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## President's Report

by Bo Marlin

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If you haven't noticed, based on the Christmas trees and decorations now on sale at most of the local stores, we're clearly coming up on the holiday season. Doesn't Thanksgiving come before Christmas? Based on my quick assessment, I think most of the stores skipped that holiday and went right to Christmas. Maybe that's why it seems like time is flying by.

For those of you who missed our annual Anniversary Dance back in September, we celebrated the Association's silver anniversary in grand style. Thanks to the generosity and culinary skills of those who attended, we had a great selection of "eats" to enjoy as well as an incredible cake (thanks to Gary Campbell). We also had three charter members join us for the festivities and cut the cake—Dottie Garrison, Bill Garrison, and Joyce Leamon. Charter members are those who were members of the original Association back in 1986 and have remained members in good standing ever since then. Many thanks to Dottie, Bill, and Joyce for joining us and making our 25th anniversary all the more special.

Hopefully everyone also had a safe and enjoyable Halloween, Autumn Harvest, etc., (and got more treats than tricks—hmm, that didn't come out quite right, but you know what I meant). And thanks to all of you who choose to celebrate Halloween with us on the dance floor in early November. Yes, you can dance in a full-blown costume (and we have the photos to prove it). Despite all the ghouls and goblins, witches and warlocks, and who knows what else, it's a good bet that everyone will have a great time—and isn't that what we're really all about?

Since we're officially in the holiday



You are cordially  
invited to join us for



## New Year's Eve 2011

**THE NVCWDA IS HOSTING ITS FUN FILLED DANCE PARTY  
AT JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL - JBM-HH  
(FORMERLY FT. MYER COMMUNITY CENTER) - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31  
FROM 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR**

We will have our traditional buffet available as the festivities get started. We are planning to have appetizers, turkey, barbecue, spiral sliced ham, vegetarian lasagna, vegetables, salad, bread and soft drinks. There will be a spectacular array of desserts.

**Bring your friends, relatives and kids... They can all enjoy the evening.**

Tickets will be available at dances and by mail. If ordering by mail, send check made out to NVCWDA, Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can mail the ticket to you. Also include your contact information (phone or email address) in case we need to reach you. *We must receive your payment—either at a dance or in the mail (postmarked no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>) to give you the advance sales price. We will not accept requests to reserve tickets at the advance sales price.*

**Tickets: \$25.00 per person until December 17**

**\$35.00 per person at the door**

**\$15.00 per child (under 18) with paid adult in advance and at the door**

season, please mark your calendars and plan to join us at our upcoming holiday dances: our Toys for Tots Dance on December 3 at the Accotink UU Church, our annual Christmas Dance on December 17 at Luther Jackson Middle School, and, of course, our traditional New Year's Eve dance on December 31 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (formally Fort Myer). If you've been staying away from our New Year's Eve dances because of the location at JBM-HH (and rumors of extensive searches at the gate), never fear. The JBM-HH gate guards have refined their entry procedures over the years and the disruption is really minimal. So now you know and have no excuse for not joining us in dancing in the new year! As always, see you on the dance floor!

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## Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

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There have been quite a few new faces at recent dances. That's a very nice trend and I hope it continues. You'll see from the Board meeting summary that the Board has decided to hold most of the dances at Luther Jackson Middle School. After much debate, we think that it should be less confusing for everyone and provides us with the room we need to dance line dances, couples dances, and progressive dances all at the same time. In addition, there is a whole lot more room for tables and seating than there is at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. We need to keep the church as a backup, and it has been good for bringing in some new people from further west, but it's just a little too small for us now, and if we are able to bring in more people to the dances, it just won't work. We do need to continue to look for other places to dance because you never know how things will change, so please keep your eyes open for opportunities.

The other item that the Board voted on that particularly affects my work as Communications Director is changing the frequency of newsletters from every other month to once a quarter. It does cost the Association to print and mail these, and it also requires a lot of volunteer time from Board members and others, including everyone gathering their information, writing their articles, maintaining membership lists and creating mailing labels, to name a few things. Having a web site, email list, and phone hotline really gives us the best and quickest means to communicate with members. There has even been talk of creating a Facebook page. I also send out web and print media announcements about the dances, which Bo had been doing when he was Dance Director/Vice President. In fact, I goofed on the date of the Halloween dance, so I was relieved that no one showed up in costume on October 15! So we have plenty of ways of communicating with members and the public (potential members!). Besides the somewhat anachronistic qualities of a printed newsletter, there is also the problem of information being needed well ahead of the event dates, and the chance that things will change by the time the

events come about.

