenbrand, and Charlie Hafer.

Treasury Balance for Feb. 28: \$2745.88

Below: 2015 and 2016 Black Tie Balls

