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President's Report

by Bo Marlin

As your incoming President, it is my honor and privilege to be able to serve the NVCWDA and continue the tradition of Country-Western dance in the Northern Virginia area. My commitment to you, the real heart and soul of the Association, is to keep us on track towards providing the best Country-Western dance venue in the area—and, of course, doing our very best to ensure everyone has a good time. We realize there are other activities and dance venues in the area where you can spend your hard-earned money and, therefore very much appreciate your attendance and support at our dances. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the atmosphere, music, dance instruction, etc., please don't hesitate to see me or any other Board member. We are, after all, here to serve you and the Association.

Before going any farther, I'd like to take a moment to thank our outgoing President, Charlie Pierce, and the other outgoing members of her board—Marty Johnson, Membership Director; Dan Pierce, Special Events Director; Luella Montgomery, Steppers Rep; and Gary Campbell, Past President—for all their hard work and the numerous contributions they have made to the Association over the past two (and in some cases three) years. Organizations like ours don't just run themselves; it takes a good leader and willing followers to keep things moving along like a good Two Step. While we'll certainly miss Charlie as our President, we'll still have her available on the Board for her advice and counsel in the Past President position—thank goodness for that.

I'd also like to formally welcome the new members of your Board—Bobby Orndorff, Vice President; Kat Fanelli, Dance Director; Karen Johnson,



Mark Your Calendars!

Independence Day Dance
July 2nd - Wear Red,
White and Blue

Ice Cream Social
August 20th
Come Hungry!



Membership Director; Patty Orndorff, Special Events Director; and Richard Chiu, Steppers Rep. I really appreciate them stepping up to take on their respective duties and responsibilities, and I look forward to working with them. I'd also like to thank those previous Board members who chose to stay on for another term despite the new President. I guess they're secretly gluttons for punishment! We're still looking for another willing member to assume the duties of Director at Large (aka drinks and snacks coordinator). If interested (and we hope you are), see me or any Board member for more info. We'd love to have you on the board—and did I mention that you get into the dances for free?

To close out a bit of unfinished newsletter business, for those who haven't heard, we raised a total of \$3,300 for the local Fisher House organization at our annual Benefit Dance. A big thank you to all of you who donated silent auction items, attended the dance, bought silent auction items (and there were some great deals), provided some great dance demonstrations, brought food, donated cash and otherwise made the night a rousing success. The families of our military members being treated at our local military treatment facilities will benefit greatly from your generosity and support.

To close, thanks again for the privilege of being your next President. I hope I can measure up to the stellar performances of our past Presidents—I'll certainly try. See you on the dance floor!

A Note from the Dance Director

by Kathy Fanelli

I am so excited to be the new Dance Director! I have been involved with the Association for quite a few years now and thought it was time to give something back. Being one of the DJs gives me a different perspective on the job.

I give a big tip of the hat to our outgoing Dance Director, Bo Marlin! What a great job he did and continues to do as our new President. He has been a huge help as I take over in my new position. Thank you Bo! It's good to know he is close at hand for future advice. Yay!

My plans are to keep things going in the same direction that they are going now, with an ongoing goal of arranging for the best instruction and music at all the dances so everyone can have a great time.

I do ask for your help with a couple of things. I am going to have printouts
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Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

I have several hobbies, and I consider dancing one of them. Hobbies are funny things. In one sense, they are very liberating—you can do what you want and take them as far as circumstances allow. But they can also be somewhat tyrannical. With astronomy, for example, I see many people get so wrapped up in the equipment and trying to put together the absolutely perfect setup, or trying to become the quintessential expert, that they really no longer care much about the basic idea of how awesome it is to be able to view galaxies and nebulae so far away, while drinking in the wonderful night air. Many other hobbies are like that, too. There is so much focus on the equipment and all the possible variations of what equipment you could be using, that a lot of people lose sight of what attracted them to the sport in the first place.

Dancing is no different. You can learn all the dances in the world and really become an expert in the techniques, but nothing will replace the pure joy of simply dancing. Watch children dance and tell me that's not the purest form of dancing imaginable. So when my interest in any of my hobbies wanes, which it does periodically in a kind of natural cycle, I know now that it is because I have moved too far from the basics—what got me interested in it in the first place.

I go back to a basic mode where I am doing whatever it is I do simply for the pure enjoyment of it, not to add to lists, score points, become more expert than the next person, or otherwise compete in one way or another. There are many "expert" hobbyists out there, but think about it: does that make any sense? What is the purpose of a hobby? Not to become an expert—that's a job—but to relax and enjoy your life. And the path to that enjoyment can take many forms, as many as there are hobbies.

