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## President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Well, it's time again for another article from El Presidente. Do you realize the year is almost a quarter over already? I'm still recovering from New Year's. It's getting crazy how fast the year goes by. First let me thank you, the members, for making our past few dances a great success. We seem to be getting more new members due to the urging of the fine dance teachers who represent us through the county. Your help is greatly appreciated. I also see past members starting to come out again. Please keep coming and tell other past members how much fun you're having. The dances would really be boring if you didn't come out, I mean who would we dance with and how would we meet friends we haven't made? It's hard enough to overcome my shyness in asking ladies to dance with me and my fear of the microphone. (Are you buying any of this?)

We have some interesting dances coming up between now and the next newsletter. Our next theme dance will be St. Patrick's on March 17. We'll give \$1.00 off to anyone wearing green at that dance. (Once again, wear something visible as we don't want to do clothing searches.)

The next special dance will be our Benefit Dance on April 21. This year's dance is truly a Benefit Dance with the proceeds going to a worthy cause: Fisher House Foundation. Fisher House is the military version of Ronald McDonald House. It is a "home away from home" for families of patients getting care at VA or other military medical centers. Many of the military families don't have money to stay at motels for extended periods so they get to live temporarily in one of 30

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### Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association Benefit Dance

Dance Exhibitions

Silent Auction

Saturday April 21, 2007 • 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of Good Counsel (DeSales Room)  
8601 Wolftap Rd • Vienna, VA.

- Music by Kathy Fanelli.
- Entertainment by Mal and Linda Zerden and the Country Steppers.
- Silent auction – to donate items for the silent auction contact any Board Member.
- To donate food – contact Cathy DeLoach.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.  
Purchase tickets at regular NVCWDA dances or order tickets by contacting NVCWDA at 703-860-4941 or nvcwda@aol.com.  
Make checks payable to NVCWDA.

All proceeds go to the *Fisher House Foundation*, which is a not-for-profit organization providing temporary housing to families of patients receiving care at military hospitals.

## George Morse Nominated for Life Membership

The Bylaws of NVCWDA provide for three types of membership: charter, regular, and life. A charter member is someone who joined before July 1, 1986 and who has remained an active member since then. A regular member is anyone who has joined NVCWDA and pays the annual dues. A life member is someone who has provided exemplary service to NVCWDA and is nominated for life membership in recognition of the service. A three-person committee consisting of one Board member and two regular members reviews the qualifications of the nominee and the committee's findings are published in the newsletter. Then all of the regular members vote on whether to approve the appointment for life membership.

Currently we have 11 life members: John Gentile, Sandra Graves, George Jones, Bill Markland,

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## Volunteers needed for Special Events Coordinator and other upcoming Board vacancies

The election for Board of Directors is in May, which is not very far away. If you would like to help us recruit people to serve on the Board, please offer to be our Nominating Chairperson. If you would like to be on the Board, we would love to put your talents to work for NVCWDA. Contact any current Board Member for information.

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## Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

We've had several occasions lately to put our crack communications team into action. We scrambled to let people know about the change in location for the New Year's Eve dance, and we succeeded in notifying almost everyone who had purchased tickets. Recently we had to get word out about the February 17 dance being canceled, and I hope most of you got the information in time to modify your plans. Our Lady of Good Counsel usually follows Fairfax County's snow closing decisions, so if the County cancels weekend activities in the schools, then OLG C closes as well. We are lucky to have multiple ways – web, hotline, email and so forth – to let people know of these situations.

We plan to transition to a new web domain. Our current web domain is [nvcwda.com](http://nvcwda.com). We also have registered [nvcwda.org](http://nvcwda.org) because we are really an "organization" and not a commercial entity. Eventually when we change over to [nvcwda.org](http://nvcwda.org), the old web page should automatically route you to the new website.

