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President's Report

by Rick Humbert

Now that winter is behind us, and spring is ready to be sprung, it is time for one more article from that infamous President.

Mark your calendars for April 16, as NVCWDA will hold its annual Benefit Dance. Once again, Fisher House Foundation will be the beneficiary. The dance will feature food and drinks, a silent auction (hopefully Bobby Orndorff will be putting up one his famous rum cakes up for auction), a quilt raffle (a very special thank you to Beth DiSilvio for making the two quilts which will be raffled). Someone will be lucky enough to walk away with some money, as there will be a 50/50 drawing. Attendees will also be treated to another fantastic dance routine by Mal and Linda Zerden. Yes, we'll be nice and allow attendees to dance as well. It should be an eventful night.

The NVCWDA year has flown by in such a way that the election of officers will be held at one of the May dances (likely the 21st). There is a need for a couple of people (we'll even settle for one) who ARE NOT Board members to step up and support YOUR Association by serving on the Nominating Committee. The By Laws as currently written prohibit Board members from serving on this committee. As of this writing, I'm not certain about turnover.

One Board member who will not be seeking another term will be myself, as this will be my final article as President of NVCWDA. The past three years have had its share of ups and downs. To be honest, I would not have had this opportunity to serve as President had it not been for the efforts of the 2012-2013 Board in securing Linconia Senior Center as a dance venue at a time when NVCWDA was close to folding. (LSC is scheduled to reopen in late spring;

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

POTLUCK!

April 16, 2016
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

QUILT RAFFLE!
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SILENT AUCTION!

DANCE DEMO!

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

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church
10125 Lakehaven Ct, Burke, VA 22015

Tickets will be \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.
Make checks for admission tickets payable to NVCWDA.

Net 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.

however as of this writing, there is no definite date.)

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as President. I would like to express my deep gratitude and thank you to the remainder of the Board members from this past year; Wayne Herndon – Vice President, Nancy Vogelmann – Secretary, Bill Wong – Treasurer, Marty Johnson – Dance Director, Lydia Vitale – Communications Director, Shela Schultz – Membership Director, Diane Foster – Member at Large, and Vinny Mullally – Steppers Representative