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## President's Report

by Charlie Pierce

This spring is going to be an exciting time for the NVCWDA. We will have our Benefit Dance, hold dances at the Accotink church and at Luther Jackson Middle School, and prepare for the Election and General Membership Dance in May.

The Benefit Dance will be held on April 16 at Luther Jackson Middle School. The beneficiary of the dance will be Fisher House Foundation, which provides temporary housing for families of injured active duty service members while visiting them during initial recovery. Tickets to the dance are \$15 prior to the dance and are already on sale, so get yours early. If you wait until the night of the dance, the cost will be \$20. There will not be any phone or mail orders accepted. We had a great time last year and were able to donate over \$3,000 to Fisher House Foundation. Hopefully we can donate even more this year. Pat Montgomery and Ann Marlin will chair the Silent Auction, so I hope you will find some really nice items that you want to donate to the auction. Bobby will donate a coupon for one of his famous rum cakes and Trisha will donate paintings, so bring lots of money. Remember that the purpose of this auction is to raise money for Fisher House Foundation, so please be generous with your donations and bids.

If variety is the spice of life then the Association is providing that by scheduling the dances in March and April at either AUUC or Luther Jackson. This will provide a chance for those of

**Election Dance  
and General  
Membership Meeting  
May 7th**

**Mark your calendars!**

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

**April 16, 2011 • 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

**Please bring a potluck dish to share.  
Be ready to participate in the Silent Auction.**

Luther Jackson Middle School  
3020 Gallows Rd • Falls Church, VA.

Dance demos by Dale and Anita Strawser  
and The Country Steppers.

Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.  
Purchase tickets at regular NVCWDA dances.  
Make checks payable to NVCWDA.

All 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.

you who really like the floor at the church and those who prefer the space at Luther Jackson to dance at your favorite place. On March 5 we will dance at the church and on March 19 we will hold our St. Patrick's Day dance at Luther Jackson. In April, the dance on the 2nd will be at the church and the Benefit Dance on the 16th will be at Luther Jackson. Please check the website or call the Hotline for details.

The Association is able to host dances and raise money for charities only through the help of you, the members of the Association. If enough of you come to the dances, your entrance fee and donations for snacks and to the Association pay for the rent and the DJ. I enjoy having you at the dances because I like dancing with you

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## Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

Spring sure has taken its time to arrive! But now it's just about here, and we're ready. The dance schedule looks great and we've got chances to dance at both the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church and Luther Jackson Middle School in March and April. Just make sure you check which one we're using for a particular dance before you head out. While we do publish the locations in the newsletter, things can change, so we have the hotline and web site for more up-to-date information. Each location has its advantages and disadvantages. One of the reasons we looked for another place besides Luther Jackson was the heat there in the summer. Now that we have an alternative site, we may want to consider the best way to use both. I'm sure we'll be continuing our discussions and welcome your input. It's always good to have alternate sites, too.

Over the years, the ebb and flow of Country-Western dancing's popularity creates new challenges for groups such as ours. At one point, the Association had

about ten times the membership that it has now. We're trying to maintain the variety and quality of dance activities in spite of the currently smaller membership. Subtract those who are still members but have moved away, and you'll realize we're even smaller than we think, in terms of active members who attend the dances. It's difficult to find Board members and officers with a smaller membership base, so we are asking you to consider what you can do for the club, whether it's volunteering to serve for at least a year in one of these positions, or just helping out with the logistics of running two dances a month. Not everyone is comfortable or has the time or inclination to serve in a Board position, but everyone has something to give. Your dues and dance fees help offset the costs of the dances, but there are some things money just can't buy. The help and enthusiasm you can lend to the group is what will keep it going to the next point when we'll start building our size again. It will happen. In the meantime, there is still plenty of time for all of us to dance. Please think about it.

## Membership Update

by Marty Johnson

As of the writing of this report, we have 167 members. Still not great, but we are holding steady! As always, I would love your help in trying to increase membership. Please talk to me or my wife, Karen, at a dance about your ideas or suggestions or send me an email at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org).

Starting with this issue, we are now sending a copy of the newsletter to every member, regardless of whether they have requested it or not. As your membership expiration date approaches, there will be a reminder notice on your label highlighted in yellow advising you of the upcoming expiration date. Please pay attention to the labels and send in your renewals as soon as possible. Your continued support is appreciated!

