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**President's Report**

by Charlie Pierce

It is hard to believe that this is the beginning of my second term as President of the Association. I really appreciate the confidence that so many of you placed in me by asking that I stay as President for one more year. My goals for last year included upholding our Constitution and Bylaws, making sure that you enjoy the dances, and making newcomers feel welcome. Overall, I have followed the Constitution and Bylaws very closely with one exception which is the formation of a Nominating Committee. From comments that I hear, everyone has enjoyed the dances this year. All of you have done an outstanding job of welcoming newcomers as evidenced by their return to dances. I have noticed that many of you dance with new people, show them some of the dances, and sit with them at dances. Thank you so much for your help.

This year one of my goals will be to have a Nominating Committee in place by February. It would be wonderful if three or four people volunteered for this committee, but if not we will contact you. All of your work can be done at the dances without attending meetings. Please say "Yes" when you are asked.

Joyce Leamon has decided to step down as Secretary after three years of dedicated service in that position. She has taken accurate notes and has worked diligently to overcome the challenges of learning to use a computer. Thank you, Joyce, for all that you have done for the Association. We will miss you this year.

Linda Buckle has decided to step down as Member-At-Large after two years of service. She and Keith have brought drinks, snacks, paper goods, and plastic-ware to the dances, set up the snack table with table cloths, and



**Members of the 2010-2011 NVCWDA Board at the Installation Dance**

Left to Right: Donna Dennis - *Treasurer*, Susan Scott - *Planning Director*, Eric Vondra - *Communications Director*, Charlie Pierce - *President*, Dan Pierce - *Special Events Director*, Bo Marlin - *Vice President and Dance Director*. Not Shown: Marty Johnson - *Membership Director*

decorated the table for the season. Thank you, Linda and Keith, for all of the work that you have done over the past two years. Everyone will miss you this year. Maybe someone will miss you so much that he or she will volunteer to bring the snacks!

Bo Marlin has returned for a second year as Vice President and fourth year as Dance Director. As Vice President, Bo sends out announcements to both print and electronic media. We have seen many new faces at the dances this year thanks to Bo's ongoing efforts. The job of the Dance Director includes scheduling the DJs and the dance instructors. I appreciate Bo's work in both capacities because without a VP and Dance Director there would be no dance. Bo has offered counsel to me on many occasions and I truly appreciate that also.

Donna Dennis is staying on the Board as Treasurer for her fourth year. Donna is so accurate in her work with the funds of the Association. After every dance, she sends the board a report including expenses and income from the dance. We held twenty-four dances out of which eighteen were in the black.

We were in the black for the year overall. Did you know that we had to cancel several dances last winter because there was so much snow that the schools were closed?

Eric Vondra has done an outstanding job as Communications Director. He makes sure that we send in our newsletter articles on time and informs our webmaster of updates. Guess who

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## Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

As always, time is flying by and it's already summer! Then again, it sure has been feeling like summer for the last few months already. My sincere hope is that the Accotink church will prove to be a great place to dance and that we'll be cooler there as well, especially if the hot and humid weather continues unabated. Hard to believe we were digging out from several feet of snow just a few short months ago, isn't it?

Olga and I have been trying to learn more of the dances, with mixed success. At the same time it's difficult and fun. We do have some excellent teachers at our dances. It's almost impossible not to learn. The part I find hard is remembering after the lessons are over. I suggested to several people that we record a very short video of the dance steps taught on a particular night, then post it on the web site. We'll look into the feasibility of that. I'm sure it would help refresh our memories when we get home and think to ourselves, "Okay now, what happens after that move?" I've found YouTube to be a really good resource for all sorts of dances and steps. It's also fun to see the variations and to realize that the dances we do are found pretty much all over the world in one form or another. If you see anything you'd like to learn, maybe you can suggest it, or even teach it yourself. Teaching makes you better because you have to think about what you're doing, understand how it flows and figure out how to communicate that in words and

movement at the same time.

