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President's Report

by Gary Campbell

I hope everyone had great Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. I don't know about you, but this was an extremely fast year. I feel like we just celebrated last New Year's. Time flies when you're having fun.

As usual I would like to thank all the teachers and DJs for their hard work. The instructors strive to teach dances that will keep you on the floor, and the DJs try to make everyone happy with their selection of music. Bo is lining up some of the best instructors in the area, such as Mal and Linda Zerden, who are so much fun and creative with their lessons. The instructors and DJs are open to suggestions and requests.

I want to thank you the members for all your support. Even though we've had to move around to various dance locations the past few months, you have been very supportive with a great attitude. We are still searching for other locations to dance, and we are checking out each suggestion that you pass on to us. Please keep giving us your ideas.

The Toys for Tots dance in December was one of the best if not the best we have ever had. My car was so loaded with toys that I couldn't get anything else in the back. You also contributed \$71, and I know these donations helped make a lot of children very happy this Christmas. Give yourselves a big round of applause for your generosity.

Everyone needs a break from the holiday "spirit" to just spend some time having fun with friends. I am really looking forward to doing that at the New Year's Eve dance. In my point of view (if that counts for anything), the most important part of a successful New Year's dance is starting the year with special friends. All the other things



The Country Steppers performed their holiday medley for us at our dance on December 15. Pictured above: Stepper 3-Pete Andrews.

Changes Effective January 2008

Dance Admission Rates

- Members - \$10.00
- Non-members - \$12.00
- Children under 18, accompanied by an adult - \$5.00

Changes to Free Admissions

- First time at NVCWDA - We've eliminated the "first time" coupon. First timers will pay the non-member rate.
- Punch card - We're phasing out the "punch card." We will honor existing cards, but will not issue new cards.
- Free passes - We will not give free passes for membership renewals, birthdays, or door prizes anymore.

are nice, but being with my friends on that special night is the best way to start off the next year. Linda and Keith Buckle deserve special recognition for volunteering to organize this dance. Don't forget to thank them and the other volunteers for all their hard work. This is a tough dance to stage because everyone's expectations are high, but I know the volunteers will step up to make the occasion a wonderful night for everyone. Crazy Kathy always plays

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Halloween Dance

Rick Humbert worked his Halloween magic again to make our dance quite a festive party last November 3. Rick and his helpers were busy decorating and setting out treats for the rest of us before the dance. People had fun guessing the number of candy corns in the pumpkin and seeing folks dressed up in their costumes. Thank you Rick and other volunteer goblins for a fun night!

Halloween Costume Contest Winners

1st place: Jean Albert as the "red devil" (one ticket to New Year's Eve dance)

2nd place: Donna Barrowman as the "angel" (two tickets to a regular dance)

3rd place: Mike Houchins and Rana Holland as the "plug and socket" (one ticket to a regular dance)



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Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

During 2007 we switched our web presence to nvcwda.org instead of .com because the .org domain is more in line with the nature of our organization. Usage of the new site has grown steadily since last summer. Not surprisingly, the use peaks on Saturdays on weekends when our dances are scheduled as people check out what is happening at the current dance. A lot of people looked at the site on December 15 when bad weather was forecast to find out whether our dance was still on. The web page and hotline are there to serve you with the most up-to-date information on the status of dances.

If you'd like to contribute to the web page or newsletter, we're always open for submissions from members. Please share your photographs and notes with the rest of us. You never know – Bruce posted some vacation photos on the web and got an unsolicited request from a publisher asking if they could purchase one of his photos for use in a textbook on geology!

Reminder: Winter weather means the possibility of snow closures. Our dance facilities usually go by what Fairfax County Public Schools decide. If they close, our dances (including those at Green Acres) must be canceled. Our website links to emergency announcements for Fairfax County Public Schools. You also can call 800-839-FCPS.

New Membership Directory Planned for Spring

by Tim Sizer

My thanks to all the members who took the time to update their information on the poster board at dances and who sent me emails over the last several months. I have updated all the entries for the new membership directory; most people want to be included. As we add new members and receive renewals in January and February, I will keep the data up to date. Our plan is to have the directory available for the annual Benefit Dance in April. Keep looking for more information in the March-April newsletter and listen for announcements at the dances during that time.

Our membership has remained strong at around 200 members over the last years. This means that as some of our members have lapsed or moved away, new members have joined to take their places. In fact, several of our members still renew on a regular basis even though they have been out of the Northern Virginia area for some time. That is always encouraging, and I know that this newsletter is how they keep informed of what is going on with us. Thank you to all our loyal members, near and far away. If any of our distant members have the chance to come back to Northern Virginia, please come into one of our dances. We are certain you will see familiar faces among the new.