One thing that everyone should be thinking about is how to continue to keep the Association members coming back, renewing their memberships, and how to bring in new people. We don't have the advantage of the level of Country dance popularity that existed in the 1990s, but a look at some of the web sites on the Internet shows that there is still a huge number of people who enjoy Country Western dancing. We are also in the middle of a very large metro area, so a membership of under 200 is actually quite small. The fact is that about a third of all the members attend any given dance. That's pretty impressive, since many clubs have a lot of inactive members who simply want to stay in touch with like-minded individuals and aren't active in events. That tells me we're doing something right. Yet how do we draw in new people, and especially younger people? While it's important to advertise and spread the word through the various media available, I really think what will keep the Association vibrant and growing is the quality of the dances. That includes the DJs, the instructors, the music, and especially the attitude of the attendees. We have a very friendly bunch every dance night and that really helps. Newcomers will hopefully go home at the end of the night feeling like they made some new friends, learned something new, and had some fun. When that happens they will come back, and they'll probably tell their friends—maybe bring them along next time. So I really think it's what happens at the dances that really determines how much we grow.



### Toys for Tots Dance 12/3

Please remember to bring new, unwrapped gifts.

### Newsletter Deadline

**December 10 for articles, reports, ads and news items**

Email 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)

## Special Events

by Patty Orndorff

It's time again for our holiday season, kicking it off with the Halloween party on November 5. Rick will do his usual magic, and we hope lots of people will show up in costume making for a very festive evening. Some people have so much imagination, it's always fun and we all get plenty of laughs seeing who shows up and what they're dressed up as. We've had some pretty imaginative costumes recently and I hope that trend continues.

Please put Toys for Tots on your shopping list for Christmas and bring a new, unwrapped gift to our dance on December 3. We want to have a nice showing for the kids and for the Marines. Ladies, remember the Marines? Yes, we plan on having a "few good men" back again this year.

New Year's Eve is right around the corner and I will be asking for assistance with everything. This is an event that takes a little help from a lot of people to make it a success, so please give some thought as to what you would like to do or bring and let me know.

It will be held once again at Ft. Myer (now Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall), which has a large wooden dance floor that is just plain wonderful. Despite its roominess, it has a cozy atmosphere and it's a great place to share this special occasion with friends. Tickets will be \$25 if purchased by December 17 and \$35 at the door, which is the same bargain price as last year. The tickets will go on sale starting at the Halloween Dance on November 5. Please purchase your tickets early so we can get an accurate idea of how many people to plan for.

Any ideas for special dances in the upcoming year? Let me know or talk to any of the Board members. We are always open to suggestions on ways to make your dancing experience even better.

## Membership Update

by Karen Johnson

Email: [membership@nvcwda.org](mailto:membership@nvcwda.org)

Well, the membership number in the database is 190, but 27 of those memberships have actually expired. Yikes! That means if I remove them like I am supposed to, the true membership number would only be 163. I sent out reminder letters to those 27 members a week or so ago. If you received a letter, please consider renewing today. We need your support!

Actually, 163 is not really as bad as it sounds when you consider that the up-to-date membership figure this time last year was 162. We haven't made much progress in increasing membership, but we have had a lot of new attendees this year at the dances. My goal for 2012 as Membership Director is to help us do both this year—increase attendance at the dances and also increase membership. But the other Board members and I need your help. Please keep your membership current and try to encourage a friend or relative to come see what we are all about.

Thank you to everyone who joined and renewed this year. Have a wonderful Holiday Season, and I hope to see you all at what I am sure will be another wonderful New Year's Eve Dance!



## 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. • (NYE Dance starts 8:30 p.m. - no lessons)

Date	Event	Location	DJ	Lesson at 7:30		Lesson at 8:00	
				Instructor(s)	Dance	Instructor(s)	Dance
Nov. 5	Halloween Dance	Accotink UU Church	Brown	Eileen Scott	Honey Bee Line Dance	Kat Fanelli & Marshall Glasser	Sidekick Couples Specialty Dance
Nov. 19		Jackson Middle Sch	Fanelli	Keith & Linda Buckle	Foot Boogie Line Dance	TBD	TBD
Dec. 3	Toys for Tots Dance	Accotink UU Church	Fanelli	Eileen Scott	Baby Doll Waltz Line Dance	Bo & Ann Marlin	The Shadow Couples Specialty Dance
Dec. 17	Christmas Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	TBD	5, 6, 7, 8 Line Dance	Keith & Linda Buckle	Chiquita Couples Specialty Dance
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Dance*	JBM-HH (Formerly named Ft. Myer CC)	Fanelli	No Dance Instructions Scheduled for New Year's Eve Dance			

Admission: Members: \$10 / Non-members: \$12 • Children under 18, with paying adult: \$5. PSDC Members: \$10. \*Special rates/schedule apply for NYE Dance.

