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## The President's Column

One thing I have learned over the years is that to understand the present and visualize the future, we must know and understand the past. There is much to be



learned from history. Over the past month, I became curious about the history of Carolina Heartland and USA Dance at large. With a bit of research, I found that USA Dance celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015. There is a fascinating page on the website that goes into detail about the many events and changes that formed the organization we know today. As for our chapter, there are wonderful mentors in our ranks who have a lot of first-hand knowledge about the chapter's journey. I have learned a lot from them and continue to draw on their experience. Here are a few Carolina Heartland milestones:

- The first board meeting was held November 14, 2004
- The first dance was held December 12, 2004
- Chapter 6092 "officially began" in January 2005 with 84 members
- The first Black Tie was held on April 16, 2005 with 154 in attendance
- Mary Lou Troxler was the first chairperson
- Lib Johnson and Rockie Troxler provided the dance music
- The event was held at Koury Convention Center under the leadership of Trudy Atkins

As we go into 2018, we have a solid foundation of 13 years of hard work, dedication and countless hours given to the club by the members who charted our course. I am inspired by those who have given so much as we embrace our 14<sup>th</sup> year of friendship and dance.

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## Carolina Heartland Calendar

**Carolina Heartland Second Sunday dance, March 11, 2018. Please note TIME CHANGES: 3:30 Rumba Lesson by Robert Simpson, 4:15-6:00 General Dancing.** Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC. **Admission fees: \$5:00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, and \$5.00 for students with ID card. Please bring your favorite snacks and enjoy dancing to Lib's music.**

## Spotlight on "A ROYAL GALA"



April 14, 2018 is the magical day we now await. We want to thank all those people who offered suggestions for the 2018 Black Tie Dance theme. Already we know people are excited over the theme "A Royal Gala" that came together from ideas of **Linda Perry and Robin Borsos**. Yes, they are the big winners of the contest! It was exciting to hear their ideas being "firmed up" in our first committee meeting with an exploration of exciting designs for decorating. The committee members, **Linda and Robin plus Sherri Raeford and Lib Johnson**, know you will be amazed with the cleverness and beauty of the most regal of decorations. The Carolina Heartland Board hopes that you eagerly anticipate this event and that part of your anticipation is due to the drastic reduction in the cost of the "Gala." We hope you like the special rate of only \$45.00 determined just for Carolina Heartland members who put in time and effort to keep a strong chapter. And the cost for all others was reduced also to a point that should entice more people to join us at this dance. Please hurry and return your reservation for this most exciting event to Al Kamperman. His address and all the information you need are on the form.

### Reminders for April 14, 2018

- \*The "Royal Guests" arrival - **6:30-** Koury Convention Center, 3121 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, **Guilford Ballroom**
- \*Quick, easy admission to the dance since the receptionist at the door of Guilford Ballroom will have your reservation
- \* Great dinner music & dance music
- \* Dance Hosts to keep the singles dancing
- \* Cash Bar from 6:30-10:00

## Sunday Dances!

*Please remember that the Carolina Heartland Sunday Dance now begins at 3:30 and lasts until 6:00.*

## Fantastic turnout for "Free Beginner Dance Lessons"

All three of our free Beginner Lessons drew essentially the same group of eager hopefuls, the number averaging 25. Those without partners were so pleased that more than enough enthusiastic volunteers were there to assist them in following the always precise and fun filled instructions of Adina Harper teaching the swing, Tim Saunders teaching the waltz, and Robert Simpson teaching the rumba. Many thanks to Adina, Tim & Robert and to these kind volunteers assisting the beginners: Trudy Atkins, Marty Bergman, Rodger Haberfield, Virita Harper, Tom Hovey, Joe Leggio, Bill North, Mel & Victoria Paterline, Steve & Sherri Raeford, Wes and Lynette Smitherman, Mike Vuncannon, and David Wood.

The exciting set of Beginner Lessons culminated in a special dance February 26. The fantastic volunteers were there to make sure no beginner was left without a partner. Every one stayed on the floor for every dance including the Electric Slide and the Cha Cha Slide, a "called" dance. Mel and Victoria Paterline enhanced our "dance education" by giving two demonstrations, rumba & foxtrot. Our chief goal was to embrace beginners and help them discover the joy and fun in dancing. Another goal was to provide the beginners with materials to guide them in their search for further instruction and places to dance. We gave them copies of our newsletter, our brochure showing "what we are and what we do," and a list of local dance instructors. We also made available a free music CD suitable to practice their new moves.

**Friday, Mar. 2, 1st Friday**, Guilford Grange Dance, 4909 Guilford School Rd. Dancing at 8:00. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

**Saturday, Mar. 3, First Saturday**, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, 8:00-10:00pm. Contact: 336-659-4305.

**Sunday, Mar 4, First Sunday**, Tim Saunders Dance, Guilford Grange, Please note!! This dance will be back to its regular schedule-3:30-5:30. Contact: Tim, 336-324-1924.