On January 23, I sent out a test emergency broadcast email. If you are a member and did not receive the email, it is because I either do not have an email address for you or the one I have is incorrect. Please contact me at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org) with any updates.

As I am sure you know, I will be stepping down as Membership Director at the end of May. No one has as yet expressed any interest in taking on the position. It is a critical position but really does not take a lot of time. Please see the Nominating Committee Update in this issue for more details on the position, and talk to me or Karen at a dance or send me an email at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org) if you have any questions.

## Newsletter Deadline

**10th of April 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)

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## A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

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Unlike last year (when we were forced to cancel two dances due to heavy snow), it appears Mother Nature may have had a change of heart and has spared our dance dates this year (at least to this point). Hopefully that trend will continue. I don't know about you, but I'd much rather have the snow during the week and the better weather on the weekends (especially on our dance weekends).

If you're a regular dance attendee (and we hope you are), you may have noticed that we have a new line dance instructor on the schedule. Karen Johnson has joined the ranks of our volunteer instructors, and we'll be regularly calling on her to bring us some new line dances. Even with the addition of Karen, we can still use a few more volunteer instructors (especially for some couples specialty dances), so if you've always secretly wanted to be a teacher (or at least play one on dance weekends) and pass along some of your favorite dances, now is your chance (and you don't even have to be board certified). You don't have to audition or try out—just see me and we'll work you into the dance instructor schedule. It's that easy. I think you'll find that it's not as scary as you might think and it is very rewarding—just ask Karen.

As our President, Charlie Pierce, has been mentioning for a number of months now, we're still looking for a few new board members for the upcoming "term" which begins in June—one of which will be a Dance Director. After three years as your Dance Director, I've decided to step aside and let someone else take the helm and perhaps bring some "new blood" and perspectives to the position. I think there's one person who has expressed some interest in assuming the position, but I don't think we have a firm commitment yet. So, if you'd like to serve on our board and step up as the new Dance Director, now's your chance for that, too. See

Karen Johnson or any board member if you think you may be interested or have any questions.

Due to some scheduling conflicts at the Accotink Church, we'll be holding some of our future dances at the Luther Jackson Middle School. So...mark your calendars—our Saint Patrick's Day dance on March 19 and our Benefit Dance on April 16 will be held at Luther Jackson. The other dances will be held at our regular venue at the Accotink Church. We'll do our best to keep you informed so you don't inadvertently go to the wrong location—but when in doubt, check our website or hotline to be sure. We appreciate your "business" and don't want you driving all around town trying to find us. Life is frustrating enough without that, too. So, apologies up front for the "back and forth" venues, and we'll see you on the dance floor!

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## Board of Directors Meeting

February 2, 2011

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The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,779.94 as of 12/31/2010.

The Dance instructor schedule for March is complete. The April schedule will be complete shortly. A motion was passed to proceed with booking dances at LJMS on Aug 6 and Dec 17. The Ft. Myer facility is now booked for the 2011 New Year's Eve Dance. A motion was passed to mail one newsletter to each member. The New Membership/Renewal Form will be modified in both the newsletter and the web site to remove the options of receiving a newsletter. We currently have 172 active memberships, 13 of which will expire soon. The 2011 Benefit Dance will be held on April 16 at LJMS to benefit Fisher House Foundation. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 advance/ \$20 at the door. Various dance demos will be scheduled. The next Board meeting will be on April 6, 2011.

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## 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
Mar. 5		Accotink UU Church	Vitale	Vitale	Bosa Nova Line Dance	Marlins	Butterfly Waltz Couples Specialty Dance
Mar. 19	St. Patrick's Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Brown	Johnson	Irish Stew Line Dance	O'Connors	Beginner's Night Club Two Step
Apr. 2		Accotink UU Church	Handy	Carltons	Full Hour - Advanced Beginner Two Step Moves		
Apr. 16	Benefit Dance*	Jackson Middle Sch	Fanelli	Fanelli	Funky Cha Cha Line Dance	Buckles	Smokey Places Couples Specialty Dance

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.

Benefit Dance tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at regular NVCWDA dances. Make checks payable to NVCWDA.