We are going to add another communications tool under [nvcwda.org](http://nvcwda.org). We are establishing "generic" email addresses so that people can send email to us without

having to remember the email addresses of specific people. For example, we have set up the following addresses: [president@nvcwda.org](mailto:president@nvcwda.org), [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org), [dancedirector@nvcwda.org](mailto:dancedirector@nvcwda.org), and [communications@nvcwda.org](mailto:communications@nvcwda.org). If you send mail to [president@nvcwda.org](mailto:president@nvcwda.org), your message automatically goes to Gary Campbell. If you send mail to [dancedirector@nvcwda.org](mailto:dancedirector@nvcwda.org), your message goes to Connie Streeter. Our board members names will change over time, but all you will need to remember are the generic emails, not people's personal email addresses.

In the unending quest to find a second dance location, Barbara Smith contacted Adat Reyim Synagogue, but they declined to let us use their space. At the suggestion of Jeannette Wick, I checked out the Lyon Community Center in Arlington, but I thought it was too small for us. Keep those suggestions coming. We will leave no stone unturned!

Reminder: If you aren't getting your newsletter in the mail, please check with Membership Director Tim Sizer to make sure your membership is up to date and that your mailing address is correct. If your membership has expired, we stop sending you the newsletter after a grace period. Tim also keeps our broadcast email list so let him know whether you want to be on it. We use it sparingly. Contact Tim at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org)!

## Summary of January 10 Board Meeting

by Ella Broughton

The Board discussed the success of our New Year's Eve dance over all and voted to hold the dance again at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) in 2007. (We already have booked the room.) Ft. Myer will give the Association a full refund of our payment.

Plans are being made for the Benefit Dance to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested and accepted to give the proceeds to the Fisher House. Gary Campbell and Connie Streeter will get further information on the Fisher House for the Board. The Board is also looking into having sample t-shirts made up with our logo on the front and maybe something on the back for members to order to raise

funds for the Benefit Dance. Connie Streeter and Bobby Orndorff will get prices and samples.

Our dances are booked at OLG C only until the end of June. We need to extend our reservations there if we are not able to find a second dance place. Barbara Smith is checking with the Adat Reyim synagogue to see what the cost and availability would be. They have a room with a parquet floor that we might be able to use.

Tim reported that 47 new members joined in 2006, which offset 44 people whose membership expired during the year. Tim is trying to fix up the broadcast email list. A bunch of the addresses bounced when he sent out two broadcast emails last year. We talked about possibly putting together another membership directory.

some Fisher Houses that are located in various communities across the country. While the patients receive treatment, their loved ones are nearby to offer comfort and support. Many of the young people being treated have been hurt in the war, and as I have said at past dances, regardless of your opinion about the war, these people deserve our respect and help. They have given more than any of us could possibly understand so please come out and help us help them.

Advance tickets will be just \$15.00 and tickets at the door will be \$20.00 (the same as last year). We'll have some fun things at this dance. Again this year we will have a silent auction. We are trying to line up some items for the auction. If you have something you can contribute or work for a company that might have something to contribute, please let any of the Board Members know. Connie Streeter and Luella Montgomery are in negotiations to get new t-shirts for the Association. Everything above the cost of the shirt will go to the Fisher House. We will also have other small items for sale at the dance. We could use some ideas about decorations (I like red, white and blue), and I'm sure Cathy would be open to suggestions about food and lots of help. (Maybe we could get somebody to do the decorations and food just for this dance to give Cathy the night off to enjoy herself.)

Again this year we will have two performances so that we can keep the floor open for dancing. Mal and Linda will perform for us. They told me they have a great routine planned, but they have sworn me to secrecy. The other performers will be your own Country Steppers. We are working on a new two-step routine given to us by Mal and Linda. It's a fun routine, and we are working very hard to memorize and perfect it so that we can perform it for you. Of course we hope to go on first, because following Mal and Linda is not an idea we wish to entertain. Talking about the Steppers, if any of you think you may want to join, talk to the people wearing Stepper badges at the dances.

I have got good news and bad news. The bad news is Peggy Kennicott lost her fight with cancer. Those people who

knew her and called her a friend lost a very special person. She was involved with the Association in past years and served on the Board. I know we all send her family our best wishes in their loss. The good news is Jenny is doing better. Eileen let me know that Jenny was wrapping up chemo and things were going well.

