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President's Report

by Eileen Scott

Happy New Year everyone! Looking forward to a new year of dancing.

Our Fisher House Benefit Dance will be held in April. We have received some great ideas for a fundraiser and welcome any other ideas you want to share with us.

I hope some of you have been thinking about serving as an officer this coming year as elections are just around the corner. We do need a nominating committee if someone would like to volunteer to do this.

Invite your friends to try dancing. In an article titled 'Let's Dance' in the Weight Watchers latest magazine you can burn 200 to 600 calories per hour depending on the type of dancing you do. In addition, it can improve your social life, protect your brain, improve your posture, leave you more limber, and is available across the country.

See ya on the dance floor!

Elections Coming Up!

We need you! Let a Board Member know if you are willing to help with nominations! Please also consider running for a position on the board.

Halloween Dance



Thank you to those who dressed up for the Halloween Dance!
Prize winners were Wendy, Mike, Rana and Bea.

Toys for Tots Contributions



Toys for Tots 2016

A huge thank you to all who brought in toys and made monetary donations at the Toys for Tots Dance. It was a great success!

The toys and donations were delivered to the Kincora Fire Station & Rescue Company in Sterling, Virginia. Their enthusiasm and assistance with unloading the many items was very appreciated.

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Line Dance Demo Team: Convention Center 2017

by Rick Humbert

Seven people from the NVCWDA Line Dance Demonstration Team braved the bitter cold weather to dance at the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo at the Washington Convention Center on January 8, 2017.

The performance began a few minutes before the scheduled 1:00 p.m. start. The team performed Ghost Train (Zorba's Dance) first, followed by Move, Cruisin' and Mamita. Kat then invited the audience to join the team on the floor. Several people, including a few children involved in the next performance, their parents, and even the NBC Peacock mascot came out. A couple of other NVCWDA members joined in as well. Kat taught Charleston Cowboy, Fun for All, and Rock This Party, and everyone danced. The team closed its performance by doing Reggae Cowboy and Kokomo.

This was the first time I performed with the team (in spite of a sore left knee that I suffered in a fall earlier in the week), and I hope I'll be able to perform with the group again in the future. A great time was had by all.

In 2016, the Line Dance team debuted at Celebrate Fairfax in June, with performances at the 4H Fair in August, The Hermitage in September, and Fall for Fairfax in October. We have a rotating cast of characters depending on who is available on a particular date.

Photos and videos of the performances are available via NVCWDA's Facebook page and the [dance team web page](#).



Lessons taught at NVCWDA Dances

Step sheets for most of the dances that have been taught are available on our [website](#), under the "DANCE INFO" tab.

Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer



Now that about six months have passed since I became your Dance Director, I've seen a few changes in the dances, while other things remain unchanged.

We've had lessons for a number of new line dances, plus a few that had been taught before. There have been more reviews at subsequent dances than had been done before. I don't know that things have caught on much better, so I have some tweaks in mind that may help that. The DJs have been cooperative in playing the music for those dances.

We had a lesson by first-time instructors when Beth & Steve taught "Mamita" in August. Bobby & Patty Orndorff taught "Progressive" in July. I would still like more of the members to give teaching a try. I am always willing to offer support or an ear for practice in advance.

In the fall we had two guest instructors teach line dances: Renae Kapinus, who teaches at Nick's, and Sandy Bush, who previously taught at Nick's and still dances there. Bill Markland returned to teach swing dance moves at the Anniversary Dance in September. Hopefully, we can also enjoy some other instructors as we go along.

The DJs who also teach have been very helpful in teaching most any time they are serving as DJ. I am grateful for their willingness to do that.

Since we've moved back to Lincolnia it seems as though attendance has picked up. Bill Wong would have to say for sure, but we had to have extra tables set up a couple of times. That's certainly an indication that we had more dancers than we were expecting. Some of the additional folks are new to us, a few are returning. While that's good,

I would like to see more couples and more leaders (read that as "men willing to dance with some of our single ladies"). One of the objectives I had in the beginning was to improve couples' dancing, especially regarding lead-and-follow dances. Unfortunately, that has not happened very much. Part of the reason for not doing more lead-and-follow dance lessons has been an attempt to get the couples' team members to know a common set of pattern dances so that the team can do some performances. I hope that we can get back to learning some 2 Step, Swing, Cha Cha, and a few more of those dances. I know some of the couples who do those dances would appreciate learning some new material. There's a different dynamic in lead-and-follow, and a little more uncertainty, but it offers more in the way of variation than just learning new pattern dance does.

The line dance team is doing fine with Kathy's direction and has performed a number of times. The couples' team has been a little slower getting started than I originally thought it would. We expect to get going with some dates before too long. We can't rehearse together except at the dances, so that has limited us somewhat. I've chosen a set of dances, and the music list is about complete, so we'll do some practice together at the next few dances, and I will be making an announcement about a performance in the near future (I hope). It's not too late to join us! We still need some leaders, as there are some ladies who currently do not have a partner with whom to perform.

If you're willing to teach or want to become part of the couples' team, you can talk to me at a dance or email me at dancedirector@nvcwda.org. If you have feedback or suggestions regarding dances to teach or recently taught, the same applies. I would like to hear from you.

Upcoming Special Dances



Valentine's Dance 2/18



St. Patrick's Day Dance 3/18

Fisher House Benefit Dance 4/1

Watch for details on NVCWDA website.

Please Stay in Touch!

Through our website:

www.nvcwda.org

Through email:

info@nvcwda.org

Through Facebook: Search Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association (NVCWDA) or scan the code on page 8.

