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President's Report

by Gary Campbell

It's that time again for another message from El Presidente. I hope this year is being good to you. I know it's been interesting so far, but if we can keep a positive attitude I believe things will get even better. As I normally do, I want to thank the usual group of people. Our DJ's and dance teachers are doing an unbelievable job of bringing new and interesting dances for us to learn, along with great music to keep everyone on the floor. The variety of music from the DJ's is always fun, and remember, just because a dance is taught to one song doesn't mean it can't be done to other music. I also want to thank all the Board members for doing a great job and putting up with me. Now I want to thank what I consider the most important group and that's you the members. You are the ones that make the dances fun and successful. In these times the Board members and I know you could do something else (there are other things besides dancing?) and we appreciate your patronage.

May is going to be a busy month. The dance on May 2 is our Benefit Dance. The Board is happy to announce that all the money made that night will go to the Fisher House. We feel this organization is very worthy of our support, and we hope you come out in force to make this a successful dance. We did a Benefit Dance for Fisher House a couple of years ago and raised over \$3,000, and we hope to match or beat that this year. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Linda Buckle is asking for people to bring a pot luck dish or desserts. For entertainment, Anita and Dale Strawser will do a brand new waltz routine for us. Your Country Steppers

**Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association
Benefit Dance for Fisher House**

Saturday May 2, 2009 • 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Luther Jackson Middle School • 3020 Gallows Rd • Falls Church, VA.

Featuring
Dance demos by dance champions Dale and Anita Strawser
and the Country Steppers

Silent auction
Pot luck—bring a dish or dessert to share

Tickets: \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
Order tickets by contacting
NVCWDA at 703-860-4941 or info@nvcwda.org.

All proceeds will 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.

will perform a swing routine. We did this a few years ago, but we have new members and want them to have the thrill of performing it for you. Again this year we will have a silent auction, and Barbara Smith is in charge. Ann Marlin has done another beautiful quilt that's generating lots of interest; make sure you check it out. We know your generosity is going to be unbelievable and want to thank you in advance.

We also have our elections coming up on May 16. In addition to Special Events director, which has been unfilled for several years, I know of several positions opening up. Carol Caruso is leaving the position of Planning Director. She has done a great job of finding places for us to dance, even at the last minute. She has just secured Luther Jackson through the end of the year, so the position should be easy to maintain for a while.

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Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

Things on the communications team are copasetic. I have renewed the nvcwda.org domain name for another two years. The Steppers have sent in links to a lot of photos of their performances lately. Look at the web page www.nvcwda.org/team.html and check out the various pix.

I don't usually watch awards shows, but this year I caught parts of the Academy of Country Music awards on TV in early April. I rarely listen to the radio or watch music videos, and I never have seen American Idol, so I was surprised to see some of the artists who are considered award-worthy "country" acts these days. I had not heard of

many of the award nominees. A few I did recognize churn out sappy ballads and pap that doesn't sound very country to me. Many nominees seemed to be golden haired blonde young ladies who looked like they all went to the same hair stylist. Old and grizzled by comparison, George Strait did garner a couple of token nominations, but I don't think he won anything.

Apparently I am not the only one wondering what has happened to country music. Newsweek (April 20) ran a story called "Don't Call it Country" in which the author posed the question: "How did we get to this strange, alien country-awards show that honors bubblegum pop stars like Taylor Swift, most of whose songs aren't really country, even using the stretchiest definition?" The article concluded that "country music ain't what it used to be." I have to agree!

Fans name Carrie Underwood ACM Entertainer of the Year

The Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards are dedicated to honoring and showcasing the biggest names and emerging talent in the country music industry. On April 5, the 44th annual ACM Awards were announced. More than half a million fans voted in the Entertainer of the Year category, and named Carrie Underwood for the biggest honor. Brad Paisley won Top Male Vocalist and Carrie Underwood won Top Female Vocalist, each for the third year in a row. Sugarland won Top Vocal Duo and Rascal Flatts led the category with their win of Top Vocal Group. The ACM also honored Jennifer Nettles and Taylor Swift with the Crystal Milestone Award, which commemorates a specific, remarkable achievement. Jennifer Nettles reached new heights by sweeping the ACM Award, CMA Award, and Grammy Award for country songwriting with Sugarland's hit "Stay." Taylor Swift is a multimedia sensation, selling more than nine million digital downloads in 2008. She surpassed six million in sales for her first two studio albums on Big Machine Records. Swift was the #1 selling artist, in all formats and all genres in 2008, and is the first female to have five top 10 singles off her debut album, *Taylor Swift*.