Your friend in dancing, Tim Sizer

Looking for Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County Parktakes

(www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm). Also look at the calendar on page 4, which has information about classes given by Eileen Scott, Bernie and Lydia Vitale, and the Potomac Swing Dance Club. Search for lessons on the various dance web pages shown on the NVCWDA web site (www.nvcwda.org/links.html). Subscribe to DC's Community Dance News, the weekly electronic newsletter from Dave Moldover (dave@dance-info.com).

Consult the NVCWDA dance director at

dancedirector@nvcwda.org.

good dance music, and I'm sure that when the evening is over, our poor weary bodies will let us know we had a great time.

I need to thank the Board of Directors for all their efforts. I'm sure I sound like a broken record (for all you youngsters, that's how we listened to music in the Stone Age), but this Board has faced many obstacles and has responded to each and every one of the roadblocks. One thing we've faced is how to deal with a shortfall of dance revenue. Raising admission rates was a hard decision for the Board to make, but with the cost of the halls climbing, we had to do it. Remember that starting at the January 5 dance, the new prices take effect. Members will pay \$10 and non-members will pay \$12, plus children will now be charged \$5. Just to let you know, the old prices had been in effect quite a while. At this moment I can't think of much else to say (that sigh of relief was a little disconcerting and distracting). Again, the dances are a success because of you, and I look forward to seeing you throughout this next year. Remember, being nice to each other on the dance floor isn't hard, and it can be contagious. See you on the floor and keep on dancing.

C-W Dancing at Pepe's Place

by Kerie Hitt

Pepe's Place in Sterling has been featuring country-western dancing with The Southern Winds Band on Thursday nights for the past few months. Pepe's is a Mexican restaurant that serves reasonably priced fare. The owner is interested in promoting the weekly event and has encouraged NVCWDA members to join in. I don't get out dancing much on weeknights, but Bruce and I have been there several times to check it out.

We found Pepe's on the corner of a strip mall in "downtown" Sterling. The dance cover charge is \$5. The first time we went, almost as soon as we got inside, none

other than El Presidente Gary Campbell came over to say hello, and we saw a lot of familiar faces from NVCWDA. The dance floor is tile and is a good size. A few people do couples dances, but mostly they do line dances. We were able to jump out on the floor for a lot of the line dances, but we didn't know some of the house favorites. The Southern Winds Band covers many country-western hit songs and caters to the dancers. During the band breaks lead singer Kevin Handy plays recorded music. The band has some loyal followers.

The second time we went there, we saw NVCWDA members George and Joan Eckert who were just polishing off a beef fajita they said was quite good. Bruce and I ate beforehand so we ordered only drinks. (Bruce gave a thumbs up to the beer.) By the end of the evening we were helping George and Joan finish their leftover chips and salsa. That night we caught the last part of the lessons by Matt Leonard. He taught several simple line dances that the crowd enjoyed. Again we saw many people we recognized from NVCWDA dances over the years.

The non-dancing patrons kept busy at the bar, which is on the far side of the restaurant away from the dance floor, and by playing pool, watching sports on the large screen TVs, and occasionally staring at the dancers. I must admit that dancing while huge images of boxing or football flashed on the TVs was a strange experience! Smoking is allowed but the air was not as smoky as that in most bars. At least I didn't need to hang my clothes outside when I got home. I did employ my trusty earplugs to try to preserve my hearing while dancing next to the band's speakers. We all had a good laugh at Bruce's earplugs that glowed unearthly bright yellow in the black light illuminating the dance floor. The earplugs did make conversation a little difficult...

So, get your boots on and head out to Pepe's. The address is 22360 S. Sterling Blvd, Sterling, VA 20164 (703-450-6668). We need to patronize places like this or they will stop offering C-W dancing.

NVCWDA 2008 DANCE SCHEDULE

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

Open dancing starts at 8:30 p.m.

