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President's Report

by Charlie Pierce

There are two really big events happening in May: the Election Dance on May 1 and the Benefit Dance on May 15. As you read this newsletter, please pay special attention to the articles which will have more information for you on these events. In June the new officers will be installed.

Three members of the Board are stepping down this year after several years of service. You may be the person who will have the skills and passion for the Association to come forth and volunteer to fill one of the vacant positions. The Board meets approximately once every six weeks for about an hour and a half starting at 7:30 pm. Most of us write a short article for the newsletter every other month, and we serve on desk duty about every six weeks per the Association's bylaws.

Joyce Leamon has been an outstanding secretary, keeping track of the board meetings and sending out the minutes, and I know that one of you is the perfect person for this position. It requires attendance at board meetings, taking notes, writing up the minutes, and writing up a short summary of the meetings for the newsletters.

Linda Buckle, with help from Keith, has done an excellent job as Member-At-Large, whose job it is to make sure that we have soft drinks and snacks at each dance. I especially liked the special touches of table cloths and centerpieces that Linda added.

I will step down as President as well. I have enjoyed this past year, but I realize that I am not comfortable making decisions that affect the Association. Usually the Board is there for consultation, but there have been

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Mark your calendars!

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

Saturday May 15, 2010 • 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Please bring a potluck dish to share.
Be ready to participate in the Silent Auction.**

Luther Jackson Middle School
3020 Gallows Rd • Falls Church, VA.

Dance demos by Dale and Anita Strawser,
Mal and Linda Zerden, and the Country Steppers.

Tickets will be \$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 info@nvcwda.org.

Make checks payable to NVCWDA.

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.

POTLUCK!

QUILT RAFFLE!

SILENT AUCTION!

DANCE DEMOS!

**Volunteers needed
to serve
on NVCWDA Board**

The election for the Board of Officers and Directors will be May 1, 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. Please get in touch with any current Board Member for information. The contact info is on page 2.

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Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

So, is it spring, summer, or winter? Around this time of year it's sometimes hard to tell with the temperature fluctuations. The first dance in April was quite hot. See Susan's article about our experiment this summer with holding dances at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke. Hopefully it will have better air conditioning and we'll be able to dance in a little more comfort.

I, and others, have looked around a bit for other places to dance, and it's not an easy quest. Some places have other events on Saturday nights, like bingo at the fire halls. Some are just too expensive for a club like ours. Regardless of where we dance, it's always a good idea to keep our eyes open for alternate sites, as you never know if we'll need them as a backup. That's something all members can help with.

Speaking of helping, our departing president, Charlotte (Charlie) Pierce, really needs you to seriously consider volunteering as a board member. I'm the newest one, and I can say that it does take some time and effort, thought not a whole lot. But what would happen if no one volunteered? We simply wouldn't have an Association, and no dances. I think a lot of people are hesitant because they think they'll be locked into a situation and if something changes or they change their mind they'll have trouble getting out. Don't

let that stop you. It's your call, and no one will ever fault you for stepping down when it's time for you to do so. It's also nice to have a lot of rotation among the volunteers and board members, so that everyone who's interested can be a part of running the Association at least for a while. You don't have to be a board member, either. Some people just spontaneously help out, like those who helped stack chairs at the same hot dance when we didn't have the regular janitor there. We are all there primarily to dance, and everyone understands that.

One of our members suggested contacting a Country-Western dance association somewhere across the country to open up some lines of communication for sharing and comparing about our dances—what's popular, how we do this or that, and even to stop by if we're on vacation. I've been poking around on the Internet and found a candidate or two. I'll let you know what develops.

On another topic, I like to listen to country music even when I'm not dancing to it, and it's fun to think what dances could go with what songs. Isn't it nice to dance the same dance to different songs sometimes? If you think of some, why not suggest them to the DJs. They all do their best to please, and suggestions and requests are a big part of making the dances fun and keeping things varied.

Don't forget the Benefit Dance is coming up. Let's get some cool stuff together for the silent auction, and buy some raffle tickets for Ann Marlin's magnificent quilt. Might need it on some of these cooler spring nights.

Board Meeting Summary

By Joyce Leamon

The board met on Feb. 23. At the meeting, it was decided to move the Benefit Dance from May 1 to May 15. Susan Scott also provided information on the Accotink Unitarian Universalist



Church in Burke as a possible summer replacement for Luther Jackson Middle School as our hot weather dance venue. At the Mar. 30 board

meeting, it was decided to book the church for a number of dances in the hot months from July through September. There was a discussion about music and dance selection by the DJs, and the Association's policy on that was reviewed. Charlotte Pierce passed around copies of some of the early documents such as articles of incorporation and bylaws.



times that I had to make the final call, and that is difficult for me.