Following is the list of winners in the categories voted on by the membership (excluding the Entertainer of the Year and Top New Artist categories, which were voted on by fans online):

Entertainer of the Year:	Carrie Underwood
Album of the Year:	Fearless, by Taylor Swift
Top Male Vocalist:	Brad Paisley
Top Female Vocalist:	Carrie Underwood
Top Vocal Group:	Rascal Flatts
Top Vocal Duo:	Sugarland
Top New Artist:	Julianne Hough
Top New Male Vocalist:	Jake Owen
Top New Female Vocalist:	Julianne Hough
Top New Vocal Duo or Group:	Zac Brown Band
Single Record of the Year:	You're Gonna Miss This, Trace Adkins
Song of the Year:	In Color, Jamey Johnson
Video of the Year:	Waitin' on a Woman, Brad Paisley
Vocal Event of the Year:	Start a Band, Brad Paisley with Keith Urban
Crystal Milestone Award:	Taylor Swift; Jennifer Nettles
Home Depot Humanitarian Award:	Leann Rimes

Fisher House Foundation

by Charlie Pierce

Mrs. Pauline Trost, wife of Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Carlisle Trost, saw a helicopter land at National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda. She saw an injured sailor and his wife and children leaving the helicopter. They were carrying suitcases and that made Mrs. Trost wonder where they were going to stay.

The idea for the Fisher House was born that day in the mid-70's, but Mrs. Trost didn't mention her idea to her husband until the mid-80's. Admiral Trost's friend Zachary Fisher was an owner of a large construction company and a philanthropist. Admiral Trost told Fisher of Mrs. Trost's dream of housing for the families of injured servicemen, and he wanted to help.

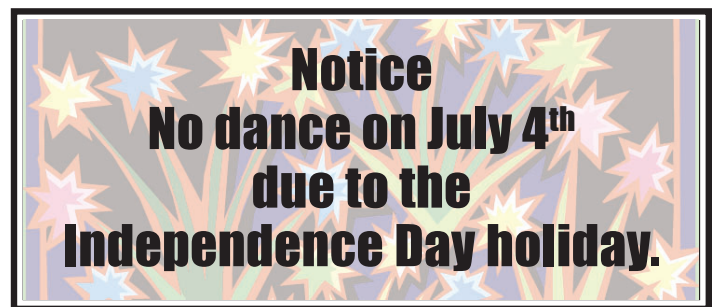
In 1991, the first Fisher House was opened at NNMC. Today 43 Fisher Houses are located across the United States including three at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, two at NNMC, and one at Andrews Air Force Base. Fisher Houses are also located close to some VA hospitals. The houses can accommodate between 16 and 42 people and are usually within walking distance of the hospital. If needed, transportation is provided.

When a soldier is wounded in combat, families are able to stay in a Fisher House for 45-60 days. The Fisher Foundation covers transportation costs for the family from home to the medical treatment facility. In addition to the housing and transportation or Hero Miles, the foundation offers scholarships for children and spouses of service men and women.

The money raised at the Benefit Dance on May 2nd will help maintain the programs offered by the Fisher Foundation. I have been to Walter Reed many times and have seen seriously injured service personnel surrounded by a spouse and children, and I am especially thankful for the Fisher Houses. Please donate generously because war injuries don't take a hiatus when times are financially tough.



Ann Marlin made this colorful quilt depicting cowboy hats and boots to raise money for Fisher House.



NVCWDA 2009 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
May 2	Benefit Dance*	Jackson Middle Sch	Cole	Keith & Linda Buckle	Funky Cha Cha line dance	Linda Bloyer	Blue Rose couples specialty dance
May 16	Election Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Fanelli	Kathy Fanelli	Ooh Poo Pah Doo line dance	Matt Leonard	No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem cpls spec review
May 30		Jackson Middle Sch	Vitales	Bernie & Lydia Vitale	Metamorphosized line dance review	Bo & Ann Marlin	Butterfly Waltz couples specialty review
June 6	Installation Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Brown	Eileen Scott	Oklahoma Breeze and Two Step LD reviews	Brian & Kathy O'Connor	Nightclub Two-Step review
June 20		Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	Bernie & Lydia Vitale	Butterbeans LD review	Keith & Linda Buckle	TBD couples specialty

Admission: \$10 Members / \$12 Non-members / \$5 Children under 18 accompanied by an adult. Members PSDC: \$10.