I was watching the CMT Awards a while back and I must admit, though I'm far from over the hill (well, maybe not that far!), I had a little trouble with Kid Rock hosting it. Then again, it's good to see country music accepted by people other than purists or hard core country fans. This seems to have been a theme over the last few decades, in that the music is continually evolving away from its honky tonk roots and more into the mainstream. That could be good or bad, depending on your own tastes. For me, it just has to maintain a down-to-earth basic feel and it'll be alright for dancing and listening. Of course, you need that steel guitar and fiddle in there at least some of the time. We'll continue to hear a mix of styles at our dances. So long as we can dance to it, and it feels good, I think we all end up happy.

Howzabout a few picks for dance music:

"That Changes Everything" (John Michael Montgomery, also Billy Currington—both versions are good and make a nice brisk two-step song with a really great vibe.)

"I Keep Forgetting" (Lee Ann Womack—I just keep thinking this would make a nice song for "Cruisin'": What a pretty voice she has.)

I haven't had any takers on writing anything for the newsletter yet (and I stress the "yet"), other than the long-suffering Board members who manage to come up with some good articles for each issue (and Charlie was on time with hers!). Please share your dancing stories and memories with us! You can email written material to me at [communications@nvcwda.org](mailto:communications@nvcwda.org). —Eric

### Note of Appreciation

Eileen Scott and Ginny's family would like to thank all the anonymous donors for their donations to the NVCWDA in memory of Eileen's sister "Ginny" Shacklett. Your attendance at the memorial service and the many, many cards received were very much appreciated.

### Newsletter Deadline

**10th of August for articles,  
reports, ads and news items**

E-mail to:

**[communications@nvcwda.org](mailto:communications@nvcwda.org)**

Send Microsoft Word or Text Files.  
Ads may also be sent as press-ready pdf files (if able, make them high resolution with fonts embedded)

Send photos separately as tif, eps, jpeg, or bitmap files (high resolution)

is always late with an article! Yes, it is the President herself. Eric proofs the articles before sending them on to Lydia Vitale for layout, design and printing. Thank you Eric for bringing the newsletters to all of the dances and for everything else that you do.

Marty Johnson keeps the Membership up-to-date by adding new members to the database, sending notices to people whose memberships are expiring soon, and sending birthdays to the newsletter. Thank you for your work, Marty. Susan Scott has come through for us in a big way by finding a new place to dance this summer so that we will not be so hot. We will begin dancing at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke VA 22015 on July 3. Look for directions in this newsletter. This is a big step for us and I hope that all of you will join us this summer at the new and cooler location.

Dan Pierce has done an excellent job this year coordinating the special dances. The New Year's Eve Dance was a huge success thanks to Dan and everyone who helped and who attended. He has already reserved the room again for this year. The Benefit Dance was also very successful and Dan arranged for a Fisher House representative to attend a dance and receive our donation (see Dan's report on page 5).

Luella Montgomery has been our Stepper Representative for three years and will continue this year. She keeps us informed of all of the Steppers' performances. Additionally, Luella brings the door prizes to every dance or arranges for someone else to bring them if she is not at a dance.

Gary Campbell, our Past President, is always available if I need help and I appreciate that. Thank you, Gary, for leading the Installation Ceremony on June 3. Gary loves Country and Western music and dance and supports the Association in any way that he can.

Kerie Hitt has done a great job of keeping the website up-to-date. Sometimes I have to look just to make sure that I still know what is going on.

Diane Foster updates the hotline after each dance so that when people call they will hear about the next dance. When Dan and I first started coming to NVCWDA dances, we used the hotline quite a bit.

Lydia Vitale gets our newsletter printed, and it always looks so good with the calendars, the "boxes" of information, and articles. I always look forward to the newsletter.

Our Association is fortunate to have a variety of DJs and Dance Instructors to keep us going at the dances. The DJs always have a request list for your songs and dances so be sure to make your requests early. If you have requests for dance lessons, let Bo know and he will do his best to find an instructor.

