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## President's Report

by Charlie Pierce

As I write this report, I don't know the specific amount that we will donate to the Fisher House Foundation from the Benefit Dance, but I am sure that all of you have been generous. Thank you so much for your donations because the members of the Armed Forces sincerely appreciate having their families with them during recovery. Also thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a check for \$525 to the Red Cross to aid people in Japan and the Pacific who were affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

On May 7 we will have our Election Dance and General Membership Meeting. The good news is that Bo Marlin has stepped up to be your President next year. Therefore, I am asking one of you to serve as Vice President. The VP fills in for the President when necessary, attends Board Meetings, which were held every other month this year, sends announcements of dances via email to various publications and websites, makes up the Desk Duty Schedule, and makes sure that we are insured to dance at each venue. The information is set up so that you will be able to continue those responsibilities with ease.

More people have been attending our dances and joining the NVCWDA, so your Board has been looking for a place to dance that has the space of Luther Jackson Middle School and the temperature control of AUUC. If you



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have a suggestion, talk to Susan at a dance or give her a call.

I have enjoyed being your President for the past two years because it has given me an opportunity to get to know you better, to actively participate in making the dances fun for you, and to hear your suggestions and concerns. Although it was not always possible to address your suggestions and concerns to your satisfaction, they always opened new possibilities. I enjoyed observing your faces as you danced. Most of you were smiling; some of you were grimacing as you tried to remember the steps, others of you giggled as you realized that you were going the wrong way. Always you have been respectful of other dancers. Thank you for the food that you brought to share with us. Thank

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**Election Dance  
and General  
Membership Meeting  
May 7th  
Installation Dance  
June 4th**

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## Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

I was recently in Memphis on business, and learned a little bit of trivia. Memphis is mentioned in more songs than any other city. While on my flight there, the T. Graham Brown song, "Memphis Women and Fried Chicken" kept going through my head, and I was getting hungry, especially now that they don't feed you anything on the plane. That's one of the staples for West Coast Swing at our dances, played by several DJs including our new Dance Director. I also traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, but I don't recall hearing Johnny Cash and June Carter singing "Jackson" at any of our dances. I sure do like to hear an "oldie but goodie" every once in a while. Yes, the fidelity of the old recordings isn't so great, but they sure can be fun to listen and dance to. I like the DJs we have because they play not just the latest hits but stuff I remember from the line dancing heydays of the 90s and even before that. I'm still waiting to hear a good Ray Price shuffle, though.

Despite mostly positive comments, I do hear some complaints about the music at the dances—too many line dances, for example. In most cases, I think the problem is simply that the DJ may not call both a line dance and a progressive dance at the same time. The truth is, most songs can fit both a line dance and a progressive or slot dance. We, the dancers, often come up with something that matches the song. That's part of the fun and spontaneity of our dances. If a Two-Step isn't called, I still see people getting up and stepping out. It's probably a little harder getting the right line dance started, so that's why the DJs call the line dance, and sometimes don't prompt us on our other options. So don't think that just because the DJ doesn't call a dance that you can't do it. If you observe standard dance etiquette, things will work out fine. I've seen us with a line dance, couples dance, and progressive dance going on

simultaneously on the AUUC dance floor without any problems, though everyone has to give a little space to avoid collisions. I think our group does really well in that respect. Well, here I sound like the Dance Director, don't I?

Speaking of Dance Directors, Bo Marlin has done an excellent job in that capacity and I tip my hat to him. I'm looking forward to Kat Fanelli taking the reins and look forward to many more great dances. Bo will make a great President for the Association. And a big tip of the hat to the other Directors who are stepping down: Dan Pierce as Special Events Director, Marty Johnson as Membership Director (and we all recognize Karen's contribution, too), and Charlie Pierce for being our fearless leader. Susan Scott, Donna Dennis, Luella Montgomery, Pat McMurray, and I will be staying on in our respective positions (unless, of course, someone else wants a chance!), and are looking forward to seeing who will fill the shoes of our departing fellow Board members.