*Special admission rate applies for the Benefit Dance. No passes.

Monitor hotline and web site for last minute changes. No dance July 4.




Dance Schedule

May 2009



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
Lessons by Eileen Scott - Monday night classes at Springfield American Legion Post 176, Amhearth Ave., Springfield; 8-9:30 p.m. Pay as you go, no pre-registration. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net. See Parktakes for her Fairfax County Classes (Tuesdays). Pre-registration required.					PSDC 1 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA 2 Jackson Middle School Benefit Dance
Reston Dance (Reston Community Center) 3	4	5	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 6	Nokesville Gail Smith 7	Easterns Dance Challenge at Dulles Hilton 8	Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory 9
Mother's Day 10  Stafford American Legion	11	12	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 13	Nokesville Gail Smith 14	PSDC 15 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA 16 Jackson Middle School Election Dance
17	18	19	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 20	Nokesville Gail Smith 21	22	23
Stafford American Legion 24 31	Memorial Day 25 	26	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 27	Nokesville Gail Smith 28	PSDC 29 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA 30 Jackson Middle School

June 2009

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 3	Nokesville Gail Smith 4	PSDC 5 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA 6 Jackson Middle School Installation Dance
Reston Dance (Reston Community Center) 7	8	9	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 10	Nokesville Gail Smith 11	PSDC 12 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory 13
Stafford American Legion 14 Line Dancing at Center for the Arts - Manassas	15	16	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 17	Nokesville Gail Smith 18	PSDC 19 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	NVCWDA 20 Jackson Middle School
Father's Day 21 	22	23	Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill 24	Nokesville Gail Smith 25	PSDC 26 Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	27
Stafford American Legion 28	29	30			Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.	

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 or call 703-430-2398

A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

Time certainly does fly when you're having fun! We've survived another winter, and spring is in the air! The cherry trees in and around the greater Washington, DC area have bloomed, we've switched to daylight savings time, and summer outdoor activities will soon be underway. 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 "top flight" dance instructors volunteer their time (and forgo some of their summer activities) to teach us the latest dances, "oldies but goodies," and dance moves to make our dance experiences richer and more enjoyable. Without their regular lessons and reviews, our dance "repertoires" would certainly stagnate and, if your memory is like mine, rapidly deteriorate. In short, our volunteer instructors are an integral part of our growth in country dancing and, therefore, deserve our recognition and thanks.

So, for the record, I'd like to publicly acknowledge our superb team of volunteer dance instructors for selflessly providing their time and talents (and also bringing some of their students to our dances). They are—Dale and Anita Strawser, Mal and Linda Zerden, Scotty Inman, Bernie and Lydia Vitale, Eileen Scott, Matt Leonard, Brian and Kathy O'Connor, Keith and Linda Buckle, Barbara Smith, Linda Bloyer, Kat Fanelli, our own Country Steppers, and, when they're in town, Bill Markland and Ron Wetherington. A round of applause please!

A number of them also teach group and private lessons. So, if you'd like even more of their great instruction, sign up for their classes. I'm sure they'd love to have you.

Another way of indirectly thanking our instructors is to get to their dance instruction on time. We do our very best to start our hour of dance instruction promptly at 7:30 p.m., so we can start the open dance time promptly at 8:30 p.m.

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.

\$10.00 per person. For more information call Matt: (703) 509-5044.

Manassas Center for the Arts

Country-Western Line Dances

Normally Second Sundays of the month.

The May dance is canceled.

The June dance will be held 6/14/09.

2:00-5:00 p.m.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

The Corral at Fast Eddies of Centreville

Intersection of Rt 28 & Rt 29

Line dance and couples lessons Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Thursdays - The Southern Winds Band plays from 8:30-11:00 p.m.

Fridays - Country bands starting at 9 p.m.