Date	Event	Location	DJ	Review*		Regular Lesson		
				Reviewer	Dance	Time	Instructor(s)	Dance
Jan 5		Green Acres Comm Ctr	Vitale	Keith and Linda Buckle	Chiquita Couples Specialty Dance	8:00 p.m.	Bernie and Lydia Vitale	Simplemente LD Review
Jan 19		Jackson Middle Sch	Cole	Eileen Scott	Got You Too LD	8:00 p.m.	Bo & Ann Marlin	Butterfly Waltz Couples Specialty Dance Review
Feb 2		Green Acres Comm Ctr	Fanelli	Matt Leonard	Branding Iron Couples Specialty	8:00 p.m.	Ron Wetherington	Rio LD and Cute Cute LD Review
Feb 16	Valentine's Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	Dale and Anita Strawser	Basic/Intermediate West Coast Swing	8:00 p.m.	Dale and Anita Strawser	Basic/Intermediate West Coast Swing

*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: \$10 members / \$12 Non-members. \$5 Children under 18 accompanied by an adult.
Members PSDC, SMCWDA, and CCWDA: \$10.

Monitor hotline and website for advance notice on March dances and last minute changes.


Dance Schedule

January 2008





NVCWDA Dances
Free Dance Lessons
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons
 Dance Reviews usually 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 (schedule pg. 3)
 Open dancing starts at 8:30 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		New Year's Day 1	2 Dawn & Dean CH	3	4 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	5 NVCWDA Green Acres Community Ctr
6 Reston Com. Center	7	8	9 Dawn & Dean CH	10	11 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita HOLIDAY PARTY!	12 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
13	14	15	16 Dawn & Dean CH	17	18 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	19 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School
20 PSDC at Center for the Arts - Manassas	MLK, Jr. Day 21	22	23 Dawn & Dean CH	24	25 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	26
27	28	29	30 Dawn & Dean CH	31	Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.	

February 2008

Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Thursdays.
 Email: rgsmith@wildblue.net for information.

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3 Reston Com. Center	4	5	6 Dawn & Dean CH	7	8 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	9 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
10	11	12	13 Dawn & Dean CH	14 Valentine's Day 	15 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	16 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School Valentine's Dance
17 PSDC at Center for the Arts - Manassas	Presidents' Day 18	19	20 Dawn & Dean CH	21	22 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	23
24	25	26	27 Dawn & Dean CH	28	29 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	

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@comcast.net or call 703-430-2398

A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

Happy New Year and thanks for all your support over the past year! A special thanks to all our DJs and volunteer dance instructors. I think it's fair to say that holding our dances would be very difficult without them. Holding a dance without music certainly would be tough, and our dance "repertoire" would get pretty "stale" without all the new dances our great dance instructors provide.

Speaking of DJs, all of our current DJs (Bill Cole; Kat Fanelli; Kevin Handy; and Bernie and Lydia Vitale) have agreed to stay on with us this year, and one of our DJs from the past (BJ Brown) will also be joining us again to provide all the tunes you know and love.

Our first "charge" to the DJs is for them to play a wide variety of music and call dances to keep everyone on the dance floor as much as possible (after all, that's why we're all there, right?). At the end of the evening, if you go home tired and your feet hurt, we've met our goal.

That said, if you have a particular song you'd like to hear or a particular dance you'd like to do, please let the DJ know. They all have a "request list" at their DJ table and all are quite approachable. Just let them know, and they'll do their very best to get your song or dance played during the course of the evening. Sometimes their list gets pretty long, so please be patient with them—balancing all the songs/dances to ensure everyone gets on the floor and stays on the floor is a difficult task. But they all do it very well—and that's why we're so very lucky to have them working for us!

If you have a particular dance that you'd like to learn or review, please see me. A large part of my job is to put together the dance instructor schedule and recommend some dances to the instructors. I try to strike a balance between lessons on couples dances, specialty dances, and line dances at each dance. I'm also trying to bring some older, but still popular, dances back for our newer members. Your suggestions for dances are certainly welcome and will definitely help me out. Just let me know. Thanks for your time and attention, and see you on the dance floor!

In Memoriam - Craig Hutchinson

by Kerie Hitt

Craig Hutchinson's contributions to the dance community are almost too many to count. Some people wear many hats. As a dancer, "Hutch" seems to have worn many shoes. Many of you might know him as the founder and director of the Potomac Swing Dance Club (PSDC), but his involvement in the dance world went much deeper. Over the span of nearly 40 years, he taught many styles of dancing to numerous people, including U.S. servicemen overseas. Besides being a teacher of all styles of swing dancing, his accomplishments include: author of dance books, manuals, and videos; choreographer and coach; National Swing Dance Champion; and dance competition director and judge. He married his long-time dance partner Lucy Renzi, and they lived in Falls Church. When NVCWDA danced at PSDC

Summary of November 27 Board Meeting

by Kerie Hitt

The Board discussed finances again. All of the regular dances at the end of 2007 were in the red, a couple to the tune of \$300. Free admissions have been sapping our revenue. We have a financial cushion, but we can't afford to let it erode; dance revenue must cover dance expenses. Although the dance fee increases and other changes that go into effect in January should gain us about \$100 per dance, this still will not be enough to cover our dance expenses. The January fee increases were based on the assumption that rent would be less than \$300 per dance, but we couldn't work out long-term arrangements at either of the places we intended to use at that rate.