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







# Dance Schedule

## March 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
<b>Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.</b>		1 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	2 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	3	4 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	5 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church
6 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	7	8 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	9 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	10	11 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	12 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
13 Stafford American Legion	14	15 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	16 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	17 <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	18 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	19 <b>NVCWDA</b> Luther Jackson Middle School St. Patrick's Dance
20	21	22 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	23 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	24	25  Baltimore Maryland Gail Smith - Nokesville	26  Baltimore Maryland
27  Baltimore Maryland Stafford American Legion	28	29 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	30 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	31	 <b>MARCH</b>	

## April 2011

Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Fridays - subject to change.  
 Email: rgsmith@wildblue.net for information and to receive updates.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Lessons by Eileen Scott:</b> Monday night line dance classes at Springfield American Legion Post 176, Amherst 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. at the Lane Elementary School on Beulah Street in Franconia, VA. Required registration for Spring Session is being held now thru March 28, with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Spring session begins March 29 for eight weeks. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net.					1 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	2 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church
3 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	4	5 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	6 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	7	8 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	9 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
10 Newsletter Deadline 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 <b>NVCWDA</b> Luther Jackson Middle School Benefit Dance
17	18	19 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	20 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	21	22 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	23
24 Easter Stafford American Legion	25	26 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	27 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	28	29 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	30

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

# Nominating Committee Update

by Karen Johnson

*Yikes!!* Here it is the March-April issue, and we still have no firm commitments for any of the impending Board of Director vacancies. Elections are May 7, and the new Board will be sworn in on June 4. Please take a minute to review the summaries of the available positions and seriously consider volunteering. Some of these Board positions are absolutely essential for the operation of the Association. 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 Association 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 dance.

**Membership Director** – 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 to be attached to the newsletters and emails them to the Communications Director, 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 Director** – 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 are in addition to the regular decorations and refreshments 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 set up all required items 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 which 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. If you would like further information regarding any of the Board positions or have any comments or suggestions, please email me at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org) or speak to me or any of the Board Members at one of the dances. Again, your involvement in any capacity would be greatly appreciated.

## 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 • Tuesdays and Thursdays;

Country Nights. Free lessons. Southern Winds Band will play on

1st Thursdays of the month • \$5 cover on band nights only.

(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 mid-

night • \$12 includes the lesson, dancing, and light refreshments.

Call Mal at (703) 560-4724 or see [www.dancefactory.com](http://www.dancefactory.com)

### 90 Degrees (aka 90 Grados)

8509 Rixlew Lane in Manassas (near the Manassas Mall, right be-

hind Hooters). • Mix of couples & line dancing music. • Wednesday

Nights are Country Nights. • \$2 cover & dance lessons for DJ only

nights. Southern Winds band will play 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in

March. There is a \$5 cover on nights when the band is playing.

### 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](mailto:edcottrell@macp.org) or [gailcrum3@aol.com](mailto:gailcrum3@aol.com)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## March Birthdays

03/08 Matt Goodman  
03/09 Peter Barclay  
03/17 Steve Martin  
03/22 Linda Zerden  
03/25 Sheila Woods  
03/26 Larry Gray  
03/29 Shirley Rayner

## April Birthdays

04/02 Sue Mailet  
04/03 Diane Foster  
04/04 Mike Houchins  
04/05 Charles McGuire  
04/11 Sandra Graves  
04/16 Linda Harrison-Hall  
04/19 Karen Berger

## Welcome New Member!

Tara Dahbi

## Special Events

by Dan Pierce

Here it is March, and winter is almost over. Although this winter did not seem to be as bad as last year, I am ready for spring, as I am sure most of you are. With the advent of spring, the association has several special events coming up in the next few months.

April brings us to our annual benefit dance. Last year we raised over \$3,000 for Fisher House Foundation and this year we hope to do even better. If you are not aware, the Fisher House is a program that helps military families to be with their loved ones during their convalescence and rehabilitation in a military hospital. Please see the article on page 8 of this newsletter. Those of you who have attended past benefit dances know how much fun they are. For those of you who are attending your first one, I know that you will have a great time. This year Ann Marlin and Charlie Pierce are working together to make a western theme quilt to raffle off. If you have seen Ann's quilts before, you know how nice they are. We will also have our silent auction and if you wish to donate an item or items for the auction please let one of the board members know. In addition to all of these activities we are going to have a dance. So we are looking forward to seeing you, and we thank you in advance for your generosity to this worthy cause.

