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President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Hi everyone. It's El Presidente with another newsletter article. These articles are always a challenge, and I never know where they are going. So let's get started and see what happens.

Our election for 2007-2008 Board of Directors is May 5. Board members are volunteers who try to make your dances better. Several of our current Board members (Ella Broughton, Patricia Kelley, Connie Streeter, and Rick Humbert) are stepping down after this term, and Cathy DeLoach would like to switch from Member-at-Large to fill the Special Events Coordinator position that has been vacant for a year. We really could benefit if some new people would get involved. Please join us. At this moment, we need people to step forward for these positions: Secretary, Planning, and Member-at-Large. I am grateful to Donna Henry for volunteering to run for Dance Director. She has a lot of interesting ideas. I look forward to her bringing them to the new Board for consideration.

I want to thank all of you again for attending the dances. I know you probably are tired of hearing this, but the dances are a success because of you. We are getting very enthusiastic crowds, and I look forward to the upcoming dances. I'm also seeing more and more past members coming out, and seeing old friends is a great thrill. Some of these friends haven't been seen or heard from in years, and we all have a nice reunion. I hope you will pass the word to other members who haven't come in a while about how much fun you are having and get them to try us out again. We will make sure they have a great time and will introduce them to new friends.

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Country Steppers Matt Goodman and Patricia Kelley present NVCWDA President Gary Campbell (left) with the dance team's \$500 donation for Fisher House at the Benefit Dance on April 21. The silent auction that night brought in more than \$700.

2007 Election Slate

This is the slate of officers for 2007-2008 as of April 2007. Nominations of individuals who are members in good standing will be accepted from the floor on election night May 5, 2007. As you can see, we still need volunteers for three positions. In a nutshell, here are the major responsibilities of the open slots: The Secretary records the minutes of the Board meetings. The Planning Director schedules the facilities where we dance. The Member-at-Large oversees the refreshments at our dances. Board members take turns working the admissions door at dances. The term is only one year, starting in June, and the time goes by quickly. You can help shape NVCWDA by serving on the Board.

Officers

President	Gary Campbell*
Vice President	Barbara Smith*
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Donna Dennis*

Directors

Dance	Donna Henry
Communications	Kerie Hitt*
Membership	Tim Sizer*
Planning	Open
Special Events	Cathy DeLoach*
At-Large	Open
Steppers	Luella Montgomery (elected by Steppers)

*Current Board Member

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Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

I am finishing my fifth term on the NVCWDA Board of Directors. Yikes! I'm starting to feel like an old-timer on the Board. I began as Planning Director in 2002. I intend to continue as Communications Director for 2007-2008. Assuming I don't get voted out of office, I will start my sixth term on the Board in June. I'm sure someone will come out of the woodwork to fill the open positions, and I look forward to working with those mystery people as well as the Board members who will continue serving for another stint. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and that you will send in items for publication. I'd love to get some more tales of places where you've danced, member photos, stories of life events, and so forth. You can email material to communications@nvcwda.org. Sometimes I wonder if the only way to get people's input is to put something controversial into the newsletter! Every now and then I hear a nice compliment about the newsletter, which makes the work involved worthwhile.

April 30 is the closing date for voting on the nomination of George Morse for Life Membership. Because this issue (May/June newsletter) will go to press before then, we will report

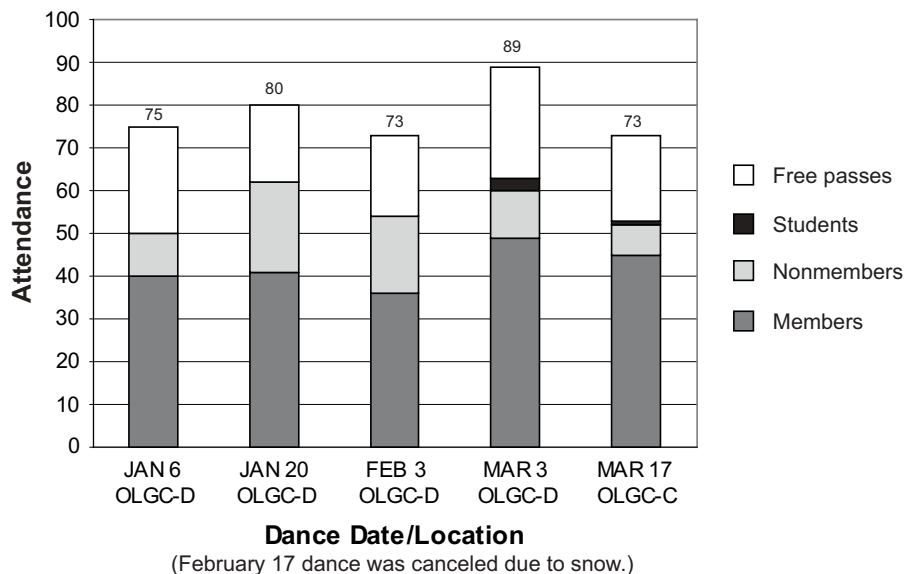
the outcome at the dances in May and in the July/August newsletter. I have a feeling that George will be installed as a Life Member during the summer, but we'll make an official announcement once the voting deadline passes.

