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From the President

by Gary Campbell

Well, it's time for another message from El Presidente. First let me say that you the members are making our dances a huge success. The dances would be really boring if you didn't come and support the Association. Please accept the Board's thanks. We had some great dances during December, which I'm going to talk about in following paragraphs.

As always the New Year's Eve dance was great. How can you go wrong with Kathy playing the best in country music and doing an unbelievable job of mixing up the dances to keep everyone on the floor. Thanks Kathy for a job well done. Next I want to talk about the food. Patty and Bobby Orndorff did an outstanding (in their field) layout of food. I don't know about you, but I look forward to their spread every year. Guys, you have my undying gratitude for all the work you put into the preparation of this feast. Pat Kelley and her army of volunteers got there early and stayed late to decorate and break down. Pat and her help really make the dance something special. Thank you for the hard work you put to the New Year's Eve Dance.

The next two dances I want to talk about are the December 2nd Toys for Tots dance and the December 16th Christmas dance (I know, "Christmas" is politically incorrect, but that's just me). You the members were so generous with your toys and money. The load of toys we collected was fantastic; there will be a lot of happy kids out there. The Board took the money we got from you, added to it, and presented a \$350 check to Toys for Tots. Way to go. We appreciate Mike and Cathy DeLoach hauling the toys to the collection center for us. For the

December 16th dance, we asked you to decorate your tables and we would select and give prizes to the best ones. There were some very creative tables, and I wish we could have given everyone a prize. We also asked you to bring your favorite finger food and/or dessert. The selection was unbelievable. I had a great time sampling everything.



L to R: Faye Morse, Linda Buckle, George Morse and Keith Buckle at the Christmas Dance.

I want to let you know about the Hat Dance on January 20th and the Valentine's Dance on February 17th. Once again we are going to give you \$1.00 off admission if you wear the proper attire! For the Hat Dance, wear a hat (cowboy hats are recommended) to get the discount, and for Valentine's, wear something red. Please for everyone's sake, make whatever red item you wear be something visible. We don't want to have to search you to find it.

I need to let you know that we still need a Special Events Director and a Treasurer for the Board. On Special Events, if you have just a little creativity that's all you need. You have a whole Board to help carry out your orders. The Treasurer's job is a little more involved. If you can add two plus two and get four (instead of five like I do), you could be good material. Please consider both of these positions. We need you!!!! We also are looking for new dancers for the Country Steppers. On December 9th we performed at the Ellipse—what a blast. That is our just

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dessert for all the hard work we do all year long. On Dec 10th we were at the Renaissance, an assisted living facility. If you want real pleasure, you should perform with us at one of these places. What a boost it is for us because the residents just love having us there.

On a somber note, two of our members—Jenny Shacklett and Peggy Kennicott—are facing serious health issues. I know everyone wishes these special ladies well and you all will keep them in your prayers. Let us know if you want to contact either of them. I want to thank all of you who offered me condolences and support after my dad lost his fight to cancer. I also want to thank the Country Steppers for being the best friends and extended family a person could have.

I guess I'm done for now. We will work hard to keep you coming back to our dances. I'll be running into you on the dance floor (literally). I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

The New Year promises to be another time of change for NVCWDA. People will be cycling off the Board once their terms expire; some will leave before that! We appreciate whatever time people contribute to help us, and we will miss Liz as treasurer. George Morse our webmaster has plans to retire and will relocate to the Outer Banks one of these days. George has supported NVCWDA for many years and was instrumental in establishing our presence on the internet. He has been an integral part of the communications team.

I'd like to thank a few other "unsung heroes" of NVCWDA. Although they are not official board members, they work right alongside us to put on our dances. Special mention goes to Don Streeter, Mike DeLoach, and Bruce Wright for hauling newsletters, fans, food, drinks, and whatever else we need, coming early to set up, and staying late to clean up. Another person who works behind the scenes is Lydia Vitale, who designs the newsletter and gets it printed. Without her, we would not have this important communications tool.