Finally, keep up the good work on dance floor etiquette and courtesy. None of us comes to the dances to ruin another dancer's night. If something happens on the floor, just say excuse me even if it's not your fault and keep moving on down the line. The Board Members also want to thank you for cleaning up your tables; it helps us get out just a little earlier. See you on the floor, and remember, dancing is for FUN.

## Treasurer's Report

by Liz Logan

Welcome and many thanks to Donna Dennis for stepping up to be the new Treasurer. We are taking the transition slowly so as to make it as smooth as possible. Donna is working on a set of protocols to assist in making sure the door is handled more efficiently, and we will be working together each week after a dance until we have passed over all aspects of the position.

I'll still be around - intermittently - so this should be painless.

Thanks to all for your cooperation and support for the past year while I've been Treasurer. Our current balance is \$4776.15.

March 17  
**St. Patrick's Day Dance**  
 Wear green for \$1 discount on admission.  
 Refreshments at this dance will be  
 compliments of **Ameriprise Financial.**

### 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
Mar 3		OLGC-DeSales Rm	Cole	Keith & Linda Buckle	Forever Green/Stealing the Best LD	8:00 p.m.	Fred & Kathy Crowson	Teton Mountain Stomp
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Dance	OLGC-Counsel Rm	Handy	-	-	7:40 p.m.	Brian & Kathy O'Connor	Nightclub Two Step (couples)
Mar 31		OLGC-DeSales Rm	Vitale	Bernie & Lydia Vitale	Fast Women	7:55 p.m.	Eileen Scott	Country Walkin and Badonkadonk LD
Apr 7		OLGC-Counsel Rm	Cole	Bernie & Lydia Vitale	Stitch It Up	8:00 p.m.	Bo & Ann Marlin	Wanderer Specialty
Apr 21	Benefit Dance**	OLGC-DeSales Rm	Fanelli	Bo & Ann Marlin	Wanderer Specialty	8:00 p.m.	Ron Wetherington	Cute Cute Cute 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.

\*\*Special admission applies

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 May dances.**

# Dance Schedule

## March 2007



**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
<b>Dance lessons by Eileen Scott:</b> American Legion, Amhearst Avenue, Springfield, VA ongoing Monday nights except holidays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Line Dancing Class. For more information email <a href="mailto:escott5678@verizon.net">escott5678@verizon.net</a> or call 703-370-1485.				1	2	Bowling Green 3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reston Com. Center			Dawn & Dean CH		PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA OLG DeSales Room
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Saving Time Begins			Dawn & Dean CH		PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA OLG - Counsel Room St. Patrick's Day Dance
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Dawn & Dean CH		PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	SMCWDA Brandywine
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Dawn & Dean CH		PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA OLG DeSales Room


## April 2007



**Gail Smith** runs dances most Mondays and Thursdays.

Check her website for times and directions:

[http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD\\_home.html](http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD_home.html)

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

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](mailto:dancenl@comcast.net) or call 703-430-2398

*Nomination —continued from page 1*

Steve Martin, Pat McNees, Frank Scott, Dave Shrader, Pat Shrader, Robert H. Smith, and Linda-B Woodworth.

Kerie Hitt nominated George Morse for Life Membership. A committee made up of Co-Secretaries Patricia Kelley and Ella Broughton and regular members Bruce Wright and Luella Montgomery reviewed the nomination and recommended that we go forward with it. Here are their findings:

### **Review of the Nomination of GEORGE MORSE for Life Membership**

One of the goals of the NVCWDA is to promote country-western dancing by reaching out to the community. Since joining NVCWDA in 1987, George has furthered that goal in numerous ways. George established NVCWDA's website, which is a vital means of relaying information about NVCWDA to

our members and to the public. He has generously given his personal time and computer resources to create, maintain, and host the website. He served several terms as NVCWDA's Communications Director from 1998-2000 and 2002-2004 and was responsible for the NVCWDA hotline and email. To help members get to know each other, George wrote many "Member in the Spotlight" articles for the newsletter. He also took numerous photos of dancers to make the newsletter and website interesting. George worked on NVCWDA's fund raising efforts for Children's Hospital, which raised tens of thousands of dollars over the years.

Based on the significant and long-term contributions that George Morse has made to NVCWDA, we recommend that he be nominated as a Life Member.