Through our hotline:

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New Year's Eve Dance 2016



In Memoriam: Nolan Ray Adams

by Kerie Hitt

George Morse notified us that former NVCWDA member Nolan Ray Adams, 74, of Roanoke, passed away on December 8, 2016. Nolan was born in Crumpler, WV. He served in the United States Air Force for four years as an Air Traffic Controller during the Vietnam Era. He then worked as an Air Traffic Controller for the FAA for 17 years at Reagan National Airport. He retired from Intelsat Satellite Communications in 2001. Nolan first joined NVCWDA in 1992. In addition to NVCWDA, Nolan was a member of Huntington Court Methodist Church, National Association of Rhythm and Blues Dee Jays, and American Legion. Nolan is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Nancy L. Adams. The memorial service was held on December 17 at Oakey's in Roanoke.



October 29th Board Meeting Summary

by Nancy Vogelmann

Treasurer Bill Wong presented a transaction report for the current fiscal year starting on June 1, 2016. Our balance is currently \$8,326.29. He also reported that, as of this date, October 29th, our last three dances had been a profit. Bill has also paid our Commercial Liability Insurance, \$536.94. (Great job, Bill, for taking care of these most critical concerns.)

Future Workshops: The President suggested workshops be held on 5th Saturday of the months, potentially four times per year, for volunteers to teach 7-9:30 pm (with break) at LSC. There would be no need for DJs and other expenses except for hall rental (\$10). This will be discussed at the January 21st meeting. Stay tuned.

Performance Groups: To meet NVCWDA's "community outreach" requirement, our current line dance performance group is scheduled to perform in January. More dancers are needed for the couples group. Partner pattern dances will be simple, nothing more difficult than the Schottische, Cotton-Eyed Joe, etc. T-shirts with pants or skirts were discussed. Those interested should contact Linda Bloyer.

Planning Director Bruce has booked Lincolnia Senior Center, our most profitable location, through August 2017. It has been renovated with a good floor surface and décor.

Plans were made for the Halloween, Toys 4 Tots and New Year's Eve dances. Benefit Dance: Issues of space limitations preventing the silent auction, bringing in a band, 50-50 raffle, or any new ideas will be reviewed at the January 21st meeting. We are seeking ideas from our members to make this a great evening to help Fisher House.

NVCWDA Inclement Weather Policy

Dances are cancelled whenever Saturday activities in the Fairfax County Public Schools are cancelled. The news media will announce any school closing. If we find out early enough, we will put the information on our website and hotline. You can also check for emergency announcements on the Fairfax County Public Schools website at: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.shtml>

Planning Director's Report

by Bruce Wright

We will be holding most of our dances this year at Lincolnia Senior Center. During some Federal holidays we are not able to use Lincolnia. On January 21 (Inauguration holiday) we will dance at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) in Burke. On February 18 (President's Day holiday) we'll also be dancing at AUUC. As always, check the Association home page for details about dance start time, location, lessons, and DJ.



Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

In addition to many toys, the Marine Toys For Tots dance collected \$370.

The NYE dance at Accotink United Universalist Church was successful, netting a profit of \$240.

Commercial General Liability insurance has paid thru December 17, 2017. Our PO Box has been paid for another year.

The association started the fiscal year with \$9,017.67 on May 31, 2016 and currently has a balance of \$8,934.73 as of January 16, 2017.

Below is the quarterly report:

Category	Nov 2015	Feb 2016	May 2016	FYE 5/31/16	Aug 2016	Nov 2016
INCOME						
Admissions	2,711.00	3,371.00	2,512.00	10,741.00	1,585.00	3,105.00
Donations Payable to Others	0.00	150.00	3,417.50	3,567.50	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	422.00	147.00	775.00	2,014.00	93.00	116.00
Interest Inc	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.87	.18	.18
Membership Dues	558.00	486.00	432.00	1,962.00	198.00	522.00
Special Sales	0.00	0.00	38.62	38.62	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,691.21	4,154.22	7,175.33	18,323.99	1,876.18	3,743.18
EXPENSES						
Bank charge	0.00	0.00	18.30	18.30	0.00	0.00
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Donations to Others	150.00	158.00	5,096.00	5,704.00	0.00	0.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	55.00	762.00	0.00	817.00	0.00	55.00
Insurance	0.00	536.94	0.00	536.94	0.00	536.94
Phone	162.98	166.00	162.22	640.48	164.77	159.96
Space Rental	250.00	1,660.00	675.00	4,866.00	1,365.00	350.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	38.62	38.62	0.00	37.52
Website	0.00	140.38	0.00	140.38	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,417.98	5,323.32	7,790.14	19,761.72	3,029.77	2,939.42
OVERALL TOTAL	1,273.23	1,169.10	-614.81	-1,437.73	1,153.59	803.76



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

1/04 Ruth Swart
1/05 Dave Shrader
1/16 Susan Scott
1/16 Ann West
1/19 Ann Marlin
1/21 Patricia Kelley
1/27 William Wong
1/30 Pat McNees

February Birthdays

2/12 Winico Martinez
2/14 Rosa Marino
2/16 Beth Di Silvio
2/18 Robert Smith
2/22 Beverly Card
2/27 Bill Markland

March Birthdays

3/17 Steve Martin
3/22 Linda Zerden
3/29 Shirley Rayner



Welcome New Members

Lorelei O'Connor
Robert Gulczweski
CJ Wallington
Christine Bregar
James Bregar

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[How Do I Get There?](#)

Newsletter Deadline

March 11 for articles, reports, ads and news items

Email to: communications@nvcwda.org

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

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

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

Phone: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Email _____

Membership Category

New _____ Renewal _____

_____ 1 year . . . \$18.00

_____ 2 years . . \$36.00

Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash ☐ Check # _____

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Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Would you be willing to help with some of our activities during the year? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like your birthday listed in our newsletter on your birthday month? Yes _____ No _____

Today's date _____