May brings us to our Board of Directors election. I am aware that you know that there will be several positions that will need filling this year as several members will be stepping down. Among the positions that will be open are President, Dance Director, Special Events and Member at Large. I have been a board member for several years and I can say that this is a good way to really get to know your association and that most positions are not really demanding. Also it looks good on a résumé. As Gary used to say, "Remember this is your association and it cannot function without your help and participation." So, keep these coming events in mind and I thank you for your generosity and help. See you on the dance floor!

## 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](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.

**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](mailto: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.

## Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The Country Steppers have eagerly returned from a much needed holiday break from practicing and performing. Because of the holidays, we have few performances scheduled. As performances are booked for the coming year, they will be added to the Association web page ([www.nvcwda.org/team](http://www.nvcwda.org/team)). We are happy to have a new addition to the team, Claire Laurenza, who is an experienced Country Western dancer.

The Country Steppers can always use additional members. If you have a basic knowledge of Two-step, Waltz, Swing and Cha Cha (men, women or couples), please come out and join the team. You are welcome to stop by and watch us practice on Saturday mornings at the Little River United Church of Christ, across from NVCC in Annandale. If interested, contact any member of the Country Steppers, call the NVCWDA Hotline at (703) 860-4941, or email [steppers@nvcwda.com](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.com).

### Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Sat. Mar. 12,** Sunrise of Fair Oaks (w/Bull Run Cloggers), 2 p.m.  
**Sun. Apr. 3,** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Washington, DC, 4-8 p.m.  
**Sat. Apr. 16,** NVCWDA Benefit Dance. Approximately 9 p.m.



**New Members Welcome!**



## President's Report

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and talking to you. You have become my friends and I look forward to seeing you at the dances. Please continue to dance with the Association for fun, health, and friendship.

The DJs have been doing such a good job of providing us with a variety of Country Western music from the oldies to the most recently released. I really appreciate their ability to switch quickly from one song to another without giving us time to get to the snack table for a morsel. They are also able to adjust music quickly to accommodate the needs of the instructor during the lessons.

The instructors have been teaching an interesting mix of dances, old and new, beginner and intermediate, easy and complicated. Karen Johnson joined the list of instructors in February. Thank you for volunteering.

The final group that I want to thank is the Board of Directors because without them there would be no dances. They support me in every way possible. Special thanks go to Bo and Ann and Karen and Marty who have taken on the responsibilities of Director At-Large by bringing drinks, snacks, and paper goods to every dance.

Our Election Dance and General Meeting will take place at the May 7 Dance. Please consider stepping forward to run for President or to volunteer to fill one of the positions on the Board which will be vacated this year. Those positions include Dance Director, Membership Director, Special Events Director, and Director At-Large. All of us will help you become familiar with the responsibilities of the position you decide to fill. Karen Johnson is the contact person for the elections so please contact her as soon as you are ready.

Keep on dancin'

—Charlie



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



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## The Fisher House Program

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The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military members in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time—during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

There is at least one Fisher House at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment. Annually, the Fisher House program serves more than 11,000 families, and have made available nearly three million days of lodging to family members since the program originated in 1990. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. *No family pays to stay at any Fisher House!*

In addition to constructing new houses, Fisher House Foundation continues to support existing Fisher Houses and helps individual military families in need. Fisher House Foundation is also proud to administer and sponsor Scholarships for Military Children, the Hero Miles program, and co-sponsor the Newman's Own Award.

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## Planning Director Report

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by Susan Scott

It was good to see the excellent turnout at the last dance held at Luther Jackson Middle School on February 5. This may be the result of scheduling two dances per month on the first and third Saturday without a fifth Saturday dance.

Through April, we will be alternating dance locations at both Luther Jackson Middle School and Accotink Universalist Unitarian Church. Please refer to our web site, (NVCWDA.org) or your newsletter for upcoming dance locations. Future dances will also be posted on a poster board at each dance.

Please call our hotline at 703-860-4941 if you have suggestions of possible dance locations.

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### Looking for Dance Lessons?

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

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