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Outgoing President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Well, it's time for the last installment from El Presidente. I have enjoyed my term as President, but it's time to let someone else take over. I'll talk more about this later. Right now, as I always do, I want to thank some people. I want to say that the DJs have done a great job at keeping people on the floor. Each DJ has his or her own style and selection of music that makes each dance unique and fun. Our teachers bring a wide selection of line dances, specialty dances, and couples dances. The DJs and teachers work hard to make things interesting for the members so make sure you thank them for all their hard work; it ain't easy. Also, I want to thank all of you who come to the dances. As I have said at the dances, if not for you, the dances would be very boring.

Let's talk about the Benefit Dance. What a great turn out—more than 80 people showed up to help raise around \$2300 for the Fisher House. I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make this dance a big success. Chances on Ann Marlin's quilt fetched about \$250. Barbara Smith did a great job organizing the silent auction. I know that she and the entire Board want to thank everybody who donated items. The auction by itself raised around \$450. Linda Buckle and her army of volunteers provided an amazing variety of food and desserts. If you went home hungry, it was your own fault. I also want to thank the performers that night, Dale and Anita Strawser and the Country Steppers. Dale and Anita are always a joy to watch and their waltz was beautiful. The Country Steppers did a great job with their swing routine. In all honesty we had as much fun doing the routine as the audience did watching us. Again, thanks to all of you



Some of the incoming board members after their installation on June 6 (L-R): Marty Johnson (Membership), Donna Dennis (Treasurer), Dan Pierce (Special Events), Charlie Pierce (President), Susan Scott (Planning), Luella Montgomery (Steppers Rep), Linda Buckle (At Large), and Gary Campbell (Past President). Not pictured: Joyce Leamon (Secretary) and Bo Marlin (Dance).

who made this dance such a big hit.

Now I want to say thanks to Charlie Pierce for taking over as President. I hope I'm leaving the Association in good shape for her. I know she will do a great job. Please give her your support. I really did enjoy serving as President, even with all the difficulties we encountered. At one point we had to keep changing dance venues, which was a challenge. For a while we seemed unable to book the same place twice. Also, being forced to change one of the New Year's Eve Dances to a new location just a few days before the event was interesting. All of these challenges were met head on and overcome because of the great people I was privileged to work with. I will say that I really enjoyed working with everybody who served on the Boards with me. I acknowledge several of my comrades who are stepping down at the end of their terms: Carol Caruso and Kerie Hitt. Carol was instrumental in finding locations for us to dance and Kerie kept everyone in the know with our informative newsletter.

Remember to support local places

to dance, otherwise, they could go out of business. I hope all of you keep on dancing, and as I've said before, if someone bumps into you, it usually is an accident. Just say excuse me (even if it isn't your fault). I'll see you on the dance floor. I wish you good dancing and good health.

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Communications Report

by Kerie Hitt

After seven years on the Board, I've decided not to serve another term. I came on as Planning Director in 2002 and switched to Communications Director/newsletter editor/webmaster in 2005. I've enjoyed helping in all of my various capacities, and I hope that I've contributed to NVCWDA over the past seven years. Sometimes the job was not the most glamorous, but overall, pitching in and helping NVCWDA gave me a good feeling. I particularly enjoyed putting together the newsletter. But now I'm going to take a rest for a while. NVCWDA has many capable people and I know they will carry on just fine. Plus, something tells me you have not heard the last of me!

My main task as Communications Director was to prepare the newsletter. In the past, sometimes one person has served as Communications Director and another person has served as newsletter editor, but I wore both hats. Here's a typical newsletter cycle: First I would cajole (sometimes nag) my fellow Board members and others to submit articles. I wrote a lot of articles myself to try to fill out the content of the newsletter if necessary during times of "slow news." I tried to make sure all the articles made sense, were consistent and accurate, and conveyed the information our

members needed to know about upcoming dances and the status of NVCWDA. After tidying up all the articles as Word documents, I would send the files to Lydia for page layout. Lydia also would compile the calendar of events. Once Lydia worked her magic on the layout, she would send me a PDF file. I would check this electronic proof, and once any corrections were completed, Lydia would send the newsletter to film and arrange for printing. Once the newsletters were printed, I would pick up the copies, run off mailing labels generated by the Membership Director, stick on the labels and stamps, and haul the copies to the Post Office. Sometimes I enlisted my helpful spouse to join me in these tasks. A true bonding experience! I hope this summary intrigues one of you enough to volunteer to serve as Communications Director and/or newsletter editor for the next year.