Please consider joining the Board. (Speaking of the Board, do you ever wonder if we really listen to you? If you have doubts, please read Planning Director Susan Scott's article.)

You may remember that the Benefit Dance is for Fisher House Foundation, which gives families of injured or sick military men and women a place to stay close to the military hospital that is providing their medical care. In September 2000 my husband Dan was having surgery at Walter Reed, and I met a lady in the waiting room whose son had cancer and was also in surgery. She was from somewhere out west and told me that she was staying in a house on the grounds of Walter Reed. I didn't understand what she meant at the time, but now I realize that she was staying at a Fisher House. Because the NVCWDA donates the proceeds of the Benefit Dance to Fisher House, I looked up Fisher House Foundation (www.fisherhouse.org) and learned about its mission. In these days of many war injuries, it feels good to see families with their loved ones at Walter Reed and to know that we can help through our donations. Remember to buy your tickets at the May 1 dance for only \$15 or at the door on the 15th for \$20. Have you seen the quilt that Ann Marlin made for the raffle? It is beautiful, and she has it on display at the dances. Raffle tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5, and you don't have to be present to win—but we hope that you are.

We will have the Silent Auction again this year at the Benefit Dance. There will be a change from last year in that bidding will increase, with a minimum of \$1. New and gently used items make great items for the Silent Auction. If you have a favorite restaurant maybe the management would give you a coupon for a free meal for the auction. Providing a type of service such as giving a dance lesson would also be great. There will be artwork by Tricia, one of our members. Bring your checkbooks and bid, bid, bid! Last year we raised over \$2,300, and I hope that this year we can raise even more. Bring family, friends, and neighbors.

I want to thank everyone who makes our dances possible. Our DJs have provided a variety of music and keep

us moving. The Dance Instructors always teach interesting dances; some new and some review, but always fun. The Board members work diligently to do whatever is needed to make dances happen, and I don't know what I'd do without them. Diane Foster keeps our Hotline up-to-date so people can call to find out about our dances. Kerie does an equally good job of updating the website. Marty and Karen Johnson have set up an email broadcasting system that delivers special messages when dances are cancelled. Bo submits announcements of our dances to many newspapers and electronic media and schedules all of the DJs and instructors. Our Secretary, Joyce Leamon, and Treasurer, Donna Dennis, keep us on track through the minutes and the status of our finances. Dan Pierce does a lot of work for the special event dances, and Susan Scott has done a great job, as you will learn as you read further. All of these efforts keep dancers informed about what is happening. I especially thank you all for coming to the dances and having fun because you are the focal point of every dance, and without you the dances would be pretty boring.

Hopefully, we will see more people at our dances as the year progresses. At the Olympics in February, one of the songs on opening night was Country-Western, two of the pairs skaters chose CW music for their performance, and several commercials made use of CW music. Those are some of the reasons that I predict that more people will come to our dances.

Keep on dancin'!

–Charlie

Newsletter Deadline

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

E-mail to: 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)

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
May 1	Election Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	Scott	Blue Note Line Dance	Inman	Beginners West Coast Swing
May 15	*Benefit Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Vitale	Vitale	Bosa Nova Line Dance	O'Connor	Beginners Night Club Two Step
May 29		Jackson Middle Sch	Brown	Carlsons	Full Hour - Intermediate East Coast Swing		
June 5	Installation Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Vitale	Marlin	Queen's Waltz Line Dance	Buckle	Chiquita Couples Specialty
June 19		Jackson Middle Sch	Brown	Scott	Refried Dreams Review	Bloyer	Blue Rose Couples Specialty

Admission: Members: \$10 / Non-members: \$12 / Children under 18, with paying adult: \$5. PSDC Members: \$10.

*Special Event - Regular admission rates listed above do not apply to special events dances.

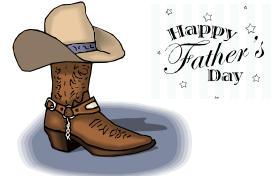
Monitor hotline and web site for advance notice on July dances and last minute changes.