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

### Line Dances taught recently at NVCWDA dances:

Down & Dirty (10/15/11) Crazy Foot Mambo (6/18/11)  
 Fallsview Rock (10/1/11) Little Mockin' Bird Cha (6/4/11)  
 Hooked on Country (9/17/11) Dizzy (6/4/11)  
 Matador (9/17/11) Need You Now (5/21/11)  
 True Blue (9/3/11) Wade in the Water (5/7/11)  
 Knee Deep (8/20/11) Funky Cha Cha (4/16/11)  
 The Gilley (8/6/11) Irish Stew (3/19/11)  
 I'm Alive (7/16/11) Bosa Nova (3/5/11)  
 Long Long Way (7/2/11)

### Couples Dances taught recently at NVCWDA dances:

Wooden Nickel (10/1/11) Six Pack Summer (5/21/11)  
 Cotton-Eyed Joe (9/17/11) Smokey Places (4/16/11)  
 Schottische (9/17/11) Butterfly Waltz (3/5/11)  
 The Sway (9/3/11)  
 McGraw Stroll (8/20/11)  
 The Shadow (8/6/11 and 1/15/11)  
 Tango with the Sheriff (7/16/11)  
 Santa Fe Stroll (7/2/11)  
 Wanderer (6/18/11)

# Dance Schedule

## November 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	5 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
6 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	7	8 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	9 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	10 Gail Smith Nokesville	11	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 Gail Smith Nokesville	18 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	19 NVCWDA Luther Jackson Middle School
20	21	22 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	23 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Stafford American Legion	28	29 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	30 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	The Corral at Fast Eddies in Centreville - Tues, Thurs. & Sat. with lessons at 7:30 & a DJ each night. No cover charge on weeknights. Saturday night is Ladies Night, so no cover charge for gals, but guys have to pay \$5. 14114 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120. For information: (703) 266-1888 or www.fasteddies.com		

## December 2011



Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Thursdays but it is subject to change. Email: letsgogigi@gmail.com 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 7:45-9:15 p.m. each Monday except holidays. Classes are on break from Dec 12 - Jan 9. Monday night classes will resume on Monday, Jan 09, 2012. Fairfax County classes are held Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and require registration with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Classes for the Winter session are being held at Lane Elementary School starting Jan 10 and will continue for eight weeks. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net.				1 Gail Smith Nokesville	2 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	3 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church Toys for Tots Dance
4 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	5	6 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	7 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	8 Gail Smith Nokesville	9 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	10 Newsletter Deadline Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
11 Stafford American Legion	12	13 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	14 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	15 Gail Smith Nokesville	16 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	17 NVCWDA Luther Jackson Middle School Christmas Dance
18	19	20 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	21 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	22 Gail Smith Nokesville	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27 Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail	28 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	29 Gail Smith Nokesville	30	31 NVCWDA JBM-HH (formerly Ft. Myer CC) New Year's Eve Dance

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. - Bernie & Lydia Vitale  
Fridays - (Beginners Class) 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Lydia Vitale  
[dancenl@comcast.net](mailto:dancenl@comcast.net) or call 703-430-2398



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## Board Meeting Summary

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The NVCWDA Board met for its bi-monthly meeting on October 12. There were several significant items voted on. Most important, we have voted to designate Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church as our primary venue and will be booking dances there for 2012 on the dates it is available. We will keep the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke as a backup. The Board has been receiving comments and feedback from members for many months now and decided that although the church has a nice wooden dance floor, is more convenient for some members, and does draw some new dancers, it is just too small for comfortable dancing. Perhaps as important, it has a very crowded sitting area which makes socializing very difficult. With the air conditioning issue at LJMS apparently solved, that location has the advantage in size and central location for many members, and is therefore more conducive to having good dances. While it is more expensive to rent, we hope that designating it as our regular venue will eliminate the confusion about which place to go for each dance as well as make it easier for us to handle larger turnouts. While our balance of funds has continued to decline year over year, we still have a good sized cushion and decided that, unless it later becomes necessary, we will retain the current fee schedule for dances in the coming year.