The letter from John Gentile published in this newsletter is the first

letter from a member that we've been asked to include in the newsletter in quite a while. In the past, members would write in often, and we had some lively debates. Feel free to send in your input and make this a forum for your ideas.

We've included a graph showing dance attendance from June–November that I compiled from Liz's treasurer reports. We're averaging about 34 members and 49 total people per dance. We need more of whatever happened on July 29!

You might have noticed a new name on the DJ schedule. Along with our great returning DJs Bill, Kathy, and Bernie and Lydia, a new DJ Kevin Handy is supposed to come on board beginning in January. Kevin, a native of Arlington, is a lead singer with the popular Southern Winds Band. He was a regular DJ at Nick's Nightclub for years and now is a DJ at Sweethearts. We figure Kevin will bring another dimension to our dances and welcome him to NVCWDA.

Please remember not to put anything such as powder or corn meal on the floor at any place we dance. We noticed that we were tracking dust out of the cafeteria at OLG, which messed up their entryway, but we think the substance was only wax from the cafeteria scuffed up by our feet. Although we don't think anyone put anything on the floor, I thought a friendly reminder would be a good idea. Thank you

Summary of November 29 Board Meeting

by Patricia Kelley

Our register balance as of October 17, 2006 was \$5,504.74.

The Board has increased the rate we pay per dance for the DJs from \$200 to \$250 beginning in 2007. Connie is finalizing the 2007 DJ contracts and schedule.

Our Planning Director, Rick Humbert, still is looking for another dance venue to replace Poe Middle School. We will continue to hold all of our dances at OLG until we can find a second venue. The board is worried that we have only one place to hold dances right now and feels it is very important to find an alternative. If you are aware of any reasonably priced

place where we could hold our dances, please contact Rick.

We are planning our New Year's Eve dance at Fort Myer for 2006, and in January we will reserve Fort Myer for New Year's Eve 2007.

Gary Campbell will be calling a meeting of the bylaws committee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for any changes to them.

The Board agreed to donate up to \$350 to Toys for Tots this year.



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Letter to the Editor

We received a letter from founding member John Gentile in response to the brief history of NVCWDA in the September/October newsletter. Here is what he has to say:

Setting the Record Straight

How did the NVCWDA get started? First off, it had nothing to do with the closing of Hunters Lodge. At the time it was started no one knew that the lodge was going to be closed. Please allow me to give you the real story. Two years earlier a dance instructor over on the Maryland side by the name of Barry Durand started a dance association in Maryland. He invited C-W dancers from Virginia to join with the promise of making it a regional association. Most of us joined and found we were getting nothing for our money. Dave Shrader invited seven of us to his home one Sunday for a meeting, six of us showed up. Basically what Dave said was this, we are paying dues to Maryland and getting nothing in return. I would like to suggest that we leave the Maryland Association and start one of our own. All present agreed with Dave and his idea and the association was born. It was just that simple.

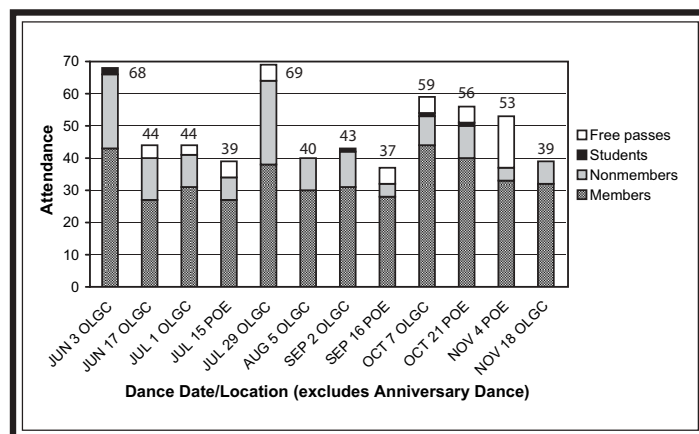
How do I know? I was one of the people at that meeting. I was named the Association dance instructor, started the Country Steppers and gave lessons at the sponsored dances. Some time later Steve Martin, the main DJ for us, started doing Sunday night dances at Hunters Lodge. We still had no idea about it closing. As a matter of fact, when we did find out, the Association tried to get it stopped. I remember Steve inviting Jack Herrity, who was then a county politician, to one of our functions in the hopes of getting him to support our efforts to save the lodge. We were not able to. It was just that simple, as I said. We elected Dave our first president and made Children's Hospital our charity support organization.

