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President's Report

by Eileen Scott

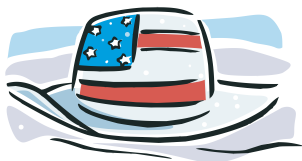
Welcome springtime! Winter hasn't been too bad.

Our attendance at our dances has been really good. Do you have some friends who might want to join the NVCWDA? Our latest report stated that we had 126 members. Could we find 24 friends to join by the end of June and make it 150 members? While writing this there was a news report about 'dancing with babies' being promoted in California. Interesting! (Note from the editor: *It's never too early to start: Search GroovaRoo Dance.*)

Please consider becoming a member of the board. You may talk to Bo Marlin or Gary Campbell and they will be happy to tell you what you need to do. There is an excellent board in place for now so why don't you join and help make it even better?

Hope to see you at the Benefit Dance on April 1. Net proceeds go to the Fisher House.

See ya on the dance floor.



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

**BBQ, BAKED
BEANS,
CORNBREAD**

**April 1, 2017
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**BRING SIDES OR
DESSERT TO SHARE**

**Dance Demo by Southern MD Boot Scooters.
Be ready to participate in the 50/50 raffle.**

Lincolnia Senior Center
4710 North Chambliss Street • Alexandria, VA

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Make checks for admission tickets payable to NVCWDA.

Net 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.

Elections Coming Up for the Board!

Please speak with Gary Campbell or Bo Marlin who are in charge of nominations if you are interested in joining the team! We would be thrilled to have you. We are still looking for someone to fill the role of president! See page three for descriptions of board positions.

Dance Demo Team Performance Schedule

June 10	Line Dance Team	Celebrate Fairfax Fair
June 25	Couples Dance Team	Paul Springs Retirement Community, 7116 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria
July 8	Line Dance Team	Vinson Hall, McLean
July 22	Couples Dance Team	The Hermitage Retirement Community, Alexandria
Sept. 9	Both Teams	Armed Forces Retirement Home
Sept. 30	Both Teams	Fall for Fairfax, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Please check website to verify dates in case of schedule changes.

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President	Eileen Scott
Vice President	Wayne Herndon
Secretary	Nancy Vogelman
Treasurer	Bill Wong

DIRECTORS

Dance	Linda Bloyer
Communications	Lydia Vitale
Membership	Bernie Vitale
Planning	Bruce Wright
Special Events	Debbie Hetterly
At Large	Linda Buckle
Past President	Rick Humbert

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In Memoriam: Bob Smith

We regret to inform you that one of the NVCWDA founders, Bob Smith, passed away in mid-March after a battle with Adult Leukemia. He served our association both as a president and as a dance instructor.

Originally from Oklahoma, he worked for the government until his retirement. At his request, his service was family only. At this time we have not been made aware of an obituary.

Board Meeting Summaries

by Nancy Vogelman

January 21: The Board discussed the need for DJs to continue to play music for the newly taught dances after announcements. They should also call the dances taught at the previous dance earlier in the evening.

Lincolnia Senior Center has been booked through August 2017 with the exception of February 18, which was booked at AUUC. A dance will be held July 1st but is still uncertain for Labor Day weekend.

Colored tablecloths were approved for special holiday dances. There was much discussion of the April 1st Benefit Dance. A 50/50 raffle was approved.

Eileen wishes to get dance workshops going, and specific dates and times were suggested for Bruce to research for availability. Eileen also asked Wayne to research the possibility of purchasing music licensing through a company which might save us some money – see February 25 newsletter. It was noted it was time to locate a Nominating Committee. Bruce is investigating eliminating the hotline to save monthly charge. Eileen presented a drawing from T-shirt company of

possible variations of the T-shirt to suit various preferences, including a new large NVCWDA logo with our website to be shown on the back. Also, two types of fabric to suit various figure preferences would be available. Bernie volunteered to follow up.

February 25: Lincolnia Senior Center is booked through the end of the year, except for Sept. 2 (to be determined whether a dance will be held on Labor Day Weekend), Oct. 7 and New Year's Eve which have to be held at AUUC. Discussions continue for possible workshops. LCS has notified Bruce that they will automatically reserve 1st and 3rd Saturdays through 2018. A motion was made to (1) add \$5 to the cost of the dance to help pay for food: \$20 for advance tickets, \$25 at the door and (2) pay \$300 for food budget. Motion was seconded and approved.

T-shirts with NVCWDA Logo: Kat and Linda will be polling demo team members to see who needs shirts and what kinds/sizes are needed.

Nominating Committee/Elections: Thank you to Bo and Gary who are the nominating committee! WE NEED a NEW PRESIDENT this next year. Thank you to Eileen Scott for stepping up and doing a great job!

Kerie has handled our website for many years. This is a volunteer position and she is ready to pass the job on to someone new.

ASCAP/BMI payments: Eileen and Wayne have found a way, with a tip from another local dance group, to reduce our yearly cost by becoming members of the National Fast Dance Association.

Our President also recommended reducing overhead by discontinuing the NVCWDA Hotline. Due to increased use of the Internet and little use of the hotline, the phone service has been disconnected.

Lessons Taught Recently at NVCWDA Dances

Step sheets for most of the dances listed below are available on our [website](#), under the "DANCE INFO" tab.

Lover Please Come Back (Couples)	Head Over Boots (Couples)
Forever Green LD	A Country High LD
Stealing the Best LD	Nightclub Two Step
Irish Stew LD	Blue Ain't Your Color LD
Easy Love LD	Butterfly Waltz (Couples)

Annual Opportunity for New Board Members

The end of the current term of the Board of Directors is quickly approaching at the end of May, and Board positions will be available. We must fill the open positions to continue to have dances. Please take a moment to read the brief position descriptions below. We hope that you will consider volunteering for one of the jobs. NVCWDA cannot continue to host dances without volunteers. We need your help!