Recently there was a discussion on one of the sports forums that I like to read about an older man whose interest in his sport was waning. But not entirely. Turns out if you read between the lines, what he really was doing was getting back to basics, to the pure joy of the hobby, which didn't include all the extras he used to think were so essential. In fact, the hobby itself wasn't even really the point. It was really just doing honest and simple things with the people he cares about (and that includes himself). I guess as we get older we realize what's really at the heart of what we like to do, and it has nothing to do with how much we know, what equipment we have, how many of anything we have collected, or how much we have mastered any technique. It's simply about enjoying life. So, dance on, and smile while you're doing it because you're not dancing your life away. You're living it.

Vice President's Report

by Bobby Orndorff

As the new Vice President I want to thank everyone who previously served on the Board for their hard work and dedication. Dances are fun for everyone, but much goes on behind the scenes to have the dances work so well. It is an ongoing task to arrange for dances at suitable venues with great instructors and DJs, public advertisements, a web site, a manned front desk, Association announcements to keep you informed, door prizes, snacks, set up and clean up, and have it all running smoothly and apparently effortlessly.

I appreciate the input of all the members so that we can provide you with a great dance experience and an active and exciting Association. If you see something that you like or dislike please

feel free to talk to any of the Board members. We will be the ones wearing the name tags and we'll be happy to help you and listen to your constructive suggestions. If we do not know the answer to a question, we will find out and get back to you with an accurate response.

We still have one position on the Board open: Member at Large. We need someone to step up and fill this important leadership position. You may even choose to delegate the job of handling refreshments at the dances, but it's very important to have an additional member sitting on the Board. Please consider donating a little time and investing in our Association.

As I have always said, I will see you on the dance floor and keep on boot scooting!

Membership Update

by Karen Johnson

Although I am technically your new Membership Director, you probably will not notice too much of a difference. My husband Marty was the prior Director and I was the assistant, and now I am the Director and he is the assistant. I do, however, hope to try a few new things this coming year to increase membership and would love to hear any ideas you might have. So send me an email at membership@nvcwda.com or talk to me at a dance, and let's see if we can make this a record year for new memberships!

The membership count is 182 right now, which is 13 more than it was this time a year ago. Thanks to everyone who has joined or renewed this past year! I have to point out, though, that a large number of memberships are up for renewal. Please check the mailing label on the newsletter or the stickers on your membership card right now to see what your expiration date is. You can also check with me by email or at a dance if you do not know your expiration date. There is a two-month grace period before I am supposed to change the status to "expired" in the database, and I really dislike doing that. It makes me much happier when I can update your membership for another year or two!

If you have not yet joined the Association, please consider doing so. The annual fee is only \$18 for one year and \$30 for two years, and it entitles you to \$2 off the admission price of every dance. That means if you come to nine dances during the year, you have recouped the entire fee! The two year fee is recouped after 15 dances. It's a bargain for you, and the fees help keep this great Association going!

As a reminder, newsletters are automatically sent to all current members, even if there are two or more members at the same address. We have found that this is the best way

to remind members of expiring memberships. You will see a note with yellow highlighting on the label if you need to renew. Please renew promptly and get to the next dance to start recouping the fee!

Special Events

by Patty Orndorff

As the new Special Events Director I want to tell you about some exciting dances that your Board has planned in the near future. July 2 is going to be our Patriotic event. We're asking you to wear red, white and blue to help us celebrate Independence Day. On Aug 20 we will have an Ice Cream Social, which should be a lot of fun, and quite tasty at the same time! Maybe it's a little late, with all the hot weather we had in June, but I'm sure we'll see plenty more of that in the coming months.

In September we have a special treat in store for our Anniversary Dance: we'll be having an "oldies" night. Please wear your best Western outfit, shine up your boots, and brush off your hat to dance to some old line dances and maybe some music that will bring back memories of when the Association first started.

The first weekend in November will be our Halloween party, since it's the closest weekend to Halloween on our dance schedule. I hope everyone will come in costume. Remember how much fun it was to dress up as a kid? That doesn't change just because you get older. And speaking of kids, remember that in December we'll have our Toys for Tots Dance, so start keeping your eye out for some nice toys to donate. It's never too early to start your holiday shopping! Oh, and then we start making plans for New Years Eve. But we've got a lot of nice warm weather before then.