The Board also voted to reduce the number of Association newsletters produced each year to one per quarter from one every other month, starting in January. With the increased use of Internet and email, the last minute changes that sometimes have to be made in DJ and instructor schedules, and the time and cost involved, it makes sense to scale back our printed material.

The Board also discussed the New Year's Eve Dance, which will be held again at Ft. Myer (now Joint Base Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall). The price will be the same as last year- \$25 by Dec. 17 and \$35 at the door, per person. Karen Johnson will be producing the tickets again, which will go on sale at the Nov. 5 dance.

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## Planning Director's Report

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by Susan Scott

As I look at our financial picture moving into 2012, I envision less revenue to work with while exploring dance venues which meet our requirements. I have tentatively booked dances at Luther Jackson Middle School (LJMS) for the beginning of next year and will be firming these up now that the Board voted to make LJMS our primary venue with the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church AUUC as backup (please see the Board minutes summary).

I follow up on all suggestions given to me. One of the roadblocks to finding another venue is the higher cost for renting a space than our budget allows. Also, many facilities are looking for catered meals as part of the package to rent the facility, which we don't need. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church really loved our dance organization, but declined to have us back when I called recently because they stated they could not afford to professionally clean the anticipated

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## Dance Director's Report

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by Kathy Fanelli

Wow! Is it just me or did summer just fly by? Now we are already into fall with the holiday season right around the corner.

I have been able to attend a lot more of the dances since taking over as Dance Director. I find them to be a whole lot of fun! Please feel free to talk to me, give me suggestions, ideas, and feedback. I want to put your ideas into use rather than just mine. We have a lot of new people coming to our dances and one of my goals is to turn these new people into new members. So that means getting them off to a good start with a good selection of the basics in our dance lessons. If you have learned or seen a great new dance or two out there in the Country dance world, please let me know. Or better yet, why not volunteer to teach one to the rest of the Association!

Please remember to use good dance floor etiquette at all times. We will continue to have that information sheet that I hope you have checked out at the front table at all of our dances. It's good to review it periodically. Also check our web site ([www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org)) for changes, and always check the location of each upcoming dance. Even with Luther Jackson Middle School as our primary dance location, we still will be using the Accotink Church as a backup when that isn't available.

With the cold weather and...snow (shhhh!) coming into the picture, I should remind you that our cancellation policy follows that of the Fairfax County Public Schools, even when our dance is at the Accotink UU Church. If they cancel evening activities, our dance is also cancelled. You can check local media and if we get the word early enough, we'll have the cancellation posted on our web site and also included in our hotline message (703-860-4941). See the FAQs page on our web site for details and a link to the Fairfax County Public Schools emergency announcement web site.

scuff marks from the floor if we were to dance there again. Reston Community Center was considered; but there is an issue with charging an admission fee there.

I am thinking that Fairfax may be a more central dance location overall for the Northern Virginia area. If you have any contacts or know of any church or other large space willing to rent on Saturday nights—at least 3,000 square feet of dancing area—please call our hotline at 703-860-4941. For the remainder of the year, two dances are scheduled at Luther Jackson Middle School (November 19 and December 17). Our New Year's Eve dance is at Fort Myer as in the past, but it has been renamed Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH), so don't get confused. The Halloween Dance on November 5 will be held at AUUC. Dances for 2012 will be scheduled for LJMS when available with AUUC as a backup. Please refer to "How Do I Get There" in this issue or our Web site for directions to these locations.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## November Birthdays

11/01 Lynne Inman  
11/01 Mona Newman  
11/05 Angela Hollingsworth  
11/05 Pat Shrader  
11/10 Peter Andrews  
11/26 Charles Drummond  
11/29 Mal Zerden  
11/30 Bill Cole  
11/30 Fred Crowson  
11/30 Patricia Sandefur

## December Birthdays

12/01 David Bailey  
12/03 Linda-B Woodworth  
12/04 Francie Andrews  
12/25 Delbert Ashby  
12/25 Chris Ross  
12/25 Steven Swart  
12/27 Richard Humbert  
12/31 Don Barger



## Welcome New Members!

Joan Deem  
Karin Herndon  
Wayne Herndon  
Tracy Todd

## 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/parktakes.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.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))

## 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.

**Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) (Formerly Fort Myer Community Center)**, 228 McNair Rd, Bldg 405, Ft. Myer, VA. From I-395: Take exit 8A/Washington Blvd-Ft Myer. From Washington Blvd, take Ft Myer exit, which leads through a gate to Ft Myer. Stop for vehicle inspection. Turn right when exiting vehicle inspection. Turn left at next stop sign. Go past the NCO club and bowling alley. Parking is on the right.