Dance Schedule

May 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
Lessons by Eileen Scott: Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176, Amherst Avenue, Springfield, 8:00-9:30 p.m. No class on holidays. Pay as you go; no pre-registration required. Contact Eileen for more information: scott5678@verizon.net. See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes. Summer classes begin 6/26 at Lane Elementary School. Pre-registration required (starting May 18) for county classes (FCPA).					Easterns Dance Challenge May 1-2	NVCWDA 1 Jackson Middle School Election Dance
2 Reston Dance (Reston Community Center)	3	4	5 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	6 Gail Smith Nokesville	7 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	8 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
9 Mother's Day Stafford American Legion	10	11	12 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	13 Gail Smith Nokesville	14 PSDC Annual Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	15 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School Benefit Dance
16	17	18	19 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	20 Gail Smith Nokesville	21 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	22 The Ballroom Dance Centreville
23 Stafford American Legion	24	25	26 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	27 Gail Smith Nokesville	28 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	29 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School
30	MEMORIAL DAY 	31				

June 2010

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 Gail Smith Nokesville	4 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	5 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School Installation Dance
6 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	7	8	9 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	10 Gail Smith Nokesville	11 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	12 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
13 Stafford American Legion	14	15	16 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	17 Gail Smith Nokesville	18 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	19 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School
20 Father's Day	21	22	23 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	24 Gail Smith Nokesville	25 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	26 The Ballroom Dance Centreville
27 Stafford American Legion	28	29	30 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill		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

We're continuing our beginners couples specialty lessons and should complete the series at our Benefit Dance on the 15th of May. By all accounts, the "true basics" lessons have been well received. Hopefully our less experienced dancers have found them to be useful and rewarding as have our more seasoned dancers who just need a refresher on the basics.

Thanks to everyone for your outstanding dance etiquette and understanding on a sometimes crowded dance floor. While I have seen a few on-floor bumps and near misses, everyone has handled them with style and grace and avoided a major "beltway stoppage" or "road rage" incident. As we move to our new dance venue for the summer in July, please continue those good dance etiquette practices.

I've received a few comments lately regarding the mix of music and dances the DJs have been playing or calling. While I have mentioned this in the past, I think it merits a bit of reinforcing. With regard to different music choices, some dances are specifically choreographed to a particular song (e.g., "Cute, Cute, Cute" to "A Brand New Girlfriend," "I'm Alive" to the song of the same name, etc.). In other words, they have "tags" or pauses/step changes at certain points in the dances that synchronize with the music. On the other hand, the vast majority of the dances are more generic and can be danced to just about any music in that category (e.g., Two Step, Waltz, Cha Cha, Swing, etc.). While our instructors may teach a particular dance to a certain

song (or songs), that doesn't mean that song is the *only* song that particular dance can be done to—and the instructors will be the first to tell you that. Please give the DJs a bit of creative license and allow them to mix up the music a bit.

Similarly, just because a DJ may call a line dance, that doesn't mean *only* that line dance can be done to that particular music. Most country music songs lend themselves to a variety of dances—both line and couples dances. So, for those who may feel that the DJs are calling too many line dances and not enough Two Steps or Waltzes, don't be afraid to get out on the dance floor and do a couples Two Step or Waltz around the outside lanes of the floor (according to our Country-Western dance floor etiquette). The same goes when couples dances are called. If you don't know the dance, get out in the middle of the dance floor and do a line dance—it's alright (to quote Darius Rucker) and certainly encouraged.

While we do task the DJs to balance the number of line dances and couples dances that they call during the evening, they are also trying to work off the songs/dances on their request list—and probably won't be able to please everyone. So, please be patient and understanding. Don't get locked into just dancing whatever the DJ calls. Focus on the music and do whatever suits your fancy. For the more experienced dancers, please help out by taking the lead on doing some Two Steps or other couples dances so others can join you. I think you'll find that you can pretty much do whatever dances you want to do and better enjoy your dance experience. As always, see you on the dance floor.

Planning Director's Report

by Susan Scott

The Board of Directors met on March 30, 2010 and approved holding our dances this summer at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church at 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke, VA 22015 (telephone: 703-503-4979). We had been looking for another site due to inadequate air conditioning at Luther Jackson Middle School during the warmer months.

I am excited to inform you that our first dance at this location will be Saturday July 3, 2010 from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Let's make this a real Fourth of July dance by dressing in red white and blue. Our plan is to continue dances here through September.