Keep on Dancin'

–Charlie Pierce

## Membership Update

by Marty Johnson

You may have noticed that there was no Membership Update in the last newsletter. Life has just been a little too hectic recently, and the deadline for the May/June article submissions passed by before I realized it. As a matter of fact, this last year has passed by much too quickly, and I just realized that I am now starting my third year as Membership Director. Unbelievable! I think it is the title of a musical that puts it pretty well: *Stop the World-I Want to Get Off!* I think I would change that a little and say: *Stop the World-I Want to Get Off and Just Dance!*

At any rate, let me give you the numbers. We currently have 169 up-to-date members, which is one less than we had this time last year. That number has been pretty steady over the last two years, but of course, we would like to see the figure go up. We tried at one point to drum up interest in a membership drive, but that was not successful. The Board then changed its focus to trying to increase attendance at the dances, and that has been much more successful. It would still be nice to see the membership number go up, so I am hoping the Board can discuss the subject again at their next meeting and see if we can come up with something new. As always, your suggestions are welcome. I know some of you made suggestions the last time I asked, and some were very helpful in increasing attendance. So please feel free to send me an email at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org), or talk to me or my wife Karen at the next dance. Until then, Happy Dancing!

### NVCWDA 2010 DANCE SCHEDULE

Free dance lessons 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Open dancing 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Date	Event	Location	DJ	Lesson at 7:30		Lesson at 8:00	
				Instructor(s)	Dance	Instructor(s)	Dance
July 3	4th of July Dance	Accotink UU Church	Fanelli	Fanelli	Long Legged Hannah Line Dance	Campbell	Side Kick Couples Specialty
July 17		Accotink UU Church	Handy	Marlin	Saw Blade Line Dance	Buckle	Desperado Wrap Couples Specialty
July 31		Accotink UU Church	Cole	O'Connors	Full Hour - Intermediate Two Step		
August 7		Accotink UU Church	Handy	Scott	DHSS Line Dance	Bloyer	Sway Couples Specialty
August 21		Accotink UU Church	Brown	Carlsons	Full Hour - Intermediate Waltz		

Admission: Members: \$10 / Non-members: \$12 / Children under 18, with paying adult: \$5. PSDC Members: \$10.  
Regular admission rates listed above do not apply to special events dances.

**Monitor hotline and web site for advance notice on September dances and last minute changes.**



# Dance Schedule

# July 2010

**NVCWDA Dances**  
**Free Dance Lessons**  
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons  
 Open dancing 8:30 - 11:00 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>Lessons by Eileen Scott:</b> Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176, 8:00-9:15 p.m. No class on holidays. No classes during month of August. Classes resume Sept. 13th. Contact Eileen for more information: <a href="mailto:escott5678@verizon.net">escott5678@verizon.net</a> . See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes. Classes begin Tues Sept 14. Pre-registration required (starting Aug 10) for county classes (FCPA). Beginning Line Dance; 7:00 p.m. and Couples Specialty Dancing at 8:00 p.m. at Franconia Elementary School.				1 Gail Smith Nokesville	2	3 NVCWDA Accotink Church Fourth of July Dance	
Independence Day 	4	5	6	7 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	8 Gail Smith Nokesville	9	10 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
Stafford American Legion Reston Dance (Reston Community Center)	11	12	13	14 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	15 Gail Smith Nokesville	16 PSDC Annual Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	17 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
18 Bowling Green South Reunion Dance	19	20	21 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	22 Gail Smith Nokesville	23	24	
25 Stafford American Legion	26	27	28 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	29 Gail Smith Nokesville	30	31 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church	

# August 2010



Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Thursdays. Email: [rgsmith@wildblue.net](mailto:rgsmith@wildblue.net) for information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	2	3	4 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	5 Gail Smith Nokesville	6	7 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
8 Stafford American Legion	9	10	11 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	12 Gail Smith Nokesville	13	14 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
15	16	17	18 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	19 Gail Smith Nokesville	20 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	21 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
22 Stafford American Legion	23	24	25 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	26 Gail Smith Nokesville	27	28
29	30	31	<b>There will be no dance on 4 September 2010.</b>		<b>Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.</b>	

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 in Sterling, VA  
 Mondays - 7:00-9:00 p.m., Fridays - 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Bernie & Lydia Vitale  
[dancenl@comcast.net](mailto:dancenl@comcast.net) or call 703-430-2398

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## A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

While it may be hard to believe, we're already back into the "dog days" of summer. And summertime brings with it a host of outdoor activities that tend to compete with our normal dance attendance. Gardening/yard work, soccer/baseball games, summer vacations, barbecues, and house guests (expected and unexpected) all traditionally conspire to prevent our otherwise dedicated, punctual Association members from getting to the dances on time (if at all).

