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**President's Report**

by Charlie Pierce

Fall is finally here and I am so happy to have cooler weather and clearer skies. Fall also brings the Halloween Dance, which promises to be a spooky event with decorations by Rick Humbert. If this is your first Halloween Dance, you will be amazed by his ability to transform normal into ghoulish. There will be prizes for best costumes and for the table with the best decorations, so bring your table decorations to enhance the atmosphere.

The New Year's Eve Dance comes two months after Halloween, but with all of the preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, it seems more like two weeks. The tickets will go on sale on October 30, and I hope that you will buy them early. In December we will have the Toys for Tots Dance and the Christmas Dance, which are so much fun. Remember that we have two dances in November even though the month goes by so fast.

Beginning in January 2011, there will be no more fifth Saturday dances. Often there are not enough people at the fifth Saturday dance to break even.

If you are interested in being President next year or sometime in the future, I will attempt to tell you what I do and how much time I spend each week in service to the Association. One of the most important tasks of the President is to make sure that the Association is staying within the Constitution and Bylaws of the NVCWDA. The President schedules Board Meetings and finds a place for the meeting. It is the President's responsibility, with the help of the Board, to set a calendar of events. It is also important that the President help set up and take down the dance area with as much help as possible from volunteers. This year Bo has taken on



**You are cordially  
invited to join us for**



## New Year's Eve 2010

**THE NVCWDA IS HOSTING ITS FUN FILLED DANCE PARTY  
AT FT. MYER COMMUNITY CENTER - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 FROM  
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR**

We will have our traditional buffet available as the festivities get started. We are planning to have appetizers, turkey, barbecue, spiral sliced ham, vegetarian lasagna, vegetables, salad, bread and soft drinks. There will be a spectacular array of desserts.

**Bring your friends, relatives and kids... They can all enjoy the evening.**

Tickets will be available at dances and by mail. If ordering by mail, send check made out to NVCWDA, Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can mail the ticket to you. Also include your contact information (phone or email address) in case we need to reach you. *We must receive your payment—either at a dance or in the mail (postmarked no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>) to give you the advance sales price. We will not accept requests to reserve tickets at the advance sales price.*

**Tickets: \$25.00 per person until December 23  
\$35.00 per person at the door  
\$15.00 per child (under 18) in advance and at the door**

that job, which I appreciate very much. We could use more help with this, so please come early or stay late until 11:30 to help with this chore.

The President also sends out questions, comments, or concerns to Board Members, but this Board is so well-prepared that they usually email me to let me know that the task is done before I can write the emails. (Thank you, Board.) The important thing is to make sure to let Board Members know what the expectations are.

The President signs letters and contracts, writes an article for the Newsletter, and answers emails requesting information about

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## Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

Boxes, boxes everywhere. Well, Olga and I moved out to Sterling and finally have started getting the boxes emptied and feeling like we're home. We wanted a house with a room for dancing practice, and we got one, but have to give up the living room to do it. Not a bad trade off since there's a family room, too. I really don't see the point of having two rooms that serve the same function. However, we'll have to put in a wood floor, as it's currently carpeted. So that will be our winter project.

At the dances I'm able to attend, I've been starting to make short videos of the dances taught, subject to approval by the dance instructors. After a wee bit of editing, I then place the videos on one of those much-maligned "file sharing" web sites (which I think are a great idea, as long as what you're sharing is yours to share), and Kerie puts a link to it from the NVCWDA web site. When you click on the link, you can choose to download the video to your computer and watch it at your leisure. I've formatted them to fit on an iPod or other handheld mp3/video player, so you can carry them with you and sneak a peek as needed. If you look at the "Notices" bar on the right side of the home page, you'll see the latest video. We'll figure out the best place on the site to put these. Not all instructors will give permission to do this, but for those that do, I'll try to keep them coming. These videos should help learners remember what was taught, and should be a good refresher as needed. I tend to forget the steps even before the evening is

over, so I hope this will be useful to other members wishing to retain what they've learned.