I plan to continue as webmaster. Unfortunately, in May our web site and thousands of others were victimized by the "gumblar" attack, which inserted malware into the sites. This was my first experience with an attack, which got through despite virus scanning software, firewalls, and other supposedly protective measures. After cleaning up the mess, I've been monitoring our site closely. At the end of the old TV show Hill Street Blues, the roll call sergeant would tell the cops, "Be careful out there." This is good advice to follow on the Internet as well!

Incoming President's Report

by Charlie Pierce

As Gary was swearing in the new Board on June 6, I kept thinking, "What have I gotten myself into?" I had given much thought to becoming President, and Dan and I had discussed it. He was fully supportive, but I wasn't ready to make that leap. Maybe someone who could do a better job would step forward. Maybe someone wanted the job but was hesitant to step up. I finally realized that if anyone else wanted the job, he/she would have said so. The 2008-2009 Board of Directors, Joyce, Donna, Bo, Kerie, Marty, Linda, Carol, and Luella, were committed to supporting the NVCWDA and its

president, Gary. Dan and I had a stake in the well-being of the Association because we like the dances and the people we have met. Without leadership, the NVCWDA might not continue to survive. For these reasons and the fact that I had been Vice President for a year, I decided that I had a responsibility to step up and be President for 2009-2010.

My first goal as President is to uphold our Constitution and Bylaws. My second goal is to make sure that you enjoy the dances. My third goal is to make sure that newcomers feel welcome. If new dancers come in and someone speaks to them and engages them in conversation, they will be more likely to return than if they come and no one speaks to them. I want our Association

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Introducing the New Special Events Director

by Daniel (Dan) Pierce

My wife Charlotte (Charlie) and I started our country-western dancing in Scotty Inman's class after she twisted my arm hard enough to get me to go. I was such a slow learner that we took the beginners class three times. Scotty invited us to our first dance with the Association, and we have been dancing here for about three years.

I am retired from the Army after a 22-year military career. After the Army, I earned a degree in Social Work and worked in several agencies in developmental disability programs. I later worked part time for COSTCO as a marketer. I am now retired and enjoying life as never before.

I don't know if any of this qualifies me to be the Special Events Director, but, as Gary has been telling us for the past few years, *this is our Association*, and it will not work without participation and help from the members. Also, the Special Events position has been vacant since before we joined the Association, and I figured somebody ought to do the job, so why not me. I hope that you will notice that we still have a few more vacancies on the Board, and your help in filling these vacancies will be more than welcomed.

Introducing the New Planning Director

by Susan Scott

Hello, I'm Susan Scott, the new Planning Director for 2009-2010. In the early 1990s, I began country-western dancing at Buckhall fire hall in Manassas. I joined the Buckhall dance team in 1993 and later became the co-captain of the group's Ladies Line Dancers. In addition, I joined G and J Country Dancers in the mid 1990s with my late husband Randy. We stopped dancing in 2000, when this dance team folded.

In June 2007, after I became widowed, I met Jan and RePete from the Country Steppers at the Fairfax County Celebrate Fairfax Fair. Their encouragement brought me to join the Country Steppers Dance Team. I also reinstated my membership with the Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association.

I have been a full time Public Health Nurse with Fairfax County Health Department for 29 years. My other interests

include kayaking, hiking, gardening, and traveling. I am recently engaged to Stephen Kinnett. He has been introduced to country-western dancing and thoroughly enjoys it.

As Planning Director, I look forward to ensuring we have quality places to dance and providing valuable input during our Board of Director meetings.

Update from the Membership Director

by Marty Johnson

I can hardly believe that I am starting my second term as Membership Director. This has been an interesting undertaking that has given me the opportunity to meet many NVCWDA members that I may not have gotten to know otherwise. I still have not met many members whose names I see on the roster. Please make a point of introducing yourself the next time you are at a dance.

The membership numbers still remain very low. Presently, we have 168 on the roster, but nine of those technically have expired, and I will need to remove them if we do not receive their renewals soon. I will be sending out reminder letters shortly to those nine individuals, as well as to those whose expiration dates are within the next two months. If you get a reminder notice, please send in your renewal. The worst part of this job is removing someone from the list!

You may recall several articles in the past year regarding the possibility of having a membership drive. My wife, Karen, attempted to recruit members to help form a committee to come up with ideas for a drive. Although she did receive a few very good ideas from various members, no one was willing to sit on a committee. In the meantime, the Board discussed the issue in depth and decided that perhaps our focus was wrong. We are now working toward increasing attendance at the dances rather than increasing membership. Our belief is that if we can get new people to come to the dances, they will eventually want to join. We have several ideas for increasing the attendance, one of which is outlined in Karen's article regarding a partnership opportunity with CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Please be sure to read that article and send us any ideas you have.