We are discontinuing our old email address nvcwda@aol.com. Several months ago, we set up generic email addresses for president, dance director, membership, communications, and Steppers at nvcwda.org.

We now have another email called info@nvcwda.org for general information. This address replaces the AOL address. The new email address should be easy to remember once you get used to it. Our old standby phone hotline remains the same.

I prepared a chart using Donna Dennis's treasurer's report to show the attendance at our first few dances in 2007. At least 70 people attended each dance during this period. In comparison, last June-November, we were getting about 40-60 people per dance. We are encouraged by our increasing dance attendance and membership numbers. I am curious about all those free admissions—which include Board members, free passes, first dance coupons, filled dance punch cards, birthdays, and so forth—shown in the chart. Are we letting too many people in for free? I don't know! You tell me.

Don't forget we have three dances in June, which contains a fifth Saturday.



I also want to thank all of our teachers and DJs. They are doing a great job of mixing line dances and couples dances and the music they are playing is keeping the dance floor filled. Our newest DJ, Kevin Handy, did a fine job at his first-time dance with us on March 17th. I think with his addition we have a great DJ rotation.

A team effort pulled together our Benefit Dance for Fisher House on April 21. We hope to be able to tell you at the May 5th dance the amount of money that we collected for the Fisher House. Thank you, Kathy, for being our DJ that night. I want to thank a bunch of people for their donations for the silent auction: Bobby Orndorff gave us two of his potent rum cakes; they are always a hit. Mal and Linda Zerden contributed a certificate for a private lesson. Also, what a great routine they performed for us. Watching them dance was so much fun; they make the moves look so easy. Mal and Linda also choreographed the Two Step routine for the Steppers. Thanks Linda for stepping in and performing with us; how nerve wracking that was for both sides. Thanks also to Dale and Anita Strawser for their generous gift of a private lesson and tickets to their dance. They are long-time members, and I look forward to them teaching at our dances in the future. Dale and Anita's dances at the Potomac Swing Dance Club in Vienna on Fridays are always fun, and the lessons are informative. I want to mention three more of our members for their contributions to the silent auction: Jim Leamon's woodworking creations got plenty of attention. Karen Taylor's jewelry got the interest of the ladies right away. Ann Marlin's wall hanging was gorgeous, and Bo will enjoy it! Thank you everyone for your participation. Your items helped make the auction a rousing success. I also want to thank Patty and Bobby Orndorff for the barbecue, Herndon Grocery for their Tres Leches cake and the 42 people who purchased the special t-shirts through Connie

Streeter. If I forgot anyone I'm sorry, and I'll make amends in the next newsletter.

Make my day and yours by coming out to the dances. As always, I will see you on the dance floor.

Note from the Outgoing Dance Director

by Connie Streeter

As I look back at the past three years, I note that being the NVCWDA Dance Director has had its challenges and its benefits. Trying to please 60-80 people at one time always is a challenge—in fact, it's just not possible, so I can only hope I made some folks happy some of the time. This responsibility gave me the opportunity to work more closely with the Association board members and members. As a result I got to know many of you who I probably would not have been able to meet otherwise.

I want to thank all of the DJs, who make our dances successful and a lot of fun. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work closely with you all—Bill, Kathy, Kevin, Bernie and Lydia—thank you for making my job enjoyable with your professionalism. And a big thanks and a debt of appreciation to all the fine folks who were always willing and able to give the dance lessons! You have no idea how much you are appreciated.