I was recently up in the West Virginia mountains running my Astronomy club's monthly observing weekend, and the place where we go was also holding a series of running races. In my younger days, I used to do 5k and 10k races, but now with more aches and pains, I find things like dancing and walking to be more beneficial means of staying reasonably in shape. But up there, they were doing a 50k race, a half-marathon (12+ miles), and even a 50 *mile* race. This was in the mountains, mind you. What floored me was the guy who came in second in the 50 mile race had done the 50k the day before. People used to do dance marathons back when—in the 50s?—but you don't hear about that kind of stuff much anymore. I say let the crazies do the "extreme" sports, "extreme" home makeovers, and all the other "extreme" things. Too much of any good thing is not good for you. I think we've got a great schedule for partaking in a little dancing on a regular basis. Just enough to keep the momentum going, but not so much that we don't start thinking, "hey, it's almost dance weekend again!" and feel that pleasant sense of anticipation.

As for song picks, how about these:

"That's What I Believe" (Kevin Denney) – My guess is this one would make a good El Paso or other medium-paced couples specialty dance.

"Hold Your Horses" (Roger Brown & Swing City) – There aren't too many Western Swing groups around anymore, but Roger and company are smooth, slick, and very danceable. This one really makes you want to wiggle. West Coast anyone?

## Membership Update

by Marty Johnson

Thanks to the receipt of several renewals and the addition of two new members, the membership total is now 174. Unfortunately, we still have over a dozen people whose memberships have technically expired. Please use the application in this newsletter to send your renewal today!

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that I will be stepping down as Membership Director at the end of the Board's current term in May 2011. Please see the Nominations article in this issue for a short description of the position. There will be further details at the next dance. If you have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Access and can commit a few hours of your time each month, please consider volunteering for this critical Board position.

## A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

My how the time flies! If you haven't noticed, based on the Christmas trees and decorations now on sale at some local stores, we're clearly coming up on the holiday season. Hopefully everyone will have a safe and enjoyable Halloween, Autumn Harvest, etc., (and won't eat too much candy). And thanks to all of you who choose to celebrate Halloween with us on the dance floor. Yes, you can dance in a full-blown costume (and we have the photos to prove it). Despite all the ghouls and goblins, witches and warlocks, and who knows what all, it's certainly a good time—and that's really what we're all about.

Since we're officially in the holiday season, please mark your calendars and plan to join us at our upcoming holiday dances—our Toys for Tots dance on Dec. 4, our annual Christmas dance on Dec. 18, and, of course, our New Year's Eve dance on Dec. 31.

So back to the dance business at hand. As I've mentioned in some past articles, we can still use a few more volunteer dance instructors (especially couples dance instructors). Our volunteer instructors continue to do a terrific job and freely give their time and talents to support our Association, but we're having to call on them more frequently as we lose instructors to retirement and moves out of the local area. Believe it or not, even our dedicated instructors have lives outside of dancing and other commitments aside from the Association (I know it's hard to believe). If we don't get a few more couples dance instructors, we may have to break from our usual practice of having both a line dance and couples dance lesson at our dances and perhaps double up on line dances. That may be welcome news if you're a line dance lover, but

may not be such good news if you're a couples dance lover (or enjoy both line dances and couples dances). So...if you've been secretly thinking about being a dance instructor (and we know who you are), please see me about getting on the schedule.

As you may have heard, I will be stepping down in the Spring after over three years as the Association's Dance Director. I will be staying on as the Vice President, but would very much like to hand the Dance Director duties over to someone else. The Dance Director position is very rewarding and does not require a lot of full-time work. Once a year, the Dance Director has to develop the DJ schedule for the calendar year (and I'll have next year's DJ schedule completed by December). The DJ schedule only has to be updated if the scheduled DJs have unforeseen conflicts. In that case, they are responsible for finding their own replacements and notifying the Dance Director of the changes. The Dance Director also has to build the volunteer dance instructor schedule every two months and send the completed schedule to the Association's Communications Director for publishing in the newsletter. Finally, the Dance Director is responsible for sending out courtesy reminders to the DJs and dance instructors a few days prior to their scheduled dances.

I sincerely believe providing free dance lessons to our members and guests at the beginning of every dance significantly adds to the overall dance experience and helps us as an organization to further country western dancing. Therefore, it is certainly worth a little bit of time every other week or so and every couple of months. If you have any questions about being a volunteer dance instructor or stepping up as the Association's Dance Director, please see me. I'll be more than happy to discuss either position with you. As always, see you on the dance floor!