Besides the Board, there are several people who are instrumental in keeping the Association running smoothly. Diane Foster maintains our Hotline, Kerie Hitt maintains our web site (which is one of the best web sites of its kind that I've seen, and always up to date), Lydia Vitale not only sets up and prints the newsletter, but does quite a bit of research on events and details that appear in there, and Gary Campbell is kind of like the Cowboy Godfather watching over us all and keeping us all in good spirits. And there's a whole bunch of other people—past officers, dance instructors and dancers—who all help out and add their special something to the mix. I'm not the most outgoing of personalities—kind of ironic that I'm Communications Director, huh?—so I really hope you will all stop and talk to me at the dances about what you like, don't like, or just to say "Hi."

### Newsletter Deadline

**June 10 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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I think summer has finally arrived! The weather is beginning to turn warmer, the cherry trees in and around the greater Washington DC area have bloomed, we've switched to daylight saving time, and dance attendance is declining. Yes, summertime brings a number of outdoor activities that can interfere with our normal dance attendance. Gardening/yard work, soccer/baseball games, summer vacations, barbecues, and house guests (expected and unexpected) all traditionally conspire to prevent our otherwise dedicated, punctual Association members from getting to the dances on time (if at all). While a quite predictable (and understandable) sign of the summer season, the summer absences and tardiness can be overcome with a bit of effort. So don't let us fall prey to the summer doldrums—please get to the dances on time so we can start the lessons on time.

As our outgoing 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 is the 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'm very happy to announce that Kat Fanelli has graciously volunteered to take on the duties as your new Dance Director, and I couldn't be happier. I know she'll do great and be a tremendous addition to the Board of Directors. So, that's one down and several more to go. If you'd like to serve on our Board (and perhaps as the Vice President), now's your chance. See Karen Johnson or any Board member if you think you may be interested or have any questions.

We're also still looking for some new line dance or couples dance instructors. I'm pleased to announce that we do have two new line dance instructors on the schedule for May and June: Claire Laurenza and Paula Ali. If you missed my dance instruction "melt down" at the dance back in March, it was sight to see—not really. Hopefully I didn't scar anyone for life (aside from myself). Oh well, we were among friends and it just goes to show that you certainly don't have to be perfect to teach at our dances. So, if you're interested in being one of our volunteer instructors, see Kat Fanelli (aka the new Dance Director) and I'm sure she'll be glad to put you on the schedule.

So...this will be my last newsletter article. Is that cheering I hear from the assembled masses? Seriously, it has been my honor and pleasure being your Dance Director and my thanks go out to all the DJs and volunteer instructors who have made the job so much easier over the past three years. Although I'll be stepping down as the Dance Director, I'll potentially be staying on as your new President (subject to your approval) and will probably be teaching some dances now and then—if I can remember them. So for the last time as an article by-line, see you on the dance floor!

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*President's Report*

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you so much for your support and encouragement during these two years.

Thank you to everyone who been so helpful these past two years: The Board members: Bo Marlin, Joyce Leamon, Pat McMurray, Donna Dennis, Marty Johnson, Susan Scott, Dan Pierce, Eric Vondra, Luella Montgomery, and Gary Campbell; adjunct board members: Kerie Hitt and Diane Foster; our DJs and instructors.

Keep on dancin',

—Charlie Pierce

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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
May 7	Election Dance	Accotink UU Church	TBD*	Claire Laurenza	Wade in the Water Line Dance	Linda Bloyer	Advanced Beginner's East Coast Swing
May 21		Accotink UU Church	Vitale	Eileen Scott	Need You Now Line Dance	Bernie & Lydia Vitale	Six Pack Summer Couples Specialty Dance
June 4	Installation Dance	Accotink UU Church	Brown	Paula Ali	Little Mockin' Bird Cha Line Dance	Keith & Linda Buckle	Dizzy Line Dance
June 18		Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	Karen Johnson	Crazy Foot Mambo Line Dance	Bo & Ann Marlin	Wanderer Couples Specialty Dance