I am writing this only because I want the history of the Association to be correct. As a matter of fact we even had

an Association historian back then. Our first dance was held in one of the ballrooms of the Westpark Hotel in the Tysons Corner area. We had a meeting at Hunters Lodge at which Bill Cole's offering was made the association logo. It was a great time. C-W was at its peak, membership went up and up and up. Dances were great successes. Thanks to Frank Scott we had a great newsletter. We were on top of the world. I know that has all changed now, it goes in cycles I guess. I'm no longer active because I now live so far away, but I love getting my newsletter and keeping up with what is going on. I wish all of you well. Hang in, C-W will make a comeback. My best to you all.

*Sincerely, John V. Gentile
Culpeper, VA*

Thank you, John, for your input about the fledgling NVCWDA. Perhaps these reflections will prompt others to send us their recollections about the early days. We welcome more input from the members. The information in my article on the history of NVCWDA that John is setting straight was based on material I gathered from previous newsletters, so it just goes to show you can't believe everything you read in the newsletter! —kjh



NVCWDA 2007 DANCE SCHEDULE

7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Date	Event	Location	DJ	Review*		Regular Lesson		
				Reviewer	Dance	Time	Instructor(s)	Dance
Jan 6		OLGC-DeSales Rm	Cole	Keith & Linda Buckle	Progressive (couples)	8:00 p.m.	Bernie and Lydia Vitale	Beyond the Sea LD
Jan 20	Hat dance	OLGC-DeSales Rm	Vitale	Bernie and Lydia Vitale	Beyond the Sea LD	7:45 p.m.	Mal and Linda Zerden	Two Step (couples)
Feb 3		OLGC-Counsel Rm	Vitale	Bo and Ann Marlin	Shadow/Butterfly Waltz (couples specialty)	8:00 p.m.	Eileen Scott	Kickin the Blues LD
Feb 17	Valentine's dance	OLGC-Counsel Rm	Fanelli	Eileen Scott	Kickin the Blues	8:00 p.m.	Bernie and Lydia Vitale	Fast Women LD

*Reviews at 7:30 p.m. usually cover a dance or move that was taught previously as a regular lesson or introduce a simple new line dance.

Admission: \$8 members / \$10 Non-members. Children under 18 free with an adult; ages 16-20 with student ID \$5. Members PSDC, SMCWDA, and CCWDA: \$8.

Monitor hotline and website for advance notice on March dances.

Dance Schedule

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NVCWDA Dances
Our Lady of Good Counsel
Free Dance Lessons



7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons

Dance Reviews usually 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (schedule pg. 3)

Dance 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at OLG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 Dawn & Dean CH	4	5 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	Bowling Green 6 NVCWDA OLGC DeSales Room
7 Reston Com. Center	8	9	10 Dawn & Dean CH	11	12 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	13 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration	16	17 Dawn & Dean CH	18	19 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	Bowling Green 20 NVCWDA OLGC - DeSales Room Hat Dance
21	22	23	24 Dawn & Dean CH	25	26 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	27 SMCWDA Brandywine
28	29	30	31 Dawn & Dean CH	Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.		

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Gail Smith runs dances most Mondays and Thursdays.