I would like to think that my small legacy would be that I brought (my favorite) specialty dance Six Pack Summer to the Association (thank you Bernie and Lydia for teaching it) and that I was instrumental in helping to get the Progressive restarted. I hope Keith and Linda will be able to continue teaching the Progressive lessons and will encourage others to learn it.

I will take these good memories and experiences with me as I retire at the end of 2007 and move back to Nebraska. My best to you all.

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
May 5	Election Dance	OLGC-Counsel Rm	Vitale	Bernie/Ron	Fast Women/Cute Cute Cute LDs	8:00 p.m.	Ron Wetherington	Basic Two Step (couples)
May 19		OLGC-Counsel Rm	Fanelli	Fred & Kathy Crowson	Teton Mountain Shuffle (couples specialty)	8:00 p.m.	Keith and Linda Buckle	Basic Progressive (couples)
June 2	Installation Dance	OLGC-Counsel Rm	Vitale	-	-	7:40 p.m.	Mal and Linda Zerden	East Coast Swing (couples)
June 16		OLGC-DeSales Rm	Fanelli	Country Steppers	Charleston Bump specialty	8:00 p.m.	Eileen Scott	Billy's Got His Beer Goggles On LD
June 30		OLGC-DeSales Rm	Handy	Scott/Vitale	Billy's Got His Beer Goggles On/Stitch It Up LDs	8:00 p.m.	Keith and Linda Buckle	Progressive Move (couples)

*Reviews at 7:30 p.m. usually cover a dance or move that was taught previously as a regular lesson or introduce a simple new line dance.

Admission: \$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 July dances.



Dance Schedule

May 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
		1	2 Dawn & Dean CH	3	4 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	5 NVCWDA OLGC Counsel Room Election Dance
6 Reston Com. Center	7	8	9 Dawn & Dean CH	10	11 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	12 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
13  Mother's Day	14	15	16 Dawn & Dean CH	17	18 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	19 NVCWDA OLGC Counsel Room
20	21	22	23 Dawn & Dean CH	24	25 Bowling Green PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	26
27	28	29	30 Dawn & Dean CH	31	Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.	

June 2007 Happy Father's Day!

Gail Smith runs dances most Mondays and Thursdays.
 Check her website for times and directions:
http://users.adelphia.net/~rgsmith46/ATD_home.html

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dance lessons by Eileen Scott: American Legion, Amhearst Avenue, Springfield, ongoing line dance class on Monday nights except holidays at 8:00-9:30 p.m. Register for new Fairfax County classes beginning in June: Tuesday nights at Lane Elementary, Beulah Rd., Franconia, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Specialty pattern dances (El Paso, Wooden Nickel, Sidekick, Blue Rose, etc.) at 8:30 p.m. See Fairfax County Parktakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.html). For more information contact Eileen at escott5678@verizon.net or 703-370-1485.					1 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	2 NVCWDA OLGC Counsel Room Installation Dance
3 Reston Com. Center	4	5	6 Dawn & Dean CH	7	8 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	9 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
10	11	12	13 Dawn & Dean CH	14	15 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	16 Bowling Green NVCWDA OLGC DeSales Room
17  Father's Day	18	19	20 Dawn & Dean CH	21	22 PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	23 SMCWDA Brandywine
24  Memorial Day	25	26	27 Dawn & Dean CH	28	29 Bowling Green PSDC Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	30 NVCWDA OLGC DeSales Room

Dawn & Dean CH = Cherry Hill, MD
 For more information on dances see contact
 information listed with directions (How Do I
 Get There) on page six.

PSDC Fridays = Country/Swing Mix
 Vienna American Legion
 (w/Beginner & Int. Lessons)
<http://www.jimandpeggy.com>

Line Dance Lessons
 Monday Nights at Sterling, VA
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Bernie & Lydia Vitale
dancenl@comcast.net or call 703-430-2398

Membership Update

by Tim Sizer

We have been trying over the last several months to keep our membership up to date. We have had many new members join our association. We are very thrilled that our membership numbers are rising again.

In an effort to better serve all our members, the Board of Directors has discussed printing a new Membership Directory. The last one was prepared about five years ago and sold for a couple of dollars. Since then, we have enjoyed having many new members join us and have been saddened as many members have left the area or have let their memberships expire.

We are planning to include the name, address, home phone number, and email address of those members who wish to have their information printed in the new directory. To have

that information printed, you must "opt in" for the directory. Our membership form asks whether you want your name and phone number published in the membership directory. We capture the yes or no response when a new member joins and when a member renews (if the application form is marked completely), and we store the responses in our membership database.

