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The President's Column

It was so exciting on April 14th to see so many dancers at *A Royal Gala*, enjoying an elegant evening of food, fellowship and dance. One thing that always strikes me as I watch a group of people dance is the joy and happiness that radiates from the dance floor. People from all walks of life come together and in those moments, life is kinder and gentler. The stresses and challenges of life seem to take a break while you glide across the floor. We are so fortunate as a group to share those moments.



I remind myself as the year continues that Carolina Heartland Chapter 6092 is a part of an organization that strongly promotes dance and all the wonderful benefits we as a group experience. It is our responsibility to promote and provide an avenue for our community to enjoy the numerous benefits we experience as dancers. The USA Dance National website states that the basic purpose of each Chapter is to promote ballroom dancing in the local community and to educate the public regarding the physical, mental, and social benefits of ballroom dancing. As the year continues we are committed to this purpose and constantly look for ways to provide quality opportunities that reinforce our goals.

On a final note, I want to sincerely thank all who planned, executed and supported our Black Tie event along with those who keep things moving and evolving as we go through the year. You are truly a special group and I am grateful.

Sherri Raeford, President

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Carolina Heartland Calendar

Please remember: Carolina Heartland Chapter-2nd Sunday dance postponed until May 27, 2018. At 3:30, Adina Harper will teach waltz. **General Dancing will be from 4:15-6:00.** 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 Bob Johnson

In 2005, the very earliest days of our Carolina Heartbeat newsletter, Ellie Dolata wrote this: "Unsung hero" is one description for Bob Johnson, former Piedmont Chapter president, husband of Lib, one of the renovators of the Grange and most of all the fellow behind the scenes who maintains and sets up the sound equipment for all our dances.



Bob, a Network Design Engineer, retired in 1996 from Lucent Technology after traveling to twenty countries and thirty-eight of the 48 continental US states on behalf of AT & T and Lucent. His job was designing networks for Fortune 500 companies. "I was the technical representative when we were selling a program to big companies like Time Warner," he explained. "My job was to convert engineering into English. Those were exciting years especially because of my opportunity to travel."

Upon retirement in 1996, Bob became more involved in his hobby, carpentry projects. It was one of the skills he had learned as a boy from his father who was in the trade in Eden, NC. Some of that carpentry expertise was put to good use in doing a great many things at Guilford Grange, site of our monthly tea dances.

Now retired, Bob has been able to get more joy from his favorite pastime, surf fishing at the Outer Banks. His proudest fishing moment was when he pulled in an 8' 6" Striped Marlin off the coast of Kona Island in 1996. That "monster" was a showpiece in the Johnson game room for years, but it can now be seen on the front room wall of Captain Bill's Seafood Restaurant on Market Street in Greensboro.

Hobbies come and go, but Bob still takes part in ballroom dancing which he began around 1990. He doesn't feel very steady any more, but he still loves dancing around and socializing with friends. But more than that, **Continued in col. 3, page 1.**

Rueda de Casino Workshop!

Remember the "round dance" by 4 or 5 couples in the showcase of 2017?

What fun that was to watch! Now you have the opportunity to learn that in our May 12th workshop to be at Guilford Grange, 2:00-4:00. Steven Messina who taught those couples will be teaching us. Put that on your calendar and register any day now with libsjohnson@triad.rr.com. It would be great to have a circle of 16 or 20 people.

This dance involves repetitive steps somewhat like a line dance does but it involves partners as well and frequent partner changes with non-stop music and non-stop action. It is a dance made popular in Cuba around the 1950's, now popular throughout the world. You can learn this with no previous knowledge of salsa.

Outreach! Steve Raeford is already lining dancers up to perform at the High Point Farmers' Market on June 2, 2018. It will be at 10:00 in the High Point Library parking area, 901 N. Main St., High Point, NC. This is one of the special events being sponsored by High Point Library. Please sign up with Steve if you wish to be involved in our first Outreach on June 2: 336-676-7748, raeford-photo@bellsouth.net.

Baltimore National Champions:

Our Billy Dillon and Allison Bailey did extremely well winning first place in Senior I Gold Latin and Senior I Novice Latin. They are now the reigning National Champions in those categories. Mel and Victoria Paterline competed in senior III Silver and Gold Standard and were well pleased with their performance.

Spotlight continued. he loves the time he spends doting on their two beautiful grandchildren. And that we can all understand.

Friday, May 4, 1st Friday, "Quatro de Mayo," Guilford Grange Dance, 4909 Guilford School Rd. Dancing at 8:00. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com.

Saturday, May 5, First Saturday, Southfork Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, 8:00-10:00pm. Contact: 336-659-4305.