The church has a 1,600 square foot wooden floor and adequate parking. It is conveniently located near the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100) and Burke Lake Road (see directions below). We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Directions to Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church
First dance: July 3

From the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100): take westbound Burke Lake Road (SR 645) 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

05/01 Armand Maillet
05/03 Joseph Rossmeier
05/06 Linda Cerisano
05/13 Gary Campbell
05/15 Sharlet Rodgers
05/17 Ann Macpherson
05/20 Coleen Sizer
05/25 Mae Canfield
05/26 Marjorie Hoffman
05/27 Dave Dutton

June Birthdays

06/01 John Cerisano
06/02 Larry Hall
06/13 Linda Wallace
06/14 Bruce Wright
06/17 Charlie Kennedy
06/21 Dorothy Garrison
06/22 Charlotte Pierce
06/23 Margaret Lowry
06/30 Daniel Pierce

Welcome New Members!

Claire Laurenza
Barbara Allen

Our apologies to new member Jerry Coziahr whose name was misspelled in the last newsletter.

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

Sal's Shoe Repairing
703/941-9864
7312 Little River Tpke.
Annandale, VA 22003

W. J. Colt & Company
703/971-7555
6690 Springfield Mall
Springfield, VA 22150

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 this 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.

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/>

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 or (703) 435-5620 or Gail at 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.

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, Rt. 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.

The Ballroom, is located at 14245G Centreville Square, Centreville, VA 20121 (on 29 between 66 and 28 across from the Giant). www.theballroomstudio.com (703) 266-8040

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

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The cold, wintery weather did not stop the Steppers from practicing and performing. At the Sunrise facility performance at Fair Oaks, the stage was shared with the highly energized Bull Run Cloggers. This is the second year the Steppers have performed at the Northern Virginia Training Center, which cares for intellectually disabled individuals. Their happiness and enjoyment of the music and dancing was reflected on their young, smiling faces. Our performances for the elderly at Goodwin House, Paul Springs Retirement Center, and Arden Courts give us a greater appreciation for what we as dancers are still able to do—particularly with the stress on our knees from dancing at facilities with carpeted floors.

Over the years we've lost dancers because of injuries, but that's not why we are losing our talented Director, Pat Kelley. She is retiring and leaving the area. Pat has been our dedicated director for over ten years. She has been very patient but firm in her efforts to make all of us better dancers, always working on teaching, styling and stage presence. Pat, best wishes and thank you from all the Steppers.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Sat., May 15,** NVCWDA Benefit Dance, Luther Jackson Middle School, (performance at approximately 9:00 p.m.)
- Sat., May 22,** Sunrise-Reston, Reston, VA, 2 p.m.
- Sun., June 13,** Celebrate Fairfax Fair, Fairfax, VA, 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- Sat., June 26,** VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, 2 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.
\$7.00 per person.

For more information call Matt: (703) 509-5044.

The Corral at Fast Eddies of Centreville

14114 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120 • Thursdays; line dance, two-step, couples dance lessons 7:00-8:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the Southern Winds Band and DJ until 11 p.m.
(703) 266-1888 or www.fasteddies.com • (Note: Country line dancing now available on Tuesdays with DJ music)

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 refreshments. Call Mal at (703) 560-4724 or see www.dancefactory.com

The Ballroom

www.theballroomstudio.com • 14245G Centreville Square, Centreville, VA 20121 • (on 29 between 66 and 28 across from the Giant) • Fourth Saturday of every month • Two-step, East and West Coast Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, Line-dancing, and Hustle 7:30 to 10:30 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 or gailcrum3@aol.com



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 (____) _____

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

Email _____

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 _____

Special Events

by Dan Pierce

Spring is here and it is time for our annual benefit dance on May 15. Some of our newer members may be wondering what is the benefit dance and just who does it benefit? NVCWDA has chosen to help support Fisher House, again you may ask what is Fisher House? Here is a brief summary from the Fisher House web site (www.fisherhouse.org):

The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times—during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

There is at least one Fisher House at every major military medical center to assist families in

need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment. Annually, the Fisher House program serves more than 10,000 families, and have made available nearly three million days of lodging to family members since the program originated in 1990. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House!

I hope that you will agree that this is a worthy cause and help NVCWDA have a very successful benefit dance to help support Fisher House. You are also invited to contribute something to the silent auction that we will be having that night. We are looking for good usable items. Some ideas might be Country-Western clothing items (maybe you lost weight and they no longer fit), services (mow a lawn, wash a car etc.), or craft items. NVCWDA contributes everything that we take in above operating expenses to the Fisher House, so please help us make this a memorable and fun evening.

Keep in mind that board elections are coming soon and several board members will be stepping down this year. If you are interested in serving on the board or know someone that may be interested, please let us know.

See you at the next dance.

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