Check her website for times and directions:

http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD_home.html

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dance lessons by Eileen Scott: American Legion, Amhearst Avenue, Springfield, VA beginning Monday Jan. 8 and each Monday night except holidays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Line Dancing Class. Franconia Elem School, Beulah Street, Franconia, VA beginning Tuesday Jan. 9 for eight weeks 7:30 p.m. Beginning Line Dance Class. 8:30 p.m. Country Western Specialty or Pattern Dance Class for couples. Must pre-register with Fairfax County Park Authority through Parktakes Program. For more information email e.scott03@rcn.com or call 703-370-1485.				1	2 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	3 NVCWDA OLGC Counsel Room
4 Reston Com. Center	5	6	7 Dawn & Dean CH	8	Bowling Green 9 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	10 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Dawn & Dean CH	15	16 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA OLGC Counsel Room Valentine's Dance
18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21 Dawn & Dean CH	22	23 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	Bowling Green 24 SMCWDA Brandywine
25	26	27	28 Dawn & Dean CH			

Dawn & Dean CH = Cherry Hill, MD

For more information on dances see contact information listed with directions (How Do I Get There) on page six.

PSDC Fridays = Country/Swing Mix
 Vienna American Legion
 (w/Beginner & Int. Lessons)
<http://www.jimandpeggy.com>

Line Dance Lessons
 Monday Nights at Sterling, VA
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Bernie & Lydia Vitale
dancenl@adelphia.net or call 703-430-2398

From the Planning Director

by Rick Humbert

Admittedly, I have mixed emotions about our November 4th dance. This was our Halloween dance, and it was the first time that I hosted a dance. After over a year of thought and planning, I have to admit it exceeded my expectations. The rooms as well as a number of tables were decorated. Several people came dressed in costume. For those who missed the dance, here are the winners of the costume contest (yes, we were somehow able to identify them):

- 1st place: Steve Swart as Elvis (2 tickets to the New Year's Eve Dance)
- 2nd place: Ruth Swart as a Witch (1 ticket to the New Year's Eve Dance)
- 3rd place: Bobby Orndorff as "The Grim Reaper" (Free Pass to a regular dance)

There are numerous people to thank for helping make this dance successful, too many to list here, so in short, a very special thanks to all who helped set up and take down the decorations, as well as very special thanks to those who assisted me in judging the table contest and people who



judged the costume contest. (Hosting has its privileges.)

The Halloween Dance also was our last dance at Poe for the foreseeable future. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, there have been numerous issues with Poe, and when the people who took charge of the venue over the summer

decided to enforce the rules to the letter, the Board overwhelmingly decided it was time to "move on." I will miss the spaciousness of the dance floor at Poe. I would like to express a special thanks to the people at Poe for hosting us the past several years.

I hope that another suitable venue can be found to replace Poe since we are going to be holding all dances in one of the rooms at OLGc for the foreseeable future. As is announced at our dances, if anybody knows of a suitable venue where we can hold our dances, please notify a Board member.

I hope that everybody had a happy and safe holiday season.

Line Dance Videos

by Barbara Smith

The NVCWDA has a number of favorite line dances that seem to appear at every dance, for example, **Cruisin**, **Beer for my Horses**, and **Zydeco Lady**. One reliable source for line dance step sheets is the website Kickit at www.kickit.to/ld/Searchform.php3. Although step sheets for all of our dances can be found online, unfortunately very few line dance videos are available. However, I've found one or two videos out there that you may want to check out. Some are teaching videos and others are performance videos. (Keep in mind that video files are large and may take several minutes to download; patience is strongly recommended. In fact you may want to start downloading and then find something else to do for several minutes. You may also need to adjust screen size and volume.)

You can find a video of **Badonkadonk** at www.redhotcountry.com. On the menu on the left, click on Dance Videos, then scroll down to **Badonkadonk** and click on (Teach Video). The clip will take several minutes to download, depending on the speed of your internet connection. This website

belongs to the choreographer, Pepper Siquieros, who does the teaching video.