NVCWDA 2011 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 2 | Independence Day Dance | Accotink UU Church | Brown | Gary Campbell | Long Long Way Line Dance | Kathy Fanelli & Marshall Glasser | Santa Fe Stroll Couples Specialty Dance |
| July 16 | | Accotink UU Church | Vitale | Bernie & Lydia Vitale | I'm Alive Line Dance | Karen & Marty Johnson | Tango With the Sheriff Couples Specialty Dance |
| August 6 | | Jackson Middle Sch | Handy | Kathy Fanelli | The Gilley Line Dance | Bo & Ann Marlin | The Shadow Couples Specialty Dance |
| August 20 | Ice Cream Social | Accotink UU Church | Brown | Bernie & Lydia Vitale | Knee Deep Line Dance | Keith & Linda Buckle | McGraw Stroll Couples Specialty Dance |

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

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

*Check web site for updates

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

Dance Schedule

July 2011



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



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|---|--|
| Lessons by Eileen Scott: Monday night line dance classes at Springfield American Legion Post 176, Amhearth Avenue, Springfield, VA from 8:00-9:30 p.m. each Monday except holidays. Fairfax County classes are held Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and require registration with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Summer session is being held at Hayfield Elementary School. Classes at Hayfield ES started June 28 and will continue for six weeks. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net. | | | | | 1 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 2 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church Independence Day Dance |
| 3 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center) | 4 Independence Day | 5 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 6 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 7 | 8 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 9 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory |
| 10 Stafford American Legion | 11 | 12 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 13 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 14 | 15 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville | 16 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 20 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 21 | 22 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 23 |
| 24 Stafford American Legion | 25 | 26 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 27 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 28 | 29 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

August 2011

Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Fridays - subject to change.
 Email: letsgogigi@yahoo.com for information and to receive updates.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 7 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center) | 8 | 9 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 10 Newsletter Deadline Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 11 | 12 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 13 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory |
| 14 Stafford American Legion | 15 | 16 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 17 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 18 | 19 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville | 20 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church Ice Cream Social |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 24 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | 25 | 26 Gail Smith - Nokesville | 27 |
| 28 Stafford American Legion | 29 | 30 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail | 31 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill | | Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events. | |

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

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

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

of etiquette for the Country-Western dance floor at the table when you come in at each dance. We always need to remember that we have new folks coming in to our dances and must provide them with all the basics they need to know to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone. Experienced dancers should also review this information and make sure our dance floor manners are up to date. This is especially important when the floor is crowded.

I would also like to ask if anyone has a secret ambition to be a dance instructor. Yes, you know who you are. We need you now! Many of our current instructors are very busy and

sometimes it is not easy getting instructors lined up. This is particularly true for our couples dances. Please contact me if you are interested. We have a lot of new people coming to our dances, so right now I am looking for some of our classic specialty dances and some entry level Two Step instruction for the upcoming dance instruction schedule.

In the next newsletter, I am going to give you a behind the scenes look into how the DJs put together their playlists, what they are required to play, how they choose the remainder of what they play, and what they want you to know about the request list.

See you all on the dance floor! -Kat

Little Mockin' Bird Cha

Choreographed by Winnie Yu

Description: 32 count, 4 wall, beginner line dance

Music: Mockin' Bird by Ross Mitchell [30 bpm / CD: 30 Top Cha Cha Chas]

Intro: 16 counts



ROCK RECOVER, SHUFFLE BACK, BACK ROCK, RECOVER, SHUFFLE FORWARD

- 1-2 Rock left forward, recover to right
- 3&4 Chassé back left, right, left
- 5-6 Rock right back, recover to left
- 7&8 Chassé forward right, left, right

FORWARD, PIVOT ¼ RIGHT, CROSS SHUFFLE, SIDE ROCK, BEHIND, SIDE, FORWARD

- 1-2 Step left forward, turn ¼ right (weight to right) (3:00)
- 3&4 Crossing chassé left, right, left
- 5-6 Rock right to side, recover to left
- 7&8 Cross right behind left, step left to side, step right forward

FORWARD, PIVOT ½ RIGHT, SHUFFLE FORWARD, (REPEAT, MIRROR IMAGE TO RIGHT)

- 1-2 Step left forward, turn ½ right (weight to right) (9:00)
- 3&4 Chassé forward left, right, left
- 5-6 Step right forward, turn ½ left (weight to left) (3:00)
- 7&8 Chassé forward right, left, right

TRIPLE STOMPS IN PLACE, (TOUCH, STEP) X 3

- 1&2 Stomp left together, stomp right together, stomp left together
- 3-4 Touch right diagonally forward (hips left), step right slightly back
- 5-6 Touch left diagonally forward (hips right), step left slightly back
- 7-8 Touch right diagonally forward (hips left), step right slightly back

REPEAT

ENDING

On wall 8, section 4, count 6-7, change to:

TRIPLE STOMPS IN PLACE

- 6&7 Triple in place left, right, left

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

07/02 Anita Zeberlein
07/03 Elizabeth Simpson
07/07 Faye Morse
07/09 Jim Davies
07/11 Iris Sobsey
07/14 Wanda Maturo
07/22 Carol Caruso
07/22 Kerie Hitt
07/25 Dianne Arendts
07/27 John Gentile
07/28 Brenda Prestidge

August Birthdays

08/03 Jeannie Sneed
08/07 Holly Harris
08/11 Bob Arendts
08/12 Cathy Crowson
08/14 Julie Cho
08/14 Patty Orndorff
08/16 Eileen Scott
08/19 Lydia Vitale
08/21 Richard Dawson
08/30 George Jones



Welcome New Member!