I want to give all current members the chance to review whether they want to put their information into the upcoming directory or not, regardless of how they answered the membership application. I am preparing a list of all current members (through April 7, 2007). The list will have names in alphabetical order, addresses, home phone numbers, email addresses, and a column with a Y or N to indicate what's on record as whether to include the information in the directory. Please

review and update all your information, and make sure we have you marked correctly as a Y (to be published in the directory) or N (not to be published in the directory). Then please mark in the column provided that you have verified your information. This will help us stay up to date on email addresses (for those who have them) and mailing addresses so you don't miss out on the newsletters or other mailings or emergency announcements.

The list will be available at all the dances in May and June at the entrance table by the door. If you can't make it to one of our dances during May and June, you can also email me at membership@nvcwda.org with your information and decision to opt in or out of the directory.

Serving as your Membership Director this past year has been a pleasure, and I look forward to doing so this next year as well.

Summary of March 28 Board Meeting

by Kerie Hitt

Present: Gary Campbell, Barbara Smith, Donna Dennis, Tim Sizer, Kerie Hitt, Connie Streeter, Bob Orndorff, Rick Humbert

Kerie recorded the minutes because Co-Secretaries Pat and Ella were absent.

Treasurer Donna Dennis handed out a revamped treasurer's report to see if the format is what we want. Our balance is \$6152.75. We agreed that attendance, profit, and loss for each dance are easier to track using the new report format. We still need to consider how to account for our other regular fixed expenses and income from membership dues, donations, and special events. We should report the Benefit Dance income separately.

VP Barbara Smith is now sending our dance schedules to the Connection and the Washington Post. Communications Director Kerie Hitt has started a FAQ (frequently asked questions) for the web and asked everyone to send questions/answers they'd like to have in the FAQ to her. Membership Director Tim Sizer said 21

ballots had been turned in for the election of George Morse as Life Member. Tim reported that we have 210 members. Quite a few were due to expire in March.

Connie Streeter's term as Dance Director expires in June, but she will set up lessons for June and July so that her replacement doesn't have to worry about the schedule right after coming on the Board in early June. Connie has electronic records to give to the new person.

Planning Director Rick Humbert and Barbara had called several places about renting space to dance. Most places were unavailable or too expensive. At a previous meeting, Kerie had reported about Green Acres Community Center. She had talked to the staff there and hadn't ruled it out, but she had only looked at the place from the outside. Rick reported that he went there and looked at the room. He thinks it would be suitable for us. It is available on 3rd Saturdays from May-December, but the cost is more than OLG. We decided to try to schedule more dates in the fall at OLG, and only use Green Acres if both rooms at OLG are not available. Rick will call several other churches as well.

Gary reported no progress on the

review of the Bylaws. He will try to get to this after the Benefit Dance. We discussed arrangements for the Benefit Dance (donations for silent auction; food; decorations; who would do what). At this point, Connie had orders for 32 t-shirts. She will take the last orders at the dance on March 31 and then will send in the order. Barbara will hand out the shirts at the Benefit Dance.

We talked about the upcoming election of the new Board in May, and which positions would be open. Several Board members have decided to leave office.

We discussed a request from someone to get into dances for free.

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

5/01 Armand Maillet
 5/03 Joe Rossmeier
 5/06 Linda Cerisano
 5/06 Terri Huff
 5/07 Denise Eslinger
 5/13 Gary Campbell
 5/15 Sharlet Rodgers
 5/16 Liz Logan
 5/20 Coleen Sizer
 5/22 Susan Fowler
 5/25 Mae Canfield
 5/26 Marjorie Hoffman
 5/27 Dave Dutton

June Birthdays

6/01 John Cerisano
 6/02 Larry Hall
 6/04 Mike DeLoach
 6/07 Joanne Royaltey
 6/08 Cheryl Dixon
 6/08 Charles Wagoner
 6/13 Bill Rowland
 6/14 Bruce Wright
 6/17 Charlie Kennedy
 6/21 Dorothy Garrison
 6/21 Virginia Shacklett
 6/22 Charlotte Pierce
 6/29 Rachel Love
 6/30 Daniel Pierce

Welcome New Members

Jean Albert	Walter Herryty	Joseph Sandoval
Donna Jo Barrowman	Larry Kaelin	Nelson Spitnale
Bill Burdick	Sandy LeBeau	Lynn Wheat
Carol Burdick	Charlotte Pierce	Marie Zavisca
Donna Henry	Daniel Pierce	Ernie Zavisca



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HOW DO I GET THERE?