NVCWDA 2009 DANCE SCHEDULE

Free dance lessons 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Open dancing 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

| Date | Event | Location | DJ | Lesson at 7:30 | | Lesson at 8:00 | |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Instructor(s) | Dance | Instructor(s) | Dance |
| July 18 | Independence Day Dance | Jackson Middle Sch | Cole | Bo & Ann Marlin | Chuck Wagon Cha Cha line dance | Country Steppers | Sidekick couples specialty dance |
| Aug 1 | | Jackson Middle Sch | Handy | Keith & Linda Buckle | Zydeco Lady line dance | Linda Bloyer | Adv Beg Two-Step |
| Aug 15 | | Jackson Middle Sch | Fanelli | Kathy Fanelli | TBD LD and Ooh Poo Pah Doo LD review | Matt Leonard | Oklahoma Breeze 2 couples specialty |
| Aug 29 | | Jackson Middle Sch | Brown | Mal & Linda Zerden | Beg/Int Waltz moves | Mal & Linda Zerden | Beg/Int Waltz moves |

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

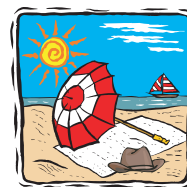
Monitor hotline and web site for advance notice on September dances and last minute changes. No dance July 4.

Dance Schedule

July 2009



NVCWDA Dances
Free Dance Lessons
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons
 Open dancing 8:30 - 11:00 p.m.



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events. | | | 1 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 2 Nokesville Gail Smith | 3 | 4 No Dance |
| 5 Reston Dance (Reston Community Center) | 6 Gail Smith Nokesville Guest Instructor Junior Willis Fee \$20 | 7 | 8 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 9 Nokesville Gail Smith | 10 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 11 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory |
| 12 Stafford American Legion | 13 | 14 | 15 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 16 Nokesville Gail Smith | 17 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 18 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School Independence Day Dance |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 23 Nokesville Gail Smith | 24 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 25 |
| 26 Stafford American Legion | 27 | 28 | 29 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 30 Nokesville Gail Smith | 31 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | |

August 2009



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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Lessons by Eileen Scott: Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176, Amhearst Avenue, Springfield, 8-9:30 p.m. except holidays. Pay as you go; no pre-registration required. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net. See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes on Tuesday nights. Pre-registration required for county classes. | | | | | | 1 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School |
| 2 Reston Dance (Reston Community Center) | 3 | 4 | 5 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 6 Nokesville Gail Smith | 7 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 8 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory |
| 9 Stafford American Legion Line Dancing at Center for the Arts - Manassas | 10 | 11 | 12 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 13 Nokesville Gail Smith | 14 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 15 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 20 Nokesville Gail Smith | 21 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 22 |
| 23 Stafford American Legion | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita | 29 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School |
| 30 | 31 | | Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | Nokesville Gail Smith | | |

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

Well, we've officially made it into the "dog days" of summer. Despite a traditional down trend in attendance during the busy summer months (due to outdoor activities, vacations, etc.), our attendance has been staying pretty steady—if not increasing a little bit. And I've also noticed a few more "new faces" at every dance. So...I can only conclude that we're doing something right! Therefore, we'll try to keep on doing what we have been doing, and maybe our attendance will continue to grow. If you're enjoying our dances, tell some friends—and bring them along. If not, don't tell anyone, but continue to come! All kidding aside, thanks for your attendance and support of your Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association.

As you may have heard at the past few dances, I had offered to step down as the Dance Director this year to allow for some "new blood" and, perhaps, some new perspectives on the type of dances being taught, music selection, etc. Unfortunately, no one volunteered to take the position—and it's darn hard to have a successful dance without music or dance lessons. I've agreed to continue for another year as your Dance Director. If you're unhappy with my choices, you have only yourselves to blame—I offered to move aside, and you declined my offer! I guess, in a way, that's a "back-handed" compliment. So, thank you for allowing me to continue in my current capacity. It's my privilege.

To that point, maybe you were thinking about volunteering for the Dance Director position, but just couldn't muster the courage to step up this year. If that was the case, perhaps you'd be interested in slowly getting acquainted with the job before jumping in entirely—kind of a "try before you buy" approach. If that sounds more to your liking, please contact me, and I'll be happy to work with you to show you the ropes. In one short year, we'll be looking to fill the Dance Director position once more. Don't miss out again!