Susan Atwood

COUNTRY STORES

The Silver Parrot

703/549-8530
113 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sal's Shoe Repairing

703/941-9864
7312 Little River Tpke.
Annandale, VA 22003

W. J. Colt & Company

703/971-7555
6690 Springfield Mall
Springfield, VA 22150

Looking for Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktates.htm) for lessons. Several are taught by NVCWDA members. Page 4 has information about classes in the area. Many of the other dance places listed in the newsletter offer lessons. 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)

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 on the right 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 on the right at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

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

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

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

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

Reston Community Center, From 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.

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 4:00 – 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 • Country nights on
Tuesdays with Danielle and DJ Jill; Thursdays and Saturdays with
Cheri and DJ Nadeem • Lessons at 7:30
No cover charge on weeknights.
Saturday is Ladies Night. Gals get in free and guys pay \$5.
(703) 266-1888 or 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

The Colvin Run Community Center

10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066
(10 minutes west of Tysons Corner off Rte. 7).
Tuesdays: Lessons followed by dance. • West Coast Swing,
East Coast Swing, Country, Hustle, Latin, Waltz and more.
email: edcottrell@macp.org or gailcrum3@aol.com

Newsletter Deadline

August 10 for articles, reports, ads and news items

E-mail to: communications@nvcwda.org

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

Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Sat., July 9** Northern Virginia Community College-
Manassas Campus, Mary Louise Jackson
Amphitheater, Manassas, VA, 7:30 p.m.
(Rain make up date Sunday, July 10 at same
time.)
- Sat., July 23** National Harbor, National Plaza Stage,
National Harbor, MD, 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 6** 4H Fair, Chantilly, VA, 11 a.m.-noon (joint
show with the Bull Run Cloggers)
- Sat., Aug. 13** Arlington County Fair, Arlington, VA, 2 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 27** Freeman Lodge, Manassas, VA, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 10** Burke Centre Festival, Burke, VA, time
TBD.
- Sat., Sept. 17** The Hermitage, Alexandria, VA, 2 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384

01/2011



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 ___

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 _____

Board Meeting Summary

April 6, 2011: Kathy Fanelli volunteered for the nomination as Dance Director. We currently have 190 active members, 12 of which are past due renewal. The Board discussed availability of Luther Jackson Middle School for upcoming dances. The Board will continue to investigate other venues in central Fairfax County for future dances. The Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church space is nice, but too small for our current level of dance attendance. Discussed the upcoming Benefit Dance on April 16, how best to set it up and run it, and that a representative from Fisher House Foundation would attend. Bo Marlin agreed to serve as President if no one else steps up to volunteer, making finding a Vice President critical in case he can't be present at an event. Discussed obtaining a wireless microphone for dance instructors. Treasurer Donna Dennis suggested considering an audit system for Association funds; the Board decided to table the item for now but consider it at future meetings.

June 8, 2011: The new Board met for the first time on June 8. Besides updating administrative items with the new Board members (contact list, bank account signature cards, discussion of duties, etc.), the Board also discussed and approved an "oldies" dance, a patriotic theme for the Independence Day dance (on July 2), and other upcoming special events dances (see special events schedule to the right). Kathy Fanelli, the new Dance Director, led a discussion of how we can best continue to make the dances enjoyable

for all, what music should be played, what dances to teach, and ways to remind people about dance etiquette. It was recommended to keep lessons to half an hour each, rather than having some that extend a full hour. We currently have 182 active members, but many are well past due for renewal.

Special Events Schedule

2011

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| July 2 | Patriotism | Wear red, white & blue |
| Aug. 20 | Ice Cream Social | |
| Sep. 17 | Anniversary Dance | Oldies night |
| Nov. 5 | Halloween Dance | Costume contest |
| Dec. 3 | Toys for Tots | Bring a new unwrapped toy |

2012

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| Dec. 31 | New Year's Eve | |
| Jan. 21 | Chili Cook-off | |
| Feb. 18 | Valentine Dance | Wear red |
| Mar. 17 | St. Patrick's Dance | Wear green |
| Apr. 21 | Benefit Dance | Silent auction |

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