## 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
Nov. 6		Jackson Middle Sch	Brown	Carltons	Full Hour Intermediate Two Step		
Nov. 20		Accotink UU Church	Fanelli	Inman	Cruisin Line Dance	O'Connors	Advanced Beginner's Waltz
Dec 4	Toys for Tots Dance	Accotink UU Church	Cole	Scott	Baby Doll Waltz Line Dance	Buckles	TBD Couples Specialty /Review Desperado Wrap
Dec. 18	Christmas Dance	Accotink UU Church	Fanelli	Fanelli	Bocephus Line Dance	Marlins	Butterfly Waltz Couples Specialty
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Dance*	Ft. Myer Comm Ctr	Vitale				

Admission: Members: \$10 / Non-members: \$12

Children under 18, with paying adult: \$5. PSDC Members: \$10.

\*Regular admission rates listed above do not apply to special events dances.

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

# Dance Schedule

## November 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
	1	2	3 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	4 Gail Smith Nokesville	5 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	6 <b>NVCWDA</b> Luther Jackson Middle School
7 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	8	9	10 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	11 Gail Smith Nokesville	12 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	13 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
14 Stafford American Legion	15	16	17 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	18 Gail Smith Nokesville	19 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	20 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink Church
21	22	23	24 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28 Stafford American Legion	29	30	<b>Lessons by Eileen Scott:</b> Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176, Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA. No classes on holidays. Pay as you go; no preregistration required. No classes during the month of Dec. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net. See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes. Registration begins Nov 30 for Winter session which begins Jan 2, 2011 at Lane Elementary on Beulah Street Franconia, VA. Discounts for early bird sign up and seniors.			

## December 2010

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.</b>			1 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	2 Gail Smith Nokesville	3 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	4 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church Toys for Tots
5 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	6	7	8 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	9 Gail Smith Nokesville	10 Newsletter Deadline PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	11 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
12 Stafford American Legion	13	14	15 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	16 Gail Smith Nokesville	17	18 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church Christmas Dance
19	20	21	22 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	23 Gail Smith Nokesville	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26 Stafford American Legion	27	28	29 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	30 Gail Smith Nokesville	31 <b>NVCWDA</b> Fort Myer CC New Year's Eve Dance	<i>Happy New Year</i>

For more information on dances see contact information listed with directions (How Do I Get There) on page six.

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

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

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## Nominating Committee

by Karen Johnson

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In the last issue, I pointed out that there will be several vacancies on the Association's Board of Directors at the end of the current term in May 2011. Several of these Board positions are absolutely essential for the operation of the Association. Please take a minute to review the following summaries of duties required for each position and seriously consider stepping forward. We need your help!

**President** – The President is responsible for ensuring that the Association is run in accordance with the terms of the NVCWDA Constitution and Bylaws and coordinates with Association Directors to ensure that they perform the duties of their offices. The President is also responsible for scheduling and running a minimum of six Board meetings during the fiscal year, as well as scheduling regular dances and other special event dances and dance-related activities during the year. The President is responsible for reviewing and signing correspondence, checks, and contracts for the Association. The President attends and oversees the Association dances and related events and provides for adequate coverage if he or she is not available to attend.

**Dance Director** – The Dance Director is responsible for developing the DJ schedule for dances during the calendar year, as well as creating the volunteer dance instructor schedules. The DJ schedule only has to be completed once during the year (normally in December) and only needs to be updated if the scheduled DJ has an unforeseen conflict. In that case, the DJ is responsible for finding his her own replacement and notifying the Dance Director of the changes. The dance instruction schedule is built every two months and the Dance Director is responsible for ensuring the completed dance instruction schedule is submitted to the Communications Director for publication in the newsletter and to the Webmaster and Hotline Manager for their information/reference. Finally, the Dance Director is responsible for sending out courtesy reminders to the DJ and dance instructors a few days prior to their scheduled dances.

**Membership** – The Membership Director is responsible for maintaining the membership database using Microsoft Access 2003 software. (It is possible that the database could be converted to a Microsoft Excel file.) New member and renewal applications are received from the Treasurer and need to be entered into the database. There is *no* handling of cash involved. New member and renewal acknowledgement letters are sent out, along with reminders of expiring and expired memberships. Every other month, the Membership Director generates mailing labels using the Microsoft Word mail merge feature and emails them to the Communications Director to be attached to the newsletters, along with a list of new members and members having birthdays to be published in the newsletter. The Membership Director also maintains information on members willing to volunteer for

Association events and a Gmail account with member email addresses to send emergency email alerts regarding dance changes and cancellations.