As you know, our outstanding dance instructors volunteer their time (and forego their summer activities) to teach us the latest dances, "blasts from the past," and dance moves to make our dance experiences richer and more enjoyable. Without them, our individual dance repertoires would certainly be much more limited and, frankly, dull. In short, our volunteer instructors are an integral part of our growth in country dancing.

So, how can we possibly repay them? Very simply, by getting to the dances and dance instruction on time. We do our very best to start our hour of dance instruction promptly at 7:30 pm, so we can start the "open dance" promptly at 8:30 pm. If we have to wait for a "quorum" of people to show up, the instructors have to start their lessons late, cut back on their instruction time, or we have to start the open dance later—none of which is fair to the instructors or the members. So please help us acknowledge the sacrifices and time spent by our volunteer instructors—and get to the dance lessons on time!

Going back to the dance challenges inherent in the "dog days" of summer, sometimes it gets to be a bit more difficult finding dance instructors due to all the summer activities. Yes, even our volunteer instructors deserve the opportunity

to enjoy their summers. So, if you've always wanted to share (teach) a line dance or couples dance that you know and love, please let me know. As I've mentioned in the past, you don't have to be a professional instructor to teach for us. All you need is a willingness to share your knowledge and the courage to do so. So, don't be shy—step up and help us out.

As Susan Scott has been pointing out in her articles, beginning this month we'll be holding our dances at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke for the summer (and perhaps beyond that). Besides having an air conditioning system we can control, it also has a real wooden dance floor. While I'm sure we will all enjoy dancing on a wooden dance floor versus linoleum, we need to take a few precautions to avoid damaging the floor. First and foremost, if you regularly wear your dance shoes or boots outdoors, please check them for embedded rocks or sharp objects before getting on the floor. Second, if you notice any foreign objects on the floor, please pick them up so we don't inadvertently grind them into the floor. With your help, we'll be able to enjoy the new floor without having to worry about paying for any damages.

Finally, many thanks to all of you who have so graciously offered your time and sweat to help us setup and arrange the tables and chairs before and after the dances at Luther Jackson for the past few months. Showing up a bit early to move tables/chairs and staying afterwards to put things back in order are clearly not tasks we'd prefer to do but are what we have to do to keep the rent reasonable. Unfortunately, we're also going to be responsible for the setup and teardown at the Accotink Church, so hopefully we can depend on your continued support. Many hands (and strong backs) make for light work, and your help is certainly appreciated. As always, see you on the dance floor.

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## Special Events

by Dan Pierce

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for helping to make our Benefit Dance a great success. Thanks to you, the Association was able to present a check for over \$3,500 to the Fisher House Foundation. I also wish to thank Ann Marlin for making the beautiful quilt that was auctioned and won by Bernie and Lydia Vitale and everybody that contributed cash, items for the auction, or just came and made it great night. All of you deserve a big pat on the back!



*Charlie Pierce presented a check to Vicki Reeping (Operations Assistant from the Fisher House Foundation) June 19th.*

Summer is usually a slow period for us. I would like to invite all of you to our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dance (no, not on the 4<sup>th</sup>—this year it is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>). This dance will be at our new dance venue—please see directions for how to get there elsewhere in this newsletter. We will have a wood dance floor and will even be able to turn on the air conditioning. Patriotic dress is optional. We encourage you to bring something summery to share with your fellow dancers.

I know that Charlie has mentioned this before and so has Gary: folks, this is your association and we could not continue without your help. The Board does a lot but we cannot do everything. We have some Board positions open and if you or someone you know would like to fill them please let a Board member know, we will be glad to have you on the Board. See you at the next dance. —Dan

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## Steppers Schedule

- Saturday, July 24,** Westminister at Lake Ridge, Lake Ridge, VA, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 7,** 4H Fair, Frying Pan Park, Chantilly, VA, 11 a.m.-noon (joint show with the Bull Run Cloggers)
- Saturday, August 21,** Arlington County Fair, Arlington, VA, 2 p.m.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## July Birthdays