A video clip of **Bosa Nova**, a recent popular addition to our line dance repertoire, can be viewed at www.dorisvolz.com. Scan the 2005 dances for **Bosa Nova**, and click on the video icon. Also, if you continue to scroll down the opening page, you will find an interesting overview of the history of line dancing. And don't miss viewing the "Dancin Dog video clip" mentioned towards the very end; it is priceless.

Push is a contemporary club-style line dance that can be seen at www.micheleperron.com. After clicking on the icon to enter the website, scroll down to near the end of the opening page and locate the Video Library (look for the blue boxes), then find **Push** on the list in order to see the performance video. Michele Perron, the choreographer, is the dancer on the far right.

The website www.moveinline.com has videos for **Cruisin** and **Ghost Train**. Click on "Step Sheets and Videos," then "Step Sheets C" (for Cruisin) or "Step Sheets F-H" for Ghost Train. After finding the name of the dance, click on either Video "call" (the dance done to step descriptions) or "count" (the dance done according to count.) This website is pretty slow to load, so give it a minute or two.

A sad note: In the September/October NVCWDA newsletter, we ran an article regarding Carol Craven's World Line Dance Newsletter. A note at the end of the article mentioned a car accident in June in which Carol's husband was seriously injured. Sadly, Bucky Craven died September 18th in a Florida Hospice without regaining consciousness.

In Search of Missing Charter/Life Members

by Tim Sizer

While attempting to contact all of our current and former Charter/Life members for our big 20th Anniversary Dance, we had our mail returned as undeliverable for many of them. Below is a list of these members. If any of you reading this newsletter have updated address information for any of these people, please email it to Membership Director Tim Sizer at tim.sizer@adelphia.net; drop a note to us at NVCWDA, P.O. Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384; or give the information to one of the Board members at a dance. Thank you for helping us keep in touch.

Ann Black	Jody Gentile	Avis Kirk	John McPherson	David Rowan
Larry Black	June Gerber	Ben Kluge	Kay McPherson	Richard Sturgell
Jo Ann Bowers	Bobbie Carol Guenthner	Barbara C. Kluge	Marjorie Meredith	Mary Anne Sturgell
Carol Brandon	Michael Heath	Lyle Lederer	Vic Meyer	Millie Sydnor
Linda Dugan	Fran Hitt	Frank Leibsly	John Otto	Lew Wigal
Edna Edmondson	Billy Holliday	Sharon Lewis	Beata Petersen	Samuel Woods
Sandra Etchison	Carolyn Huber	William McCloskey	Barrie Robinson	Terry Young
Beryl Fehlberg	B. Kay Jenkins	Sara Jane McDaniel	Gary Rose	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

1/01 William Garrison
 1/03 Rodger Andrews
 1/05 Dave Shrader
 1/06 Mary Rossmeier
 1/13 Pat Dutton
 1/17 Cathy Kennedy
 1/17 Susan Hesser
 1/19 Susan Gallagher
 1/19 Ann Marlin
 1/21 Pat Kelley
 1/27 Bill Wong
 1/30 Pat McNees
 1/31 Cynthia Tallia

February Birthdays

2/03 Tony Gallo
 2/08 James Raney
 2/08 Andela Mojica-Madrid
 2/11 Cathy DeLoach
 2/12 Dan Feller
 2/12 John Mason
 2/17 Barbara Wagner
 2/17 Diana Davis
 2/18 Robert Smith
 2/21 Tim Sizer
 2/24 Ann Rowland
 2/24 Pete Trelogan
 2/27 Bill Markland
 2/27 John Chang

Welcome New Members

John Mason	Linda Hall
Elvira Mason	Larry Hall
Diana Davis	John Chang
	Donna Dennis

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Bowling Green Country Club (CCWDA). From I 66 West take Rt 522 North exit (Front Royal exit). At the exit ramp turn right, proceed to the 1st traffic light (a few miles) and right on Fairground Rd. (route 661). Continue thru stop sign & RR tracks (approx 4 miles). Turn left on route 1018 (Bowling View Road) and travel 1/4 mile. Club is on the right. Bowling Green Country Club is approximately 30 min from Manassas. <http://home.att.net/~edwillard/#clubdances>. Info. call Gail King: 540-635-2353.