The next step is for NVCWDA



*George and Faye Morse*

members to vote on this nomination. You can vote at a dance or by absentee ballot. Ballots will be available at the dances during March and April. To request an absentee ballot, call the hotline at 703-860-4941 or write to NVCWDA, P.O. Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384.

Ballots will be accepted for 60 days, or until April 30, 2007.

A majority of votes in favor of George's nomination will result in his appointment to Life Member. Please vote!

## **Support Your Local Country-Western Dance Band**

In early February, Kevin Handy of the Southern Winds Band sent out the following note urging people to come out to dance or risk losing the opportunity. Sweetheart's ([www.sweetheartsclub.biz](http://www.sweetheartsclub.biz)) is located at 13041 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in the Greenbriar Shopping Center. Here is what Kevin wrote:

### **BIG CHANGES AT SWEETHEART'S!**

We may have lost the battle, but we can still win the war!

I am sorry to say that The Southern Winds Band is no longer playing Tuesday nights at Sweetheart's. The crowd size on Tuesday nights has been far below what is needed to sustain a band and a DJ. There will still be country dancing on Tuesdays (for now) with David (one of the owners) as your DJ.

For now, Thursdays are still happening with The Southern Winds Band! We have had decent crowds on Thursday nights, but it still needs to be busier. If you want The Southern Winds

Band to continue playing at Sweetheart's on Thursdays, we need you to show up en mass. We are still on the schedule on the first Saturday of each month, too.

I can not say how this change might affect The Southern Winds Band. This has been my livelihood for the past 25 years, but I am currently seeking employment elsewhere. I am hoping that I will be able to find a job that will

afford me the opportunity to continue my life as a musician, but there are no guarantees. My advice to you is this; if you enjoy dancing to The Southern Winds Band, do it again-soon and often as our days as a band may be numbered!

I hope to see all of you on Thursdays at Sweetheart's. Thank you all for the years of music! —Kevin Handy, The Southern Winds Band

### **Upcoming classes from Ron Wetherington**

Country and Western (C/W) Dance Classes at Providence Recreation Center, 7525 Marc Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042; 703-698-1351; [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) under Park Class Registration. (Directions: Beltway I-495 to Exit 50B, Arlington Blvd./Rte. 50 east, turn right on Jaguar Trail, right on Marc Drive in front of Falls Church H.S.)

When: Sunday March 25–June 3, 2007 - 10 classes, 1 hour each (no classes on Easter); \$75 for Fairfax County/City residents (\$85 for non-residents); 45% discount for seniors who turned 61 by 12/31/06. Partners preferred but not required.

Instructor: Ron Wetherington, 703-370-4494  
email [rwetherington@comcast.net](mailto:rwetherington@comcast.net).

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Specialty C/W (El Paso, Wooden Nickel, Sweetheart Schottische, McGraw Stroll, The Sway, etc.); 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. – C/W Two Step (Adv. Beg./Intermediate); 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. – Swing II (Adv. Beg./Intermediate East Coast; must know the basic step and have completed Swing I or equivalent); 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. – Swing I (Beg. East Coast); 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Night Club Two Step (Beg./Adv. Beg.).

## Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Friday, March 9:** Algonkian Elementary School, Sterling, VA, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 24:** Sunrise- Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA, 1-2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 14:** Leisure World, Landsdowne, Virginia, 6-10 p.m.
- Saturday, April 21:** NVCWDA Benefit Dance, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Vienna, VA, Time TBD
- Sunday, April 22:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Washington, D.C., 4-8 p.m.

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

**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>

**Nokesville Firehall.** 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marsteller. Firehall on left. For info: [http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD\\_home.html](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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March Birthdays

3/08 Matt Goodman  
3/10 Helen Esposito  
3/15 Bonnie Alexander  
3/17 Steve Martin  
3/19 Elvira Mason  
3/22 Linda Zerden  
3/24 Tom Grove  
3/26 Melvin Martin  
3/26 Don Streeter

### April Birthdays

4/02 Sue Maillet  
4/03 Diane Foster  
4/04 Mike Houchins  
4/05 Charles McGuire  
4/11 Sandra Graves  
4/16 Linda Hall  
4/24 Charles Weatherholtz  
4/25 Don Martin  
4/30 Anne Sheals

## Welcome New Members

Chung Katzbeck	Alex York	Pancho Roberts
Gary Mitchell	Jill York	Diane Roberts
	John Nogan	



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## Special Introductory Offer

for people who have not been to a NVCWDA dance before...