**Special Events** – The Special Events Director is responsible for coordinating with the Membership Director in finding volunteers to provide decorations and refreshments for special event dances during the year. These decorations and refreshments are in addition to the regular refreshments and decorations provided by the Director At-Large. There are several special event dances during the year: Anniversary Dance, Benefit Dance, Halloween Dance, Toys-for-Tots Dance, Christmas Dance, and New Year's Eve Dance.

**Director At-Large** – The Director At-Large is responsible for coordinating refreshments at the regular Association dances. This includes making sure that there are drinks, basic snack items, and the necessary paper products at each dance. The Director can either bring and setup all required items personally or coordinate with other members who are willing to bring food and drink items and monitor refreshments during the dance.

All Board members are expected to attend the six Board meetings that are held every other month and last about an hour and a half. Board members, except for the Director At-Large who is busy monitoring refreshments, are also expected to do door duty at the dances on a rotation basis. The By-Laws require that one Board member must be at the ticket table at each dance, and two Board members must be available for counting money.

Further information regarding these anticipated Board vacancies will be available at upcoming dances. Keep in mind that you are welcome to run against an incumbent Board Member for a particular position (yes, you can do that!). That would be very exciting! If you would like further information about running for any of the Board positions, have comments, suggestions, or nominations, or would like to sit on the Nominating Committee, please email me at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org) or speak to me at one of the dances. Your involvement in any capacity will be greatly appreciated!



### NVCWDA Cancellation Policy



Dances are cancelled whenever Saturday activities in the Fairfax County Public Schools are cancelled. The news media will announce any school closing. If we find out early enough, we will put the information on our website and hotline. You can also check for emergency announcements on the Fairfax County Public Schools website at: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm> or call 800-839-FCPS (3277).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## November Birthdays

11/01 Mona Newman  
11/05 Angela Roberts  
11/05 Pat Shrader  
11/10 Peter Andrews  
11/26 Charles Drummond  
11/30 Bill Cole  
11/30 Fred Crowson

## December Birthdays

12/01 David E. Bailey  
12/03 Linda-B Woodworth  
12/04 Francie Andrews  
12/07 Christine Judd  
12/25 Delbert Ashby  
12/25 Chris Ross  
12/25 Steven Swart  
12/27 Richard Humbert  
12/31 Don Barger

# Welcome New Members!

Gillian Torres  
Michael Torres

## Looking for Dance Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm)) for lessons. Several are taught by NVCWDA members.

### 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 7:30-8:30 p.m. followed by dancing to DJ MiniMe until 11 p.m.  
\$5 cover • (703) 266-1888 or [www.fasteddies.com](http://www.fasteddies.com)

#### Dance Factory

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

#### 98 Degrees (aka 98 Gados)

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

#### The Colvin Run Community Center

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

# HOW DO I GET THERE?

**Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church**, From the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100): Take westbound Burke Lake Road (SR654) 0.2 miles to the first left turn onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

From the Beltway and Annandale: Take westbound Braddock Road to Burke Lake Road (SR 645) which bears to the left. Follow Burke Lake Road to the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100). Cross the Parkway. Go 0.2 miles and take the first left onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

**Cherry Hill**, Fr. the Capital Beltway, take Exit 25 (US Route 1 South). Take first right onto Cherry Hill Road and go 1 mile to Cherry Hill Park and Camp Grounds. Entrance on the left. Follow entrance road to back of the park, make a right turn at the 3rd STOP sign. Center is on left just past swimming pool. Parking is free. <http://www.dance-info.com/>

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

**Dance Factory**, 954 Monroe St, Arlington, VA. From 495, I-66 East, take N. Fairfax Dr. Exit, left on Monroe, the studio is on the corner across from Virginia Square Metro. <http://www.dancefactory.com/saturdays.html>. 703/528-9770.

**Fort Myer Community Center**, 228 McNair Rd, Bldg 405, Ft. Myer, VA. From I-395: Take exit 8A/Washington Blvd-Ft Myer. From Washington Blvd, take Ft Myer exit, which leads through a gate to Ft Myer. Stop for vehicle inspection. Turn right when exiting vehicle inspection. Turn left at next stop sign. Go past the NCO club and bowling alley. Parking is on the right.