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

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

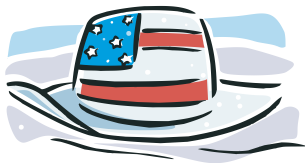
\*Check web site for updates

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




# Dance Schedule

## May 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
1 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	2	3 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	4 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	5	6 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	7 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church Election Dance
8 Mother's Day Stafford American Legion	9	10 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	11 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	12	13 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	14 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
15	16	17 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	18 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	19	20 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita Gail Smith - Nokesville	21 <b>NVCWDA</b> Accotink UU Church
22 Stafford American Legion	23	24 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	25 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	26	27 Gail Smith - Nokesville	28
29	30 	31 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	<b>Lessons by Eileen Scott:</b> 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. at the Lane Elementary School on Beulah Street in Franconia, VA. Required registration with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Summer session will be held at Hayfield Elementary School and begins June 28 for six weeks. Contact Eileen for more information: <a href="mailto:escott5678@verizon.net">escott5678@verizon.net</a> .			

## June 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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# Nominating Committee Update

by Karen Johnson

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Great news! We have two people who have indicated an interest in stepping forward for upcoming Board vacancies. Bo Marlin has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of President, and Kathy (Kat) Fanelli has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Dance Director. Since Bo cannot be both President and Vice President, it means we now need to fill the position of Vice President. There are other vacancies that we desperately need filled. Please take a look at the descriptions below and consider volunteering for something that you find interesting and will utilize your specific talents. Sitting on a Board looks great on a resume, and it will help our Association continue to function. If you are interested in a certain position but feel you can't handle it all yourself, consider being a Co-Director with someone. Several of the positions would work very well with Co-Directors. 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.

**Vice President** - The Vice President fills in for the President when necessary, sends announcements of dances via email to various publications and websites, makes up the Desk Duty Schedule, and makes sure that we are insured to dance at each venue.

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

**Director At-Large** – The Director At-Large is responsible for coordinating refreshments at the regular Association dances. This includes making sure that there are drinks, basic snack items, and the necessary paper products at each dance. The Director can either bring and setup all required items 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.

## Looking for 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. 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](http://www.nvcwda.org/links.html)). Sign up for DC's Community Dance News, the weekly electronic newsletter from Dave Moldover ([dave@danceinfo.com](mailto:dave@danceinfo.com))

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## May Birthdays

05/01 Armand Maillet  
05/06 Linda Cerisano  
05/13 Gary Campbell  
05/15 Sharlet Rodgers  
05/16 Mary Pryor  
05/17 Ann Macpherson  
05/26 Marjorie Hoffman

## June Birthdays

06/01 John Cerisano  
06/02 Larry Hall  
06/07 Tara Dahbi  
06/13 Linda Wallace  
06/14 Bruce Wright  
06/17 Charlie Kennedy  
06/21 Dorothy Garrison  
06/22 Charlotte Pierce  
06/23 Margaret Lowry  
06/30 Daniel Pierce

## Welcome New Members!

Robert Dragone	Jane McDonald
Sharon Cobb Flanagan	John Mills
John Flanagan	Bonnie Penland
Walter Gardiner	Mary Pryor
Julie Gardiner	Devie Shevlin
Mary Ann Hansen	Jeannie Sneed
Steven Holbrook	Anita Zeberlein
Tom McDonald	

## Special Events

by Dan Pierce

I wish to thank all of our members and guests for your generosity at our benefit dance for the Fisher House Foundation. I am sure that our contribution will be put to good use helping families be with their loved ones during their convalescence at a military hospital.

I know that I and other Board members have mentioned this before, but your Association needs your help. We need members to step forward to volunteer for vacated positions on the Board of Directors. There will be several Board members stepping down this year, including myself. Charlie has been on the Board for four years and I have served for three years. We would like to see new Board members, maybe with new ideas and ways of doing things. I know that some of you probably have ideas that we can use and the best way to implement them is to be a Board member. So, please come forward and volunteer. This is your Association and we want and need your help.

Our next special dance is our election and general membership meeting on May 7. This is the dance where we get to vote on the new Board for the coming year. In June we will have the installation of the new Board. We look forward to seeing all of you at these two important dances.