Sunday, May 6, First Sunday, Tim Saunders Dance, 3:30-5:30. Contact: Tim, 336-324-1924.

Friday, May 11, 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, May 12, 2nd Saturday, Greensboro Social Dance Club, 8:00 p.m., Lewis Recreation Center. Contact: Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

Sunday, May 13, Our usual Carolina Heartland Second Sunday dance-POSTPONED until May 27, 2018. See Below.

Friday, May 18, 3rd Friday, Step Set Dance, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC, **8:00-10:00.** Contact: Charlotte Jackson, 336-889-5534, jercharjack@yahoo.com.

Saturday, May 26, 4th Saturday, Horizon 4th Saturday Dance, MAY DANCE CANCELLED DUE TO CONFLICT.

Sunday, May 27, 2018! Substitute date for the Carolina Heartland monthly dance. Venue still to be Guilford Grange. TIME: 3:30 lesson; 4:15-6:00, general dancing. Contact: libsjohnson@triad.rr.com, 336-299-7412.

Sunday, May 27, 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.

Gala Thoughts from Mel: The ROYAL GALA was one of the most successful "Black Tie" events we have done as a chapter. The theme was well chosen and motivated both ladies and men to really dress as if they were royalty. There were many lovely gowns and tuxedos and even formal tail suits. The exquisite centerpieces by Bob and Linda Perry were very creative and lovely as well as easy to set up and take down. The crowns that Robin made for the tables were really well done and special. The music selections were all very danceable and people enjoyed them. The hotel staff did a great job and food quality was good. The floor was a good dance floor. Most impressive was the excitement and enthusiasm that was felt in the dancers. It seemed everyone was there to enjoy the evening and every song brought a dance floor full of excellent dancers. It was also exciting to see how many people were from "out of town." Our event has gained a great reputation and we really enjoy our attendance being enhanced by these many friends from out of town. Thanks to our Royal Gala Committee of Linda Perry, Robin Borsos, Sherri Raeford, Mel Paterline, and Chairperson Lib Johnson, for leading a very successful Gala!!



Above: Sherri, Lib & Lynette, Mary Lou, Rockie Sherri & Steve Raeford

Rodger, Melody, Liz, guest, Mike, Jo Ann & Ken



Left: Melody Kearns, & Rodger Haberfield. Right: George & Cherrie Wheaton

Tripping the light fantastic!

The ever popular Casper & Electric Slides

Fore-most: Robert Simpson

**More marvelous photos from professional Steve Raeford:
"A Royal Gala" indeed! Great attendance & participation!**



Above: Ushers - Rodger, Wes, Mark Mel, Bob



Virita, Kathy, Tim, Robin, Marty, Vincent, Austin, Jessica, & Bill



Austin Garcia; & Jessica Baltos



Al & Lynda - great reservationists



Far right: Les & Marsha Rose, John & Susan Garrett, Mary Lou & Rockie Troxler, Jim & Jane Milanese, Bob & Linda Perry



Centerpiece by Linda & Bob Perry

Many thanks for the many long, hard hours creating centerpieces and crown favors, investigating and updating chapter equipment, organizing and typing the program, working with Koury center, making unknown financial expenditures, managing reservations and seating, and giving strict attention to playing music and photographing the "Gala Spirit," recording reservations, we send a special thanks to Bob and Linda Perry, Robin Borsos, Bob Perry's secretary Deana Wilson, Steve & Sherri Raeford, Al Kamperman and Lynda Williams, Mel Paterline and Bob Johnson. Praying we will not leave out a name, we also thank others who helped with this wonderful production of "A Royal Gala:" Victoria Paterline, Joe Leggio, Linda Jackson, Rockie and Mary Lou Troxler, Rodger Haberfield and Melody Kearns, Mark Lichtenberger, Lynette and Wes Smitherman, Curtis Bass, Jordan Jewell and the many folks who helped dismantle everything at 11:00 pm.



Left:
Mel & Victoria Paterline



Right:
Charlie & Jan Coats



Right:
Charles & Miriam Ferzli

April 22, 2018 A big thank you to Tim Saunders for the delightful bolero lesson. Thank You to hosts: Virita Harper, David Wood, Wes & Lynette Smitherman, & Cherrie Wheaton for the beautiful table decorations; to these providers of tempting delectibles: Janice Bergman, Virita Harper, Lib Johnson, Mary Beth Jordan, Ken Lommel, Lynette Smitherman, David Wood; to Rodger Haberfield for serving as teller; to Rockie Troxler for the delightful music; and to a faithful proofreader.