**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: [rsmith@wildblue.net](mailto:rsmith@wildblue.net)

**Reston Community Center**, Fr. W. on Dulles Toll Rd, take Reston Parkway Exit, turn left on Reston Parkway, go to 2nd traffic signal and turn left on Sunrise Valley Drive, go to 1st traffic light and turn right on Colts Neck Road, go 1/4 mile and turn left into Hunters Woods Shopping Center. Community Center is in courtyard behind shopping center. 703-476-4500.

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

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

# Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The Country Steppers continue their weekly practices and performances at various facilities. The performance at the Fairfax United Methodist Church "Country Hoedown" was well attended. The audience was eager to learn a line dance and seemed very adept at learning the steps. The team thoroughly enjoyed performing for the Association at the annual Anniversary Dance, this year doing one of the team's older choreographed routines called "Men." Recent performances were at Ingleside-Rock Creek, entertaining a Stepper Mom, and at Greenspring Village in Springfield. Soon we will be practicing our Christmas routines in anticipation of our annual performance on the Ellipse.

If you are currently dancing to country western music and know the Two Step, Waltz, Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing and specialty dances, we encourage you to join the team. We can be reached at [steppers@nvcwda.org](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.org).

## Upcoming Performances

**Sat, Nov. 6,** VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, 2 p.m.

**Sat, Nov. 13,** Sunrise-Springfield, Springfield, VA, 2 p.m.

**Sat, Dec. 4,** Armed Forces Retirement Center, Washington, DC, 1-2 p.m.

**TBD (Dec. 18-19)** National Pageant of Peace, Ellipse, Washington, DC

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NVCWDA. These activities collectively require about one hour per month.

The President checks out new dance locations with the Planning Director and other directors, which could take up to six hours per year when we are looking for a new dance location, but that doesn't happen every year.

Overall, I spend an average of two and a half hours per week, more when there is a Board Meeting but less other weeks. If you would like to know more details, call or email me or let's talk at a dance.

As always, I thank the Board Members for their continued support and their ability to make me look good by working so diligently in completing their jobs. The spouses of Board Members are also supportive and I appreciate that as well. The DJs are very responsive to our requests—thank you all for your contributions to our dances. Thank you Dance Instructors for teaching us new dances and reviewing other dances. Thank you Steppers for representing us in many diverse places.

We still need a Director-At-Large to coordinate snacks, drinks, and supplies at the dances. I am counting on one of you to step forward and help your Association.

Keep on dancin',

—Charlie

## Newsletter Deadline

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

E-mail to: [communications@nvcwda.org](mailto:communications@nvcwda.org)

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



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



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*Individual Members ONLY*

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

Check here

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

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

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

Phone: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address will only be used for emergency broadcasts of event changes.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning Director's Report

by Susan Scott

I have received positive feedback regarding our new dance location at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. For this reason I have scheduled dances through June 2011 at this site. However, some dates were unavailable. These include Nov. 6 in 2010, and Feb. 5 and June 18 in 2011. I will be exploring other options for these dates. An application for Luther Jackson Middle School has been resubmitted and I am awaiting a response for the dates unavailable at AUUC.

The board of directors voted to schedule dances on the first and third Saturdays of the month only, beginning January 2011. The Board also voted to hold our Benefit Dance at Luther Jackson Middle School on April 15, 2011, pending availability. We will need the bit of extra space for the Benefit Dance that Luther Jackson offers.

Please contact our hotline (703-860-4941) or talk to a Board member if you have suggestions for possible sites for our dances. I look forward to hearing from you.

### COUNTRY STORES

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

<b>The Silver Parrot</b> 703/549-8530 113 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>W. J. Colt &amp; Company</b> 703/971-7555 6690 Springfield Mall Springfield, VA 22150	<b>Sal's Shoe Repairing</b> 703/941-9864 7312 Little River Tpke. Annandale, VA 22003
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### Fifth Saturday Dances Cancelled

**Reminder:** Beginning in January 2011, regular dances will no longer be held on the 5th Saturday of the month, when that occurs.

Dances will continue to be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Exception: special event dances may be held as the date and event requires (for example, the New Year's Eve Dance is always Dec. 31).

### Special Events

#### Halloween Dance - October 30:

Update: There will be a table decorating contest as well as a costume contest.



#### Toys for Tots Dance - December 4:

Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy or check.

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