Cherry Hill. Fr. the Capital Beltway, take Exit 25 (US Route 1 South). Take first right onto Cherry Hill Road and go 1 mile to Cherry Hill Park and Camp Grounds. Entrance on the left. Follow entrance road to back of the park, make a right turn at the 3rd STOP sign. Center is on left just past swimming pool. Parking is free. <http://www.dance-info.com/>

Dance Factory. 954 Monroe St, Arlington, VA. From 495, I 66 East, take N. Fairfax Dr. Exit, left on Monroe, the studio is on the corner across from Virginia Square Metro. 703/528-9770. <http://www.nvcwda.com/malinda.htm>

Ft. Myer Community Center. Fr. I- 395 take exit 8A (Washington Blvd- Ft. Myer). Fr. Washington Blvd., take 2nd exit, it leads you thru a gate to Ft. Myer. Once on Ft. Myer we are directed to turn left for inspection, then it is the first right past the Shopette & gas station and then left, past the NCO club and the bowling alley. Parking is on the right.

Nokesville Firehall. 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marsteller. Firehall on left. For info: http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD_home.html

Our Lady of Good Counsel. - 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna. **1)** From the Capital Beltway take exit number 46a, Route 123 South, Tysons Corner. Traveling south on Route 123 after you have passed the fourth light, Courthouse Road, you will travel approximately .8 of a mile before seeing the Emmaus Church of Christ on your right. Make the next left onto Niblick Drive. Continue to the end of Niblick Drive to the parish property. We dance either in the DeSales Room or the Counsel Room. The DeSales Room is in the main church, to the left as you enter the parking lot. The Counsel Room is in the school, farther up on the right.

2) Traveling North on Route 123 (Maple Avenue) through the Town of Vienna from Fairfax or Oakton, you will come to a traffic light with Follin Lane on your right and the entrance to the Westwood Country Club on your left. Continue for 2 blocks and make a right onto Niblick Drive. Continue to the end of Niblick Drive to the parish property. We dance either in the DeSales Room or the Counsel Room. The DeSales Room is in the main church, to the left as you enter the parking lot. The Counsel Room is in the school, farther up on the right.

Reston Community Center. Fr. W. on Dulles Toll Rd, take Reston Parkway Exit, turn left on Reston Parkway, go to 2nd traffic signal and turn left on Sunrise Valley Drive, go to 1st traffic light and turn right on Colts Neck Road, go 1/4 mile and turn left into Hunters Woods Shopping Center. Community Center is in courtyard behind shopping center. 703-476-4500.

SMCWDA Brandywine Firehouse. From Beltway (I-95), take Exit 7/ Route 5 South to 2nd light, turn left onto Brandywine Road and continue for about 2 miles to the Firehouse on the right. <http://www.smart.net/~bobc/smcwda.htm>

Vienna American Legion. 330 Center St. N., Vienna, VA. Upstairs Ballroom. From DC: Take 66 to exit 62, Nutley St. Drive North to Rte. 123. Turn right, drive 3/4 mile to Center St. N. (at Starbuck's). Turn left onto Center St., cross Church St. and AyrHill Ave. Turn left into the American Legion just past the hidden entrance sign. Continue around building to right to upper parking lot. For more info and alternate directions: Go to <http://www.jimandpeggy.com>. Click on link for PSDC.

Steppers Report

by Richard Chiu

The Steppers are having a very busy winter season.

On October 21, we performed and taught dancing at the Merrifield Festival held in Jackson Intermediate School, Merrifield, VA. Audience participation was excellent. As always, we enjoyed exhibits at the fair.

On October 22, we performed on stage at the Armed Forces Retirement Home Auditorium, Washington, DC, to a crowd of appreciative vets. The theme of the event, in red-white-blue, was to honor our vets for their services to our country. Many Steppers have also served and/or worked in the military. We enjoyed reliving many fond memories of the military life.