**Friday, Mar. 9, 2nd Friday**, Dinner & Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Rd., Dinner-7:00-Dancing 8:00, Music by Rodney and Carolyn, 336-945-3635.

**Saturday, Mar. 10, 2nd Saturday**, Greensboro Social Dance Club, 8:00 p.m., Lewis Recreation Center. Contact: Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

**Sunday, Mar. 11, Second Sunday**, Carolina Heartland, USA Dance, Guilford Grange, Please note **NEW PERMANENT TIME 3:30 lesson; 4:15-6:00, general dancing**. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com, 336-299-7412.

**Friday, Mar. 16, 3rd Friday**, Step Set Dance, **Please note PERMANENT change of venue and time: Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC, 8:00-10:00**. Contact: Charlotte Jackson, 336-889-5534, jercharjack@yahoo.com.

**Saturday, Mar. 24**, Horizon 4th Saturday Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC, 8:00-10:00. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

**Sunday, Mar. 25, Fourth Sunday**, Piedmont, USA Dance, Jerry Long YMCA, Lesson at 4:00 and dancing from 4:30-6:30. Contact: Marcia, 336-712-8183 or hmbar@aol.com.

**Weekly Classes** - Southfork, Winston: Allen Berryhill, teacher. **Wednesday night, 7:30**, Beginner Ballroom; 8:30, Non-Beginner Ballroom. **Thursday night, 7:30**, Non-beginner; 8:30, Beginner. Contact: 336-659-4305.

**Mel's Competition Corner:** Carolina Heartland Chapter had four couples compete and qualify for the national competition in the Southeastern Regional Championships in Montgomery, Alabama. Billy Dillon and Allison Bailey competed in Latin style in Adult Gold and Novice and Senior I Gold and Novice. They won three first places and one second place. Gary and Patty Agans competed in both Smooth and Rhythm styles in Senior II and Senior III Silver and Gold levels. They were finalists in each of their heats. Mel and Victoria Paterline competed in International Standard style in Senior III and Senior IV in the Silver and Gold levels. They had one first place finish, two second places and one 5<sup>th</sup> place. Continued page 3, Col. 1. . . . .

**Video Checkout:** Thanks to Lynette Smitherman, our video keeper. (lwsmitherman@gmail.com). One month checkout, members only. \$5.00 late fee.

**Photos by Professional Steve Raeford:**Below-Adina and eager swing beginners. (30 signed up)

**Salsa/Mambo Workshop:**  
We were all so happy when we had enough signups to offer this fun workshop! Thanks to the fantastic Jordan Jewell and all those fun folk.



Right: Line dancers at the Feb. 2nd Sunday dance. It was great to see Eileen back on the floor dancing. Please note also the clear shots of Virita, Christine, & Sherri. Notice the really great crowd at back.



Right: Mel Paterline and Virita Harper "give it a whirl" with one of Adina's waltz steps of the day.





**Mel's Competition Corner continued. . . . .**

The Chapter had only two couples to compete at the Mid-Atlantic Championships in Bethesda. Tim and Judy Daughtry competed in International Standard in Senior IV Gold and Novice levels. They won third place in Novice. Mel and Victoria Paterline competed in International Standard style in Senior III and Senior IV Silver and Gold levels. They were finalists in two of their heats.

**Outreach back on track with Steve Raeford.** Contact Steve if you know a suitable group or venue for Outreach Opportunity! We need to visit groups from which we can entice people to join us in dance! We also will do "good will" visits to such places as nursing homes. Send suggestions to Steve at raeford-photo@bellsouth.net.

**Hosts and Tellers needed.** If you host or serve as the teller for a dance, you will be awarded free admission to the dance. Please contact Lynette Smitherman at lw-smitherman@gmail.com if you would like to serve as hostess. Contact rhaberfield2004@yahoo.com if you could serve as teller.

**2018-2019 Officers—Quick Reference Guide**

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Above: Yea!!!! Trudy has tried a long time to get her son Day out to the lesson opportunities. He and his wife Annette really enjoyed themselves.

Below: Steve Raeford assists Gaye Willard at the first Beginner Lesson, the swing.

**February 11th Dance: Thank You** to hosts Melody Kearns & Rodger Haberfield for the "rose centerpieces" which they gave to the ladies at the end; to these providers of delicious snacks - Anne Dipiazza, Mary Beth Jodran, Melody Kearns, Doris Kiser, Joe & Eileen Leggio, Ken Lommel, Lynette Smitherman, Mary Lou Troxler, David wood; to Rockie Troxler for the awesome music; and to proofreader Anne Dipiazza. Special thanks to Adina for the fantastic waltz lesson.

Below: Looking pretty making beautiful frames are Mary Beth Jordan, a guest, Marty Bergman, Mrs. Heck, Lynette Smitherman, and of course, that amazing instructor, Adina Harper. Great thanks to Adina, Tim Saunders and Robert Simpson for the fantastic job they did with the Beginner Lessons.

