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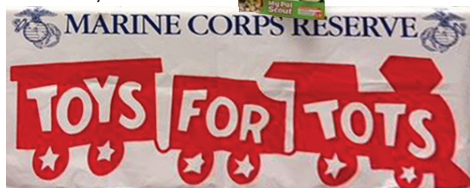
NEW YEAR'S EVE 2017



President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Just sitting here thinking about the past year. First, it flew by, and second the Association keeps on rolling. We have had some very successful dances; coming to mind is the Fisher House and our Toys for Tots. I want to thank Eileen for taking all the toys to the American



Legion. We loaded her car top to bottom. There were a lot of happy children this Christmas. The generosity of our members is unbelievable.

We had a couple of big dances in December. On Dec. 16 we had our Christmas Dance and it was as always a big hit, with lots of fun, food and great music. Then there was the New Year's Eve Dance. Again this year we were at the AUUC Church in Burke. What a great way to start a new year with great food, good music, friends and dancing. I want to take the time to thank all the instructors for their hard work in keeping the Association up on all the new dances,

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Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

In addition to many toys, the Marine Corp Toys for Tots dance collected \$425.

The NYE dance at Accotink United Universalist Church was successful. Forty attended netting a profit of around \$400.

Commercial General Liability insurance has been paid thru December 17, 2018. Our 2018 National Fastdance

association fees have been paid and our 2018 ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC fees were paid though them. Our PO Box has been paid for another year.

The association contributed \$1,000 to Lincolnia Senior Center to thank them for their facility.

The association started the fiscal year with \$9,579.54 on May 31, 2017 and currently has a balance of \$12,485.47 as of January 5, 2018.

Below is the quarterly report:

Category	Aug 2016	Nov 2016	Feb 2017	May 2017	Fiscal Yr. Ending 5/31/17	Aug 2017	Nov 2017
INCOME							
Admissions	1,585.00	3,105.00	3,436.00	3,553.00	11,679.00	2,789.00	2,986.00
Donations Payable to Others	0.00	0.00	370.00	2,015.00	2,385.00	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	93.00	116.00	128.00	809.25	1,146.25	426.00	604.50
Interest Inc	.18	.18	0.20	0.23	0.79	0.23	0.27
Membership Dues	198.00	522.00	324.00	522.00	1,566.00	540.00	504.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,876.18	3,743.18	4,258.20	6,899.48	16,777.04	3,755.23	4,094.77
EXPENSES							
DJ (1099 payee)	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Donations to Others	0.00	0.00	370.00	3,427.00	3,797.00	0.00	0.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	0.00	55.00	778.00	-328.80	504.20	25.00	30.00
Insurance	0.00	536.94	0.00	0.00	536.94	0.00	500.00
Phone	164.77	159.96	160.59	40.31	525.63	0.00	0.00
Space Rental	1,365.00	350.00	300.00	1,000.00	3,015.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	375.2	291.21	356.49	685.22	122.03	94.34
Website	0.00	0.00	151.18	0.00	151.18	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,029.77	2,939.42	3,950.98	6,295.00	16,215.17	1,947.03	2,424.34
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,153.59	803.76	307.22	604.48	561.87	1,808.20	1,670.43

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both couples and line. The DJs work hard to play music that keeps everyone up on the floor and are doing a great job. I can tell you it is not as easy as it looks, trying to make everybody happy.

The last group I want to thank is you the members. As I have always said, if you didn't come it would be really boring at the dances. Oops, I want to thank the board for all their hard work in putting on the dances and keeping the Association running. If you have a chance, thank a board member for the work they do.

Rambled on long enough, look forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor. Oh yea, if I happen to cut you off or bump into you, I'm sorry, it wasn't on purpose.

One more thing, I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Lessons Taught Recently at NVCWDA Dances

Step sheets for most of the dances listed below are available on our [website](http://www.nvcwda.org), under the "DANCE INFO" tab.

11:59 LD
Dirty Boots LD
Two Step Moves (Couples)
Toes LD
Drunk Lovers (Couples)
Gypsy Queen LD
The Wanderer (Couples)
San Antonio Stroll LD
Stone in My Pocket LD
Something Fine (Couples)

Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer

2017 turned out to be a busy year for the Dance Director. 2018 looks to be more of the same.

The Demo Teams had a successful first year and will be out there dancing for folks now and then again this year. The Line Dance Team is going to perform at the NBC4 Fitness Expo again. Other than that, dates aren't set yet, but we'll likely repeat some events from 2017. Thanks to 3-Pete for setting those up and sending out venue information and directions and to Kat Fanelli for being in charge of the Line Dance team.