Going back to the dance challenges inherent in the "dog days" of summer, sometimes finding our volunteer dance instructors becomes a bit difficult due to all the summer activities. If you've always wanted to "share" (teach) a line dance or couples dance that you know and love, please contact me. If you've seen me teach, you know that you don't need to be professionally trained, just willing and somewhat able to share your knowledge. And, if I have a larger "bench" of

instructors, you'll be making my job of scheduling our dance instructors much easier. So "come on down."

Lastly, because of our steady influx of new dancers, let's review our country-western dance etiquette. A little review never hurts our "regulars" either. In country-western dancing, the dance floor is divided into concentric "lanes." The outside lane is the "fast" lane. "Traffic" moves around the dance floor in a counter-clockwise direction. If you're going to be moving slowly, stay in an inner lane and let people pass you on the outside. The closer you get to the center, the slower you can go. If you're going to be doing "stationary" dances like a line dance, swing dance (East Coast, West Coast, etc.) or cha cha instead of a "traveling" dance like the two-step, please try to stay towards the center of the dance floor so you don't block others who may want to dance around you in the fast lanes.

And, as always, if you do inadvertently bump into someone on the dance floor, always apologize regardless of who may have actually been at fault. If that doesn't work, please contact a Board member, who will try to "mediate the dispute."

Thanks again for "listening," attending our dances, and allowing me to continue on as your Dance Director. See you on the dance floor!

Summary of Board Meetings

by Kerie Hitt

April 22—The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$2887.50 on March 31. No bills are outstanding. DJs are in place through December 2009. The Communications Director renewed the nvcwda.org domain for two years. The current membership is 168. We discussed details (budget, silent auction, chances on Ann's quilt) of the Benefit Dance for Fisher House on May 2 and the vacancies for the upcoming election for Board of Directors scheduled for May 16.

CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield is promoting dance as being good for your health. They partner with organizations that promote dance. We are looking into the possibility of partnering with them. The process involves applying for a grant.

June 3—The election for 2009-2010 Board of Directors occurred on May 30. The new board will take office on June 6, so the incoming Planning Director Susan Scott came to this meeting. Outgoing Planning Director Carol Caruso will brief Susan on the status of the room rentals on June 20. We need to get better air conditioning at Luther Jackson. The current number of members is 168, with nine of these expired. No new members have joined lately. Some people have re-joined after lapsing, but they are not really new members. We are ready to send the proceeds of the Benefit Dance to Fisher House. Gary invited them to come to a dance to accept our check, but has not heard back. If we don't hear back by June 5, we will mail the check to them. The Treasurer's report for June 2008–June 2009 shows a loss of about \$850, but this is better than June 2007–June 2008 when the loss was \$1275. The Steppers submitted their annual financial statement.

We are gathering information needed in case we apply to CareFirst for a grant.

We discussed Board vacancies remaining after the election. Charlie Pierce volunteered to be President, and Dan Pierce volunteered to be Special Events director.

Other Places to Dance

American Legion Post 290 in Stafford

1204 American Legion Rd (County Rd 628)

Country-western lessons and dancing with Matt Leonard.

Second and fourth Sundays of the month from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person. For more information call Matt: (703) 509-5044.

Manassas Center for the Arts

Country-Western Line Dances • Second Sundays of the month.
2:00-5:00 p.m. • www.center-for-the-arts.org

The Corral at Fast Eddies of Centreville

Intersection of Rt 28 & Rt 29

Line dance and couples lessons Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Thursdays - The Southern Winds Band plays from 8:30-11:00 p.m.
Fridays - Country bands starting at 9 p.m.
Saturdays - Country DJ starting at 7 p.m.
For more information call (703) 266-1888.

COUNTRY STORES

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

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

July Birthdays

07/03 Elizabeth Simpson
07/06 Murray Ross
07/07 Rick Hower
07/07 Faye Morse
07/09 Jim Davies
07/14 Wanda Maturo
07/15 Richard Chiu
07/16 Linda Buckle
07/20 Mary Ellen McGovern
07/22 Carol Caruso
07/22 Elizabeth Duke
07/22 Kerie Hitt
07/25 Dianne Arendts
07/27 Sandra Bush
07/27 John Gentile
07/29 Patsi Bayne

August Birthdays

08/09 Dale Strawser
08/11 Bob Arendts
08/12 Cathy Crowson
08/12 Jim Nellis
08/14 Patty Orndorff
08/16 Eileen Scott
08/17 Anita Huffman
Strawser
08/19 Lydia Vitale
08/21 Richard Dawson
08/26 Jim Murray
08/30 George Jones

Looking for Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktates.htm) for lessons offered by NVCWDA members Scotty, Barbara, Eileen, and Don. The summer session began June 20. Registration for the fall session will open in August. 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.