★ **One free admission:**

No charge for the first NVCWDA dance you attend.

★ **Two bonus months:**

Join NVCWDA during your first dance and get 2 months extra added to a 1-year membership.

Please fill out the information below, and present this coupon at the door.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Limit one coupon per person.

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## Newsletter Deadline

**10th of April for articles, reports and news items**

E-mail to: [kjhitt@his.com](mailto:kjhitt@his.com)

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

## Steppers Report

by Richard Chiu

On December 16, the Steppers performed at the Association's Holiday Dance at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. We performed Christmas medleys and Cha-Cha routines to all our friends. It was a fun evening to remember.

On January 27, we performed at Sunrise-Falls Church to a familiar audience. Our new routines drew many appreciative comments. We love our experience at that facility.

On January 28, we performed at Sunrise-McLean to our new friends there. After the performance on the main floor, we were informed that a second audience was waiting for us on the third floor. Short notice to be sure, but we always welcome being asked to perform an encore, and we accepted. It was a double-the-pleasure performance, and we had great fun doing that.

On February 10, we were at Sweetheart's as performers and customers. This gave us an opportunity to mingle with the audience better. In addition to the performance, we enjoyed a lovely evening of dancing and eating. The band, Southern Xcess, has good mix of new songs and old favorites. It was easy to listen and to dance to their music. Our performance was during the band break and was well received by an appreciative audience and new friends.

The Country Steppers are seeking continuously to reinvent ourselves by adding new dances and dancers. Please talk to any of us about joining.



## In Memoriam Peggy Kennicott

by Kerie Hitt

Peggy Kennicott passed away on January 28. She was 60 years old. Peggy was a Charter Member of NVCWDA and was part of the Country Steppers dance team in the early days. I've heard from several people who knew Peggy back then. All of them said she was beautiful, and I got the distinct impression that she was a very popular partner with the gentlemen dancers. She was a member of the Pink Ladies, Syncopated Rhythm, Westside Cloggers and the Leisurets Dance Group. Peggy wanted to come to the NVCWDA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance last fall, but she was too ill to attend.

Peggy volunteered to be NVCWDA Membership Director for 2004-2005. She said she was an introverted person, and she wanted to be on the Board so that she would meet and interact with people in the Association. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with breast cancer soon after she came on the Board. Although she couldn't attend our Board meetings, she faithfully fulfilled her membership duties at home. She never failed to send the membership reports for our meetings and material for the newsletter on time. Running the membership data base must have come naturally to her—she was a computer software developer for the Department of the Navy for 33 years!

Memorial contributions in her name can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.



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## New Treasurer Joins the Ranks

by Kerie Hitt

As Liz mentions in the Treasurer's Report, we are happy to announce that Donna Dennis has volunteered to replace Liz as Treasurer. We actually had two people volunteer for the position to replace Liz, and we appreciate both offers very much. We hated to turn down one person's offer to help, but Donna got the short end of the stick (just kidding), and she already has undertaken the tasks of keeping our accounts straight and trying to decipher the inner workings of the infamous cash register we use at the admission door. Donna recently retired from 30 years at the FDA. Towards the end of her career, she oversaw laboratory budgets and kept track of everything from expensive equipment to everyday chemicals. She had to make sure that her organization stayed within the budget allotted to it each fiscal year. Her most recent experience at FDA was managing the development of a



### New Year's Eve Photos

Top Left: Kathy and Brian O'Connor, Bottom Left: Dianne and Bob Arendts, Above: Bo and Ann Marlin

laboratory quality-assurance system for research activities. She's even taken an accounting class. Donna's professional experience taught her the importance of developing systematic procedures and files for all actions. She is confident that she can keep good records of NVCWDA's fiscal activities and provide the information to the Board.



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