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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 Marstellar. Firehall on left. For info: 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.

Steppers Report

by Richard Chiu

All the Steppers had an unexpected early spring season, but winter returned in March/April. No-pains, no-gains.

On March 9, we were at the Algonkian Elementary School for a community affair for children and their parents. This was a return visit for the Steppers. We enjoyed performing for the children because their reactions were so impromptu and transparent.

On March 24, we performed at Sunrise-Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Va. We performed at the residents' meal time. It turned out to be sort of like a dinner dance, and it was fun.

On April 14, we performed at Leisure World, Lansdowne, Va. This was a new venue for us.

On April 21, we performed our new Two Step routine at the NVCWDA Benefit Dance at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Vienna, Va. We put in extra practices for this. We knew that unless someone broke a leg, we would be good to go. We had a follow-on performance on April 22, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Washington, D.C.

The Country Steppers are seeking continuously to reinvent ourselves by adding new dances and dancers. Please talk to us or email us at steppers@nvcwda.org about joining.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

May 5: Paul Springs Retirement Center, Alexandria, VA, 2 p.m.

May 12: The Fairfax Retirement Center, Fort Belvoir, VA, 2-3 p.m.

June 9: Celebrate Fairfax Fair, Fairfax, VA, 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

June 23: The Heatherwood Retirement Center, Burke, VA, 1-2 p.m.

Health Notes

For those of you who remember Candy and Paul Logan, who were active in NVCWDA during the 1990s: Paul is seriously ill with cancer and at this point has elected to stop treatment and is receiving palliative care. If you would like to get in touch with Paul, please do so immediately. His phone number at the nursing home is 904-308-4641, the mailing address is 14493 Tim Rhoden Rd, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040, and the email address is cherokyncloud@qisfl.net.

Bill Cole is scheduled for knee replacement surgery. He was going to DJ for us in early June, but he won't be able to keep the date. We wish Bill a speedy recovery and rehabilitation. If you would like to get in touch with Bill, please let us know and we will give you his contact information.

Bernie Vitale has resumed DJing and dancing again after shoulder surgery. Ladies, be careful not to twirl him around too hard during those mixer dances! He wants to get back on the golf course.

Jenny Shacklett has completed treatments and is thinking about coming back to a dance to see everyone once she feels up to it.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM NORTHERN VIRGINIA COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION



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Merrifield, VA 22116-0384

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 _____ Check here to be on
 Email Broadcast

Membership Category

New _____ 1 year - \$18.00
_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Renewal _____ 1 year - \$18.00
_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Membership # _____
Make check payable to NVCWDA
Cash Check # _____

Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Do you wish 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__**

Membership Drive Sponsor _____ Today's Date _____

Donna Henry Volunteers to be 2007-2008 Dance Director

by Kerie Hitt

Donna Henry has volunteered to serve as NVCWDA Dance Director for 2007-2008. Donna would replace Connie Streeter, whose term expires this June. The Dance Director is responsible for scheduling our DJs and instructors and must try to walk a thin line to balance the often conflicting requests from our members for certain styles of music and types of dances. Connie made an effort to get the DJs to play music that both line dancers and couples dancers could dance to at the same time so that nobody had to sit out a song.

Donna is a very experienced country/swing dancer who competed for several years on the UCWDC (United Country & Western Dance Council) dance circuit. She also competed twice in the World's with Dean Garrish. In addition to dancing with teams headed by Dean and

Dawn Garrish, Donna has been very active at the Potomac Swing Dance Club (Vienna, Va.) and at Cherry Hill (College Park, Md.) dances. Now she wants to put her talents to work for NVCWDA.

Donna is a professional music and theatre arts teacher and for a number of years has taught people to dance for the fun of it. She not only will coordinate dance lessons for NVCWDA, but she also is looking forward to teaching some of the lessons herself. Donna figures she can talk her friend NVCWDA President Gary Campbell into helping her teach some couples dances right off. Once she learns some of our line dances, if need be, she could teach a few of those as well.

Donna will be a welcome addition to the NVCWDA Board of Directors. Be sure to vote at the election at the dance on May 5. The new Board members will take office in June.



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