On October 29, we performed at the King's Park West Civic Association Halloween Festival, Fairfax, VA. This was truly a "field" event as we danced on a basketball court and the audience was in the field. It still was great fun.

In November, we performed for the Gardens of Fair Oaks and the 50/90 Club of Vienna. We have been regular performers there for many years. These are annual events at both the nursing home and the 50/90 Club. We were greeted by warm and appreciative audiences and had great times.

On December 9, the Steppers performed for a large audience at the Christmas Pageant of Peace Program at the Ellipse, Washington, DC. We presented new seasonal music and dances for the occasion and were well received by a full house audience. The following day we repeated the

performance at the Renaissance Garden of Greenspring Village in Springfield, VA, riding the high wave all over again (we-e-e-e-e!).

The Country Steppers are continuously seeking to reinvent ourselves by adding new dances and dancers. Please talk to us about joining. Our new Cha-Cha routine debut in late April at the Association's Benefit Dance was well received. Together with Two-Step and Swing Routines, this forms a new core for our performing repertoire. We are very excited about it. It is sort of like "cutting a new rug" and adding new life.



Stepper Re-Pete Trelogan in his Christmas Attire

Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Saturday, Jan. 27:** Sunrise - Falls Church, Falls Church, VA, 2-3 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 28:** Sunrise - McLean, McLean, VA, 2-3 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 9:** Algonkian Elementary School, Sterling, VA, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 14:** Paul Springs Retirement Center, Alexandria, VA, 2:30-3:30 p.m.



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Individual Members ONLY

Name: _____ NEW ADDRESS
Check here

Address: _____ Apt. _____

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Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ **Must be 18 Years of Age**

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

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Membership Category

New _____ 1 year - \$18.00
_____ 2 year - \$30.00

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Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash **Check #** _____

Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Do you wish to have your name and phone number published in the Membership Directory? **Yes** **No**

Would you be willing to help with some of the activities during the year? **Yes** **No**

Do you want to receive a NVCWDA Newsletter? **Yes** **No**

Would you like your birthday listed in the Newsletter on your birthday month? **Yes** **No**

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Treasurer's Report

by Liz Logan

A year ago at this time, I was facing the possibility of relocation with my job. Just a few days before New Year's, I found out I would be staying here, so on New Year's Eve, I volunteered to be the Treasurer the Association had been begging for. Recently, my job situation changed again, and I will be making frequent trips out of town and possibly working some Saturdays. I expect I may even be moving late next year so...to avoid the rush – volunteer now to take my place!

The accounts currently are in QuickBooks, and the cash register has made recording our dance attendance and admission fees much easier. All the taxes are up to date, and if we can get someone to volunteer soon, I can spend some time being "co-Treasurer" with that person to show him or her where everything is and make the transition smooth.

Being treasurer has been a blast, and I hope to be around for as many of

the dances as I can, but long term planning isn't going to be a luxury I have for a while.

Thanks to all who help keep the money straight.

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Report from the Dance Director

by Connie Streeter

During 2007, I plan to provide reviews of some old and some new specialty dances that should be helpful for the many couples that are new to our association. If you have any particular specialty reviews that you would like me to put on the schedule, please let me know.

Dance Lesson Reminder: It is not too late to sign up for line dance lessons and couples lessons provided by the Fairfax County "Parktakes." The lessons are scheduled to begin again in January. Go to the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm or just Google "parktakes" for the many choices.

Newsletter Deadline

10th of February for articles, reports and news items

E-mail to: kjhitt@his.com

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- Fax it: 703-631-2004. VISA/MasterCard payments only.
- Mail it: Mail registrations with check, VISA or MasterCard payment to: FCPA/Parktaks, P.O. Box 4606, Fairfax, VA 22038. You will need to download the registration form from the website or from the Parktakes magazine.

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