Saturdays - Country DJ starting at 7 p.m.

For more information call (703) 266-1888.

If we have to wait for people to "straggle in," either the instructors have to cut back on their instruction time or we have to start the open dance later—neither of which is fair to the instructors or the members. We occasionally get some "complaints" from members about not starting the lessons on time (even though we may not have enough people), and not starting the open dance on time. So, despite the summer distractions, please try to get to the dance instruction on time.

Next, I think it's always worthwhile to review our country-western dance etiquette—both for our new dancers and as a review for the regular attendees. In country-western dancing, the dance floor is divided into concentric "lanes." "Traffic" moves around the dance floor in a counter-clockwise direction. The outside lane is the "fast" lane. If you're going to be moving slowly, stay in an inner lane and let people pass you on the outside. The closer you get to the center, the slower you may go.

If you're a doing stationary dance like a line dance, swing dance (East Coast, West Coast, etc.), or Cha Cha instead of a "traveling" dance like the Two-Step, please make every effort to confine your dancing to the center area of the floor so you don't block others who may still want to dance around you.

Perhaps most important, if you do inadvertently bump into someone on the dance floor, always apologize (regardless of who may have actually been at fault). If you really have a problem on the dance floor that a simple apology and smile won't resolve, please contact a board member and let the board member assist you with "de-escalating the confrontation."

Thanks for "listening," thanks for attending our dances, and, as always, see you on the dance floor! [Ed's note: Thank you as well to Bo and Ann, who are also part of our team of volunteer dance instructors.]

Pres. Rprt.

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Bo Marlin, Dance Director, is also stepping down. He has done a fantastic job at this position, keeping a wide variety of instructors working with us. He has signed up DJ's through the end of the year, and he will help you settle in at the position. Kerie Hitt has been on the Board for seven years and she will be taking a break, which will leave Communications Director open. Lastly, after three years, it's time for me to step down as President. I'm sure we have members who have new and fresh ideas that could benefit the Association, and we certainly can use you on the Board. Everybody on the Board is interested in one thing, which is making this Association a success. Join the Board and I'm sure you will find participating is very gratifying.

I think I have taken up enough of your time, so I will wrap up. Make sure you check out the other dance venues (in our calendar); just like us, they need your support. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Benefit Dance; let's make it a huge success. Please think seriously about joining the Board of Directors; we need your energy and fresh ideas. I'll see you on the dance floor and if I happen to bump into you or cut into your dance space, please except my apology; it wasn't intentional. See ya and keep on dancing.

COUNTRY STORES

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

The Silver Parrot 703/549-8530 113 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314	W. J. Colt & Company 703/971-7555 6690 Springfield Mall Springfield, VA 22150	Sal's Shoe Repairing 703/941-9864 7312 Little River Tpke. Annandale, VA 22003
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

5/01 Armand Maillet
5/06 Linda Cerisano
5/06 Terri Huff
5/13 Gary Campbell
5/15 Sharlet Rodgers
5/19 Jack Wallace
5/20 Coleen Sizer
5/25 Mae Canfield
5/26 Marjorie Hoffman
5/27 Dave Dutton

June Birthdays

6/01 John-Henry Gross
6/02 Larry Hall
6/08 Cheryl Dixon
6/13 Linda Wallace
6/14 Bruce Wright
6/15 Irshad Ali
6/17 Charlie Kennedy
6/21 Dorothy Garrison
6/21 Virginia Shacklett
6/22 Charlotte Pierce
6/30 Daniel Pierce

Welcome New Members!

Elaine Brand
Maria Mellott
Karen Stang

Looking for Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm) for lessons offered by NVCWDA members Scotty, Barbara, Eileen, and Don. Also look at the calendar on page 4 of the newsletter, which has information about classes given by various folks around the area. Many of the other dance places listed in the newsletter offer lessons. You also can search for lessons on the dance web pages shown on the NVCWDA web site (www.nvcwda.org/links.html). Sign up for DC's Community Dance News, the weekly electronic newsletter from Dave Moldover (dave@danceinfo.com), and you will see lots of dance events.

Newsletter Deadline

**10th of June 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)

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Center for the Arts, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas, VA. 28 South to Manassas. Left on Battle Street. 703-330-ARTS. www.Center-For-The-Arts.org

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

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA. From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 50A-B to US-50W/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 Marstellar. 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.