We will see you on the dance floor and, as Scotty would say, "keep smiling and keep on dancing"

## 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.

## Planning Director Report

by Susan Scott

The Board of Directors was very pleased to see the turnout at the Luther Jackson Middle School on 3/19/11. It seems we draw different groups of attendees at each site. Woodbridge, Dale City residents and those to the south find Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church more convenient. Likewise, Luther Jackson Middle School attracts dancers from Fairfax, Arlington, Falls Church and Maryland. I am looking at other venues at this time to meet budget and space criteria for our Association dances. AUUC will be unavailable on June 18, which will mean a return to Luther Jackson on that date. Keep your suggestions for places to hold our dances coming to our hotline number: 703-860-4941. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next dance.

## Country Steppers Update

by Luella Montgomery

The Steppers performed at an annual event held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Washington, DC. The church holds a Country-Western dinner dance fund raiser each year and invites the Country Steppers to perform. This event is always attended by a huge crowd who thoroughly enjoy country dancing and it is one of the Steppers' most fun-filled afternoons. The Steppers were honored to perform their Cha-Cha routine for the Association's Benefit Dance and happy to make an additional donation to Fisher House. A special thanks to Mal and Linda Zerden for time spent helping the Steppers smooth out the Cha-Cha moves. A great time was

had performing, teaching and dancing at the Old Town Hall in Fairfax. This event was part of Fairfax's Spotlight on the Arts program, and everyone participated in open dancing.

The Country Steppers are constantly recruiting members. We are happy to welcome Iris Sobsey back to the team. Also, two other ladies, Claire Laurenza and Susan Atwood, have joined us. All are a welcome asset to the team. If you know and enjoy Country-Western dancing, please feel free to join us. We can be reached at [steppers@nvcwda.org](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.org).

## Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Sat., May 7,** VA Medical Center, Washington, DC, 2 p.m.
- Sun., May 22,** Sunrise-Fair Oaks, Fair Oaks, VA, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (joint show with the Bull Run Cloggers)
- Fri., June 3,** Northern Virginia Training Center, Fairfax, VA, 7 p.m.
- Sat., June 11,** Celebrate Fairfax Fair, Fairfax, VA, 11 a.m.
- Sat., July 9,** Northern Virginia Community College-Manassas Campus, Mary Louise Jackson Amphitheater, Manassas, VA, 7:30 p.m. (Rain make-up date Sun., July 10 at same time.)
- Sat., July 23,** National Harbor, National Plaza Stage, National Harbor, MD, 5:30 p.m.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

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Merrifield, VA 22116-0384

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*Individual Members ONLY*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Check here ☐

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Membership Category

New \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year - \$18.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2 year - \$30.00

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year - \$18.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2 year - \$30.00

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Do you want to have your name and phone number published in the Membership Directory? ..... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Would you be willing to help with some of the activities during the year? ..... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Membership Update

by Marty Johnson

WOW! What a jump!! We went from 167 members when I wrote my article for the March-April issue to a current total of 190 members. Keep in mind that there are several memberships that are technically expired. If I do not receive renewals from them soon, I will need to remove those members from the roster. We have now started sending a copy of the newsletter to every member so that they can keep track of when their membership is expiring. Please look at your label right now and make sure that you are current. If you see yellow highlighting, please complete the renewal application inside the newsletter and mail it in today!

As you may know, I will be stepping down as Membership Director at the end of May, so this is my last report. It is hard to believe that I have been in charge of membership for three years. It has been a great way to get to know the other members and make my contribution to the Association. Unfortunately, no one has yet expressed any interest in taking on the position. It is a critical position and one that does require some computer know how, but it 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 my wife, Karen, at a dance or send me an email at [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org).

### 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 • DJs (normally) both nights and free lessons  
(703) 266-1888 or [www.fasteddies.com](http://www.fasteddies.com) • \$5 cover if there is a band.

#### Dance Factory

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

#### 90 Degrees (aka 90 Grados)

8509 Rixlew Lane in Manassas (near the Manassas Mall, right behind  
Hooters). • Mix of couples & line dancing music. • Wednesday Nights  
are Country Nights. • \$5 cover if there is a band.

#### 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)

#### Bunker Sport Cafe

510-I East Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176 (Rt. 7 - first shopping center  
on right as enter Leesburg from the east) • Tuesdays - \$5 cover if band.  
Lessons at 7:30 p.m. • (703) 443-0777 • [www.bunkersportcafe.com](http://www.bunkersportcafe.com)

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