07/07 Faye Morse  
07/09 Jim Davies  
07/14 Wanda Maturro  
07/15 Richard Chiu  
07/16 Linda Buckle  
07/22 Carol Caruso  
07/22 Kerie Hitt  
07/25 Dianne Arendts  
07/27 John Gentile  
07/28 Brenda Prestidge

## August Birthdays

08/07 Holly Harris  
08/09 Dale Strawser  
08/11 Bob Arendts  
08/12 Cathy Crowson  
08/14 Julie Cho  
08/14 Patty Orndorff  
08/16 Eileen Scott  
08/17 Anita Huffman  
Strawser  
08/19 Lydia Vitale  
08/21 Richard Dawson  
08/30 George Jones

# Welcome New Members!

Brenda Prestidge  
Anne Rush

## Other Places to Dance

### American Legion Post 290 in Stafford

1204 American Legion Rd (County Rd 628)  
Country-western lessons and dancing with Matt Leonard.  
Second and fourth Sundays of the month from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
\$7.00 per person.  
For more information call Matt: (703) 509-5044.

### Bowling Green South

July 18th Reunion Dance  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. • Bring a snack to share.  
\$8 person - \$15 per couple

### The Corral at Fast Eddies of Centreville

14114 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120 • Thursdays; line dance,  
two-step, couples dance lessons 7:30-8:30 p.m. followed by  
dancing to the Southern Winds Band and DJ until 11 p.m.  
\$5 cover • (703) 266-1888 or [www.fasteddies.com](http://www.fasteddies.com)

### Dance Factory

954 N. Monroe St, Arlington, VA 22201 • Two-step, East and West  
Coast Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, Hustle, Nightclub Two-Step • Second  
Saturday of every month. Hosted by Mal and Linda Zerden •  
Beginners lessons 8:30-9:00 p.m., dancing to DJ music until  
midnight • \$12 includes the lesson, dancing, and light refresh-  
ments. Call Mal at (703) 560-4724 or see [www.dancefactory.com](http://www.dancefactory.com)

### 98 Degrees (aka 98 Gados)

8509 Rixlew Lane in Manassas (near the Manassas Mall, right  
behind Hooters). • Good mix of couples & line dancing music. •  
Wednesday Nights are Country Nights. • \$2 cover for DJ only  
nights & if there is a band there is a \$5 cover.  
Renae teaches line dance lessons from 7:45 - 9:00 p.m..

### The Colvin Run Community Center

10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066 (10 minutes  
west of Tysons Corner off Rte. 7). Second Saturday of every month  
West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Shag, Hustle, Two-Step,  
Latin, Waltz and more. • email: [edcottrell@macp.org](mailto:edcottrell@macp.org) or  
[gailcrum3@aol.com](mailto:gailcrum3@aol.com)

# HOW DO I GET THERE?

**Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church**, See page 8.

**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/>

**Colvin Run Community Center**, is located at 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066 (10 minutes west of Tysons Corner off Rte. 7). Contact Ed at [edcottrell@macp.org](mailto:edcottrell@macp.org) or (703) 435-5620 or Gail at [gailcrum3@aol.com](mailto:gailcrum3@aol.com) or (703) 450-6539

**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. <http://www.dancefactory.com/saturdays.html>. 703/528-9770.

**Nokesville Firehall**, Rt. 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marstellar. Firehall on left. For info email: [rgsmith@wildblue.net](mailto: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.

**Stafford American Legion**, 1204 American Legion Rd (County Rd 628), Stafford, VA. From I-95 south, take exit 143A for VA-610 E. Merge onto Garrisonville Rd/VA 610. Turn right at US 1. Go about 5.3 miles. Turn right at American Legion Rd. Go .3 mi.

**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.

*Please join us for*

**NVCWDA's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**  
**18 September 2010**

*Look for details in the next newsletter  
and on our website.*

# Steppers Report

by Susan Scott



Pat Kelley and Gary Campbell

The Country Steppers performed on May 15 at Luther Jackson Middle School for the NVCWDA Benefit Dance. We introduced our new waltz routine to a song called "An Old Country Waltz" by Jennifer McCarter. We owe a special thank you to Linda and Mal Zerden for helping us with our styling and technique, resulting in rave reviews from our audience. Some told us that it was the best they have seen us perform!