President—Responsible for the overall supervision of NVCWDA. The President calls and presides at meetings, appoints committees, and reports to the membership. The President sees that we follow the NVCWDA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Order and serves as the primary contact for other country-western dance groups and associations.

Vice President—Fills in for the President when necessary and compiles the desk duty schedule.

Secretary—Primary duty is to record the minutes of all meetings and to maintain the official records of NVCWDA. The Secretary is third in line of succession after the President and VP.

Treasurer—Responsible for paying NVCWDA bills, maintaining bookkeeping records, submitting required forms when due, updating liability insurance, and informing the Board about the Association's financial activities and status. The Treasurer also picks up NVCWDA mail at the Merrifield Post Office once a week and directs it to the appropriate Board member.

Planning Director—Main duty is to secure dance venues for NVCWDA events. This includes compiling possible locations and visiting the sites, preparing agreements with the venues, and acting as the point of contact with their representatives.

Membership Director—Maintains the NVCWDA membership database, which includes entering new members and renewals and sending renewal/expiration notices. The Membership Director keeps the Board informed about trends in member numbers.

Communications Director—Oversees the production of the NVCWDA quarterly newsletter and coordinates with the NVCWDA Webmaster and Facebook Administrator. The Communications Director also submits notices about dances to local news outlets.

Dance Director—Manages the DJ contracts and schedules, arranges instructors for dance lessons, fields questions and problems at dances, monitors dance floor etiquette, and acts as liaison between dancers and DJs.

Director-at-Large—Coordinates with volunteers to provide refreshments and decorations for dances.

Special Events—Coordinates with volunteers to provide refreshments and decorations for special event dances. (These refreshments and decorations are in addition to the regular decorations and refreshments coordinated by the Director-at-Large.) We have several special event dances

during the year. The biggest is the New Year's Eve Dance. Others are the Anniversary Dance and the Benefit Dance.

All Board members get free admission to our regular dances. They are expected to attend six Board meetings, which are held every other month and last about two hours. Once a quarter, Board members submit material for the NVCWDA newsletter. 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 rotational basis. If you would like further information or have any comments or suggestions, please email us at info@nvcwda.org or speak to any of the current Board members at one of the dances. Your involvement in any capacity will be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

ASCAP fees have been paid. IRS Form 1099's have been filed.

This fiscal year we've averaged 55 attendees per dance which is the highest since fiscal year ending 2013 when we averaged 60 attendees. Average attendance for the last five fiscal years was: 59.7, 52.2, 52.5, 48.4, and 55.3 so far for this fiscal year.

The association started the fiscal year with \$9,017.67 on May 31, 2016 and currently has a balance of \$10,645.93 as of March 21, 2017. Subtracting \$965 collected in March for the April 1 Fisher House Benefit dance, the balance would be \$9,659.93.

Below is the quarterly report:

Category	Feb 2016	May 2016	FYE 5/31/16	Aug 2016	Nov 2016	Feb 2017
INCOME						
Admissions	3,371.00	2,512.00	10,741.00	1,585.00	3,105.00	3,436.00
Donations Payable to Others	150.00	3,417.50	3,567.50	0.00	0.00	370.00
Donations Received	147.00	775.00	2,014.00	93.00	116.00	128.00
Interest Inc	0.22	0.21	0.87	.18	.18	0.20
Membership Dues	486.00	432.00	1,962.00	198.00	522.00	324.00
Special Sales	0.00	38.62	38.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,154.22	7,175.33	18,323.99	1,876.18	3,743.18	4,258.20
EXPENSES						
Bank charge	0.00	18.30	18.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
DJ (1099 payee)	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
Donations to Others	158.00	5,096.00	5,704.00	0.00	0.00	370.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	762.00	0.00	817.00	0.00	55.00	778.00
Insurance	536.94	0.00	536.94	0.00	536.94	0.00
Phone	166.00	162.22	640.48	164.77	159.96	160.59
Space Rental	1,660.00	675.00	4,866.00	1,365.00	350.00	300.00
Supplies	0.00	38.62	38.62	0.00	37.52	291.21
Website	140.38	0.00	140.38	0.00	0.00	151.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,323.32	7,790.14	19,761.72	3,029.77	2,939.42	3,950.98
OVERALL TOTAL	1,169.10	-614.81	-1,437.73	1,153.59	803.76	307.22



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthdays

04/02 Sue Maillet
 04/03 Diane Foster
 04/11 Sandra Graves

May Birthdays

05/01 Armand Maillet
 05/06 Linda Cerisano
 05/13 Gary Campbell
 05/19 Jack Wallace

June Birthdays

06/13 Linda Wallace
 06/14 Bruce Wright



Welcome New Members!

Cheryl Romanek
 Cynthia Ritch
 Brian Crooke
 Patti Crooke
 Susan Hakim
 Bernard Ferret

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[Upcoming Team Performances](#)
[Looking for Lessons?](#)
[How Do I Get There?](#)

Newsletter Deadline

June 18 for articles, reports, ads and news items
Email to: communications@nvcwda.org

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

Send photos separately as tif or jpeg files (high resolution)

NVCWDA HOTLINE
 (no longer in service)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

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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 _____

Membership Category

New _____ Renewal _____

_____ 1 year . . . \$18.00

_____ 2 years . . \$36.00

Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash Check # _____

Your email address will be used only for official NVCWDA notifications, including membership renewals and announcements.

Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Would you be willing to help with some of our activities during the year? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like your birthday listed in our newsletter on your birthday month? Yes ___ No ___

Today's date _____