Board members reported on the latest places they had contacted about rentals. For one reason or another most places were not suitable for our dances. The going rate for rent appears to be at least \$450 per dance (about \$75 per hour). To try to reduce our losses, the Board decided to give out even fewer free passes than announced in the November/December newsletter. For example, we will have no more free passes for membership renewals or door prizes. In spring we will consider whether to change the dues level and whether another admission rate increase is needed.

Most people have paid what they owed for the November 3 dance (when we were not allowed to collect money at the door). NVCWDA will continue to give members of the Southern Maryland Country-Western Dance Association our member admission rate at our dances during the next few months. The Board decided on a budget for the New Year's Eve dance.

We have about 200 current members and most of them "opted in" for the Membership Directory. We will take advance orders for the directory so that we know how many to print. The DJ contracts for 2008 have been signed. We plan to have a rotation of five DJs: Bill Cole, Kathy Fanelli, Kevin Handy, Bernie and Lydia Vitale, and BJ Brown.

on Maple Avenue, Craig often was in residence at one of the tables, using his computer. Catch this video of him in action: <http://video.aol.com/video-detail/a-celebration-of-the-life-of-craig-hutchinson-swing-dancer/3638325949>.

Craig received many accolades from his peers. He was inducted into the Swing Dance National Hall of Fame in 1993 and into the National Living Legends in 1996. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and received a Purple Heart in Viet Nam. During the last few years, Craig suffered from corticobasal ganglionic degeneration (an incurable progressive neurological disorder), and he passed away on October 30, 2007. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His friends told people that one of the last things he said was "Have fun dancing." Words to live by.



COUNTRY STORES

Show an active NVCWDA membership card before making purchase and get a discount on regularly priced merchandise.

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Alexandria, VA 22314

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6690 Springfield Mall
Springfield, VA 22150

Sal's Shoe Repairing

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7312 Little River Tpke.
Annandale, VA 22003

HOW DO I GET THERE?

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.

Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA.

From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 52A to VA-236/Little River Turnpike towards Fairfax. Go about 4.5 miles. Left at Roberts Rd, right at Forest Ave at second 4-way stop, left at Sideburn Rd to dead end.

From I-66: Take exit 60 for VA-123/Chain Bridge Rd south toward Fairfax. Cross Main Street/VA-236. Left at University Dr, right at Forest Ave, right at Sideburn Rd to dead end.

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA. From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 50A-B to US-50 W/Arlington Blvd toward Fairfax. Merge onto Gallows Rd/VA-650 N. Turn left on Gatehouse Rd then right into school. Park in back lot near buses/tennis courts.

Nokesville Firehall, 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marsteller. Firehall on left. For info email: rgsmith@wildblue.net

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.

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 Ayr Hill 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

01/01 William Garrison
01/03 Rodger Andrews
01/04 Ruth Swart
01/05 Dave Shrader
01/06 Ester Dunlap
01/06 Mary Rossmeier
01/13 Patricia Dutton
01/16 Susan Scott
01/17 Carol Burdick
01/17 Susan Hesser
01/17 Cathy Kennedy
01/19 Ann Marlin
01/21 Patricia Kelley
01/27 William Wong
01/30 Pat McNees
01/31 Cynthia Tallia

February Birthdays

02/03 Anthony Gallo
02/06 James Birnbaum
02/08 Andela Mojica-Madrid
02/08 James Raney
02/11 Cathy DeLoach
02/12 John Mason
02/17 Diana Davis
02/18 Robert Smith
02/21 Timothy Sizer
02/23 Donna Henry
02/23 Mike Nepi
02/24 Ann Rowland
02/24 Peter Trelogan
02/27 John Chang



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Potomac Swing Dance Club

PSDC lessons: Third Sunday of each month

January 20 and February 17

at the Center for the Arts

9419 Battle St., Manassas

(www.center-for-the-arts.org):

Two-step series, 4-6:00 p.m.