**Luther Jackson Middle School**, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA. From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 50A-B to US-50 W/ Arlington Blvd toward Fairfax. Merge onto Gallows Rd/VA-650 N. Turn left on Gatehouse Rd then right into school. Park in back lot near buses/tennis courts.

**Nokesville Firehall**, Rt. 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marstellar. Firehall on left. For info email: [letszogigi@gmail.com](mailto:letszogigi@gmail.com)

**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.

## Vice President's Report

by Bobby Orndorff

I sure hope everyone has been enjoying the dances as much as I have. The music by the DJs has been great and the dance instructors have taught all sorts of new and old dances and steps. It has been nice seeing new faces and I was going to say a lot of old faces, but let me change that to a lot of members that have been in the Association for let's say several years.

If you are a new dancer or need a refresher course please take a look at Fairfax County's Parktakes. Many of our instructors teach in this forum and several teach additional classes elsewhere. Many of these events are listed here in the newsletter and there are also links available on our Association web site.

Just a quick reminder that when Standard Time returns and it gets dark earlier, please keep your eyes open for the little ones and people running and walking home.

I also want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hope to see everyone at the fantastic New Year's Eve Dance.

So as always I will see you on the dance floor. Keep on boot scootin'!

## Country Steppers Report

by Richard Chiu

Email: [steppers@nvcwda.org](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.org)

Under the new co-directorship of Joe Galletta and Teri Henry, the Country Steppers are looking forward to another busy

year. We performed at the Association's 25th Anniversary Dance. It was especially memorable because of the old time favorites theme. We have held this event for many years and it always serves to renew old ties with so many wonderful friends.

Other performances included Ingleside Retirement Center, where Mat Goodman's mom resides. We always enjoy performing there to renew our friendship and fellowship...and the refreshments are delightful. We performed at Paul Spring Retirement Community and Festival on the Square in Reston, and have Sunrise Assisted Living and Children's Hospital on the upcoming schedule. Entertaining children has always been a joyful time for us and will be a highlight of the year.

We continue to expand in membership and in programming. We are currently holding Wednesday and Saturday practice sessions, Sunday boot camp and coaching sessions as needed.

The Country Steppers are always looking for new members with a basic knowledge of Two-step, Waltz, Swing, and Cha Cha; singles or couples. Anyone wishing to join the team should contact a member of the Country Steppers, call the NVCWDA Hotline (703) 860-4941, or email [steppers@nvcwda.com](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.com).

### Upcoming Stepper Performances

- Sat., Nov. 5** Children's Hospital, Washington, DC, 1:30 p.m.  
**Sat., Nov. 12** Sunrise-Fair Oaks, Fair Oaks, VA, 2 p.m. (joint show with the Bull Run Cloggers).  
**Sat., Dec. 3** Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC, 1:30 p.m.  
**Sun., Dec. 11** National Christmas Tree Music Program, The Ellipse, Washington, DC, 2-2:30 p.m.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## NVCWDA 25th Anniversary

by Kerie Hitt

NVCWDA has been holding dances for 25 years! That's quite an achievement, and we had a well-deserved celebration at the anniversary dance on September 17. I've been a member since 1992, if I remember correctly—a relative newcomer. Our membership soared to about 1,400 at its peak in the 1990s. Over the years, I've seen DJs, instructors, and dance fads come and go. I've followed NVCWDA to various dance venues around Fairfax County. I've even watched romances spring up between couples on the dance floor. (Some have lasted, and some have not.) One thing hasn't changed. We have amazing and talented members who make NVCWDA events fun and comfortable places to dance. Although our membership ranks are smaller now, what we lack in numbers we make up in enthusiasm. Congratulations to everyone on our silver anniversary and best wishes for another 25 years of dancing.



Photos by Kerie Hitt

*Bottom Left: The Steppers perform at the anniversary dance. Above: Charter members (L to R) Joyce Leamon and Dottie and Bill Garrison cut the anniversary cake held by Pat McMurray. Below: People who are former members of the Steppers (L to R) Bill and Dottie Garrison, Pat McMurray, BJ Brown, and Ann and Bo Marlin.*



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