On May 22 we did an hour long show at Sunrise-Reston in Reston, Virginia. We were pleased to dance on wooden floors. On June 13 we performed a half hour show at the Fairfax County Fair.

Our dance team returned to Luther Jackson Middle School on June 19 to bid Pat Kelley, our director, a warm farewell as she joined us in performing her favorite routine, "The Swing". She has been a Country Stepper since 2000, serving as our dance director beginning in 2003. We will all sadly miss her. She has provided dedicated leadership, dance styling, and stage presence that has made our team cohesive and fun.

We welcome Jan Ayton and Gary Campbell as our new co-directors. Jan has been a member of the Country Steppers since 1997 and Gary joined the team with Pat Kelley in 2000. We are looking forward to working with our new leaders.

If you can Two-step, Waltz, Cha-Cha, and would like to be part of a fun dancing group that performs 24-36 times a year, please come check us out. I have been a member of this team

for three years and look forward to Saturday practices and performances. There are no cliques among us. We have lunch together after practices on Saturday mornings at the church across from NOVA in Annandale. Partners are not required.

## In Memoriam

Rodger Andrews, a long time member and former Planning Director of the Association passed away on Friday, June 18. He had been suffering from pulmonary fibrosis and was waiting for a lung transplant. We will miss Rodger and send our deepest sympathy and warm regards to the members of his family, who reside in Australia. A memorial service is planned, however details were not available at the time of publication. See excerpt from May/June 2002 issue below.

## A Hard-Working Team for 2001-2002 (Board Members, Hotline Coordinator and Webmaster)



Left to Right: Rodger Andrews, RePete Trelogan, Diane Foster (Hotline), Tom Vodicka, Pat Kelley, Brian O'Connor, Johanna Vodicka, George Morse (Webmaster). Members of the Board not shown: Pete Wilson, Ella Broughton, Laurie Armstrong and Steve Zaccaro.



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

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*Individual Members ONLY*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be 18 years of age)

Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Providing your email address will subscribe you to email updates of club events for emergency broadcasts.

#### Membership Category

New \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year - \$18.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 year - \$30.00

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Planning Director's Report

by Susan Scott

The board of directors met on June 23 to discuss options as to where future dances will be held. We'll let you know how this discussion progresses.

Dances at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke will begin July 3. Several board members met me at the church last month to see this venue. They were pleased with the wooden floors, the ambiance, and the *air conditioning*, which should make dancing more comfortable. There is also ample parking. I might add that the staff member we spoke with was very receptive and looking forward to our first dance. I left newsletters, hoping to attract church members to our dances. We plan to continue dances there through the summer (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays as always). This will give us time to decide whether we want to continue there through the fall and winter.

We will be looking forward to your feedback.

### Directions to Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. Dances at this location starting July 3

#### From the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 700):

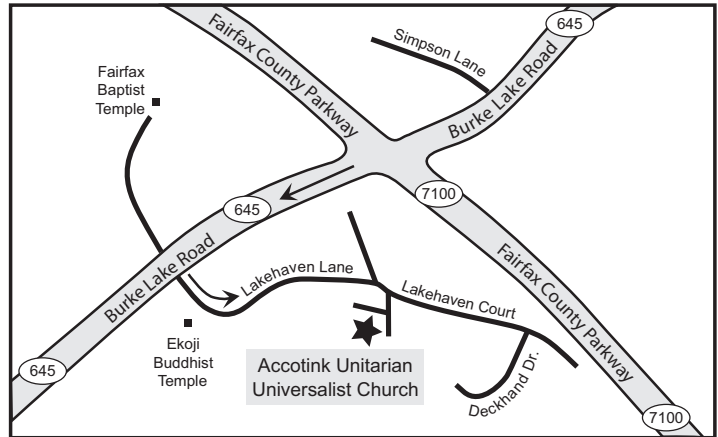
Take westbound Burke Lake Road (SR654) 0.2 miles to the first left turn onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

#### From the Beltway and Annandale:

Take westbound Braddock Road to Burke Lake Road (SR 645) which

bears to the left. Follow Burke Lake Road to the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100). Cross the Parkway. Go 0.2 miles and take the first left onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

Let's wear red, white, and blue on July 3!



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