Newsletter Deadline

**10th of August for articles,
reports and news items**

E-mail to: **communications@nvcwda.org**

Send Microsoft Word, PageMaker or
Text Files.

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

HOW DO I GET THERE?

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

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

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

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA. From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 50A-B to US-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, 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marstellar. Firehall on left. For info email: rgsmith@wildblue.net

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

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

Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna, VA. Upstairs Ballroom. From DC: Take 66 to exit 62, Nutley St. Drive North to Rte. 123. Turn right, drive 3/4 mile to Center St. N. (at Starbuck's). Turn left onto Center St., cross Church St. and 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 Steppers had a fantastic time performing the swing routine for the Association's Benefit Dance in May, and we were very pleased to have been able to make a \$300 contribution to Fisher House from our honorariums. June was a great month as indicated by our busy schedule, and we look forward to an equally busy summer ahead. Members of the Country Steppers are all volunteers who donate their time for practice and shows to provide free demonstrations and lessons promoting country-western dancing in the community. Come out and support the Steppers when we are appearing at events near you. We hope to see some of you at our upcoming performances. If you ever need directions to our performances, or if you have questions whether or not they are open to the public, please contact the Country Steppers at steppers@nvcwda.org.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Saturday, July 11,** Children's Hospital and VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15,** Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Clifton, VA, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1,** 4-H Fair (Frying Pan Park), Chantilly, VA, 11:00 a.m.-noon (joint show with Bull Run Cloggers)
- Saturday, August 22,** Arlington County Fair, Arlington, VA, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Incoming President's Report

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to be active and the best place to go for country-western dancing on the first, third, and fifth Saturdays of the month. That means that we need to continue to attract new dancers. As the year unfolds, I will keep you informed about the progress toward these goals. Please feel welcome to provide your insights and to suggest other goals because there are certainly more than three.

My thanks go out to the incoming Board of Directors, including newcomers Susan Scott and Dan Pierce for answering the call to be our directors of Planning and Special Events, respectively. I hope that each of the rest of you also will help in some way this year. One of you could be our Communications Director and help with the newsletter. Another of you could be the Vice President. Some of you could volunteer to help at one of our special dances including the Anniversary Dance, New Year's Eve Dance, and the Benefit Dance. Rick Humbert has already volunteered to plan the Halloween Dance again. He transforms the cafeteria at Luther Jackson into a Halloween House.

I would like to thank each of you for your support in making our dances successful, and I look forward to another fun-filled year of dancing.

Summer Schedule

We are not having a dance on July 4 so that people can spend the holiday barbecuing and watching fireworks that evening. We will celebrate Independence Day at the dance on July 18. The theme will be a summer picnic. Bring your favorite summer salads. We will have three dances in August because August has a fifth Saturday. The extra dance that month will make up for having only one dance in July!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



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 (____) _____

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 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 _____

CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield Sponsorship Possibility

by Karen Johnson

You may have heard a recent CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield advertisement on WTOG radio pointing out the health benefits of dancing. The end of the advertisement referred to partnering arrangements with local non-profit organizations in the area. This advertisement piqued the interest of our Membership Director Marty Johnson, who contacted CareFirst for further information. CareFirst indicated that they do indeed offer partnering opportunities with grant money attached that might be available to our Association.

As a result of Marty's contact with CareFirst, we have obtained application information, and our Treasurer, Donna Dennis, is in the process of completing the detailed application that is required. The Board would be very interested in receiving grant money from CareFirst to further the goals and purpose of our Association, but we could use some

input. If you have any experience with grant writing or have an in-depth knowledge of the Association's history and contributions to the community, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact membership@nvcwda.org.

Help Wanted: Vice President

Charlie Pierce is assuming the mantle of the Presidency. Because she is moving on up, we need someone to take her place as Vice President. The basic duties of VP are: back up the President and other Board members, help publicize our dances, manage our insurance policy, and set up the desk duty schedule. All of the Board members except Member at Large also work the admissions table at the dances periodically. No, you won't get a big executive bonus, but you will reap the rewards of serving your fellow dancers and charting the future of NVCWDA. Let us know if you want to be involved.

Thank you 2008-2009 Board

Gary Campbell, President
Charlie Pierce, Vice President
Donna Dennis, Treasurer
Joyce Leamon, Secretary
Bo Marlin, Dance
Carol Caruso, Planning
Kerie Hitt, Communications
Marty Johnson, Membership
Luella Montgomery, Steppers
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