Please consider joining one, or both of the Demo Teams. We only do dances that you can practice at regular dances, and not just the hard ones. The couples only do Pattern/Specialty Dances and all of them were taught at dances in the past year or so. The Couples' Team practices on dance days by coming in early before the dance, so no other practice commitment is needed. The Line Dance Team practices much of the time with Bernie and Lydia in connection with their classes at Galilee Church in Sterling. We do try to have some of the dances the teams are using played at regular dances. By the way, you do not have to have a regular partner to be part of the Couples' Team. We have several members who do not have a regular partner. We try to keep enough people coming to match everyone up. Occasionally we mix and match some partners when there is an imbalance of leaders and followers so that everyone gets to dance.

Dances will mostly be at Lincolnia Senior Center this year. Hopefully that helps attendance and dancing enjoyment. The dates for which we are not able to be at Lincolnia will be held at Accotink UU Church in Burke.

There are three months this year that have 5th Saturdays, and the plan is to have workshops or dances on those dates. As of now, the plans are not firm as far as place, time, or what we'll do, but keep March 31, June 30, and September 29 on your calendars as dance events of some kind with NVCWDA.

My plan is to do a short survey for you to respond with your preferences for those dates. Please respond when you

get the opportunity.

There are also various other 'Special' Dance dates during the year, so keep an eye on your newsletters and email for those as they come up. Big ones are the Benefit Dance in April, Election Dance in May, and Anniversary Dance in September. There are also holiday related dances scattered throughout the year.

Lesson schedules for the first few months of the year are 'in the works.' We are going to stick with the pattern of having the line dance lesson first, followed by the couples' lesson at the first dance of the month and then swapping them at the second dance of the month. The practice of teaching a dance and then repeating it a few dances later will also continue. I think this has helped some of us remember more dances compared to doing them once and hoping anyone remembers (especially when whoever taught it isn't at the next dance).

I would still welcome more of you to give teaching a dance a try. Steve and Beth DiSilvio taught for the first time a while ago, and have taught a few times since then and have done quite nicely. It's not as awful an experience as you might think. Our pool of instructors isn't all that large, so a few new faces would be a good thing, and nobody has to teach too often. If you need some support on how to go about it, I'm always happy to help.

The introductory Two Step lessons in the hallway were dropped when I wasn't physically able to dance too much and there wasn't anyone at the time to pick them up. Hopefully, we can get those going again. If you're interested in learning or helping someone else to learn, please let me know. Volunteers are welcome! The lessons only take you out of the dance for about 10 minutes (more if teacher and learner decide to do so). It's just to get someone started a bit on how to dance Basic Two Step. This could be expanded to other couples' dances, if there is interest.

If you have any suggestions for dances to be taught or want to help teach something, please let me know. As others have reminded folks at various times THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION, so you are welcome to take part by doing more than paying dues and coming out to dance.

I hope to see you all at the next dance!

Board Meeting Summary

by Nancy Vogelmann

October 8: The NVCWDA Board of Directors meeting was held at the Fairfax County Public Library. The Dance Director was not present but submitted a detailed dance team report via the Secretary which was read by the President. The Planning Director, Bruce, brought up a suggestion of using Accotink Church for some additional dances, between February and September of 2018 because this location brings in some new people. However, this location may be prohibitively far for some. Our Lincolnia Senior Center location is difficult to pass up with its very minimal cost.

The recent September 2017 workshop at Galilee Church in Sterling turned out to be a success, thanks to our volunteers who worked so hard. If you have attended our workshops,

please make sure to request the dance you have learned on the DJ's request sheet!

Dance Director/Linda Bloyer was not present, but had sent in a report via the Secretary, reporting some very successful performances of both of our great dance teams, one of which was at the Fall for Fairfax event on 9/30. A video is available on Youtube - see Linda for details. Additionally, a couples' performance on 10/28 at Sunrise Fair Oaks included some line dancers, as not too many couples have been available thus far. The last performance was the rescheduled Hermitage Retirement Community show on 11/4.

Thanks to all of you who have joined the dance teams, and you really do look terrific out there!

Lastly, the following were discussed: details and decorations for Halloween, Toys for Tots, and NYE dances as well as NYE tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

01/04 Ruth Swart
01/05 Dave Shrader
01/16 Ann West
01/16 Susan Scott
01/17 Susan Hesser
01/19 Ann Marlin
01/21 Patricia Kelley
01/27 William Wong
01/30 Pat McNees

February Birthdays

02/14 Rosa Marino
02/16 Beth Di Silvio
02/27 Bill Markland

March Birthdays

03/17 Steve Martin
03/29 Shirley Rayner



Welcome New Members

Carol Connelly
Dennis Connelly
Oki Gibson

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Newsletter Deadline

March 16 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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Would you like your birthday listed in our newsletter on your birthday month? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

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Today's date _____