\$10 per person each session at the door

Fridays: Dance with lessons at Vienna American Legion

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

In December, the Country Steppers performed for a very deserving audience at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. It is always a pleasure to say "thank you" to all the veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our country. The year ended with our annual performance at the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse. We were fortunate to have weather warmer than the chilly temperatures of previous years. However, the stage was covered in water and sand from the icy conditions earlier. Seeing familiar faces in the audience, especially our loyal supporter Rick Humbert, always is encouraging. We are your dance team, so thanks to all who have come out over the years to see the Steppers perform. All the Steppers are looking forward to a new year of many fun filled, interesting, and entertaining performances.

The Country Steppers are always looking for new members with a basic knowledge of two-step, waltz, swing, and cha cha; singles or couples. Anyone wishing to join the team should contact any member of the Country Steppers, call the NVCWDA hotline (703-860-4941), or e-mail steppers@nvcwda.org.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

Saturday, January 19, Sunrise-Falls Church, Falls Church, VA, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 26, Forest Glen Senior Apartments, Centreville, VA, 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 2, Paul Springs Retirement Center, Alexandria, VA, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16, Sunrise-Fair Oaks, Fair Oaks, VA, 2:00 p.m. (joint show with the Bull Run Cloggers)

Member-at-Large Report

by Charlie Pierce

Many thanks go out to those of you who have brought food to the dances. Other dancers always appreciate the variety of treats that are available. Don and Connie Streeter donated a coffee maker to the Association, and Bo and Ann Marlin have agreed to bring it to dances along with tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, creamer, and sugar/sugar substitute. They set up a table at the December 1st dance, and many people took advantage of the alternative to sodas.

Remember that everyone is invited to bring food to the dances. Now that the weather is colder, hot foods will be most welcomed by people who come to the dances. The variety of food depends on what people decide to bring. Last year people brought lasagna, macaroni and cheese, chili, meatballs, sandwiches, fried chicken, and pizza as well as other items. My budget does not cover that, but if you donate it, we will eat it and enjoy it. If you are interested in bringing food to the dances, I will start bringing the signup sheets for dances in January and February.

Newsletter Deadline

10th of February for articles, reports and news items

E-mail to: communications@nvcwda.org

Send Microsoft Word, PageMaker or Text Files. Send photos separately as tif, eps, jpeg, or bitmap files (high resolution)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



01/2008

Individual Members ONLY

Name _____ NEW ADDRESS

Check here

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ **(Must be 18 years of age)**

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

Email _____ Check here to be on Email broadcast

Membership Category

New _____ 1 year - \$18.00

_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Renewal _____ 1 year - \$18.00

_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash Check # _____

Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Do you want 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 ___

★ New members are entitled to one free admission to a regular dance.

Today's date _____

Farewell to the Streeters

by Kerie Hitt

Well, it's happened again. We're going to lose a couple of perfectly good members as they pull up stakes to move away after retirement. Connie and Don Streeter are planning to head for greener pastures out on Connie's family farm in Nebraska, although I can't



imagine why they want to rush off there during the dead of winter! Connie came on the Board in 2004 and served as Dance Director until 2007. As happens with many spouses, Don was a "de facto" Board member. Both Connie and Don always were willing to help at dances, even with some of the less glamorous aspects of the job, such as cleaning up afterwards. I hope Connie

makes good on her ambition to convert her Nebraska barn to a community dance barn. Best wishes Connie and Don. We will miss you both.

Note from the Planning Director

by Carol Caruso

Most of our future dances are scheduled at Green Acres Community Center in Fairfax through June. We also plan to try Luther Jackson Middle School, which is on Gallows Road between Lee Highway and Route 50 just outside the Beltway. If we dance at a school, everyone including the DJ must vacate the building by 11:30 p.m. We'll need to pack up earlier than usual so that we can be out of the school by that time. Please check nvcwda.org or call the hotline (703-860-4941) for the latest schedule and last minute updates.

The search for dance facilities with rental rates that are more in line with our budget goes on. Meanwhile, please continue to come out dancing to support the Association.

Maryland Dance Group Rides into the Sunset

Southern Maryland Country-Western Dance Association (SMCWDA) held its last dance on November 24. This association was founded in 1995, and people enjoyed many good times at their dances in Brandywine, MD, over the past 12 years. Their Board decided to call it quits, citing dwindling funds and poor attendance at their dances. They donated their remaining funds to the ASPCA of Charles County.

Some of our members were also members of SMCWDA. The trip was longer, but well worth it since the people there were warm, friendly and very welcoming.

Bill Cole will continue to DJ at NVCWDA dances, and NVCWDA still extends the member dance admission rate to people who belonged to Southern Maryland. We invite all SMCWDA members to become members of NVCWDA!



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