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 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.

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The Country Steppers continue to have a very busy dance schedule. In March we performed at Paul Springs Retirement Center in Alexandria. We were honored to have Pete Andrew's mother in the audience—she had just been recognized as Fairfax County's 2008 Citizen of the Year for her community health care volunteer work. We had back to back performances at the Gardens of Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility and a short distance away at the Woodlands Retirement Center in Fairfax on April 18. Our annual performance at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in the Anacostia area of Washington, DC was well received as usual. I can't tell who enjoys it more—the Steppers or the church members—because we participate in their dances and they participate in ours. Another performance was at Heatherwood Retirement Center in Burke at the end of April.

The Country Steppers are very excited about our upcoming performance for the Association Benefit Dance in May. We have put a lot of effort into perfecting the swing routine; we get a little stressed at times, but we always end practice with a smile.

The Country Steppers are constantly recruiting members. If you know and enjoy country-western dancing, please feel free to join us. The thought of being on a dance team may be a little intimidating at first, but all the team members are very patient and helpful. We can be reached at steppers@nvcwda.org.

Easterns Dance Challenge

Barry Durand's Easterns Dance Challenge is a great mix of country, swing, hustle, ballroom, and line dancing. The event is being held at the Washington Dulles Hilton on May 8–10. Jim and Peggy Kiesel and Dale and Anita Strawser of Potomac Swing Dance Club will host the Friday night dance and will DJ the Saturday night dance in the main ballroom. Both nights will be filled with their signature variety music. The Easterns event also features a dedicated line dance ballroom. The Dance Challenge offers a ton of workshops, competitions, social dancing, and fun—check it out: www.DanceEasterns.com.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Saturday, May 2,** NVCWDA Benefit Dance for Fisher House, Falls Church, VA, approx. 9 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9,** Sunrise-Reston, Reston, VA, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, May 30,** Fairfax Nursing Center, Fairfax, VA, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 7,** Celebrate Fairfax Fair, Fairfax, VA, 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Saturday, June 13** Sunrise-Springfield, Springfield, VA, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27,** Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Center, Lake Ridge, VA, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, July 11,** Children's Hospital and VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.



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 (____) _____

Check here to be on

Email _____ 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 _____

Summary of March 11 Board Meeting

by Kerie Hitt

The treasurer reported that our BB&T balance was \$2193.03. The balance has stayed on an even keel since last year, when the balance was about \$2500 at this time. We were pleased that a lot of Scotty Inman's students came to the March 7 dance and look forward to having Barbara Smith's class come to the March 21 dance. Membership is 164, but 8 memberships have expired since December 31, which leaves 156 active. We are booked at Luther Jackson until June, and we are going to book the rest of the year there for regular dances. Although people liked George Mason High School in Falls Church, it is more expensive than we can afford on a regular basis. Ft. Myer is booked for the New Year's Eve dance and we made a \$100 deposit. We discussed the upcoming Benefit Dance: printing tickets, dance performers, silent auction, food, and so forth.

2009 Election Slate

This is the slate of officers for 2009-2010 as of April 2009. Nominations of individuals who are members in good standing will be accepted from the floor at the dance on election night May 16. (Feel free to nominate yourself!) We are fortunate to have some current Board members who are interested in continuing to serve. However, we still need volunteers to take over for people who are finishing their time in office and are leaving positions open. You can help shape NVCWDA by serving on the Board. The term is only one year, which starts at the first dance in June, and the time goes by quickly.

Officers

President Open
 Vice President Charlie Pierce*
 Secretary Joyce Leamon*
 Treasurer Donna Dennis*

Directors

Dance Open
 Communications Open
 Membership Marty Johnson*
 Planning Open
 Special Events Open
 At-Large Linda Buckle*
 Steppers (elected by Steppers)

*Current Board member

Attendance at NVCWDA dances from January 17 until April 4, 2009.

Type of admission	Date						
	1/17	1/31	2/7	2/21	3/7	3/21	4/4
Members	19	40	36	35	35	26	33
Non-Members	17	11	2	20	28	11	23
Free	9	13	9	12	13	12	11
Students	1	1	0	1	0	2	2
Total	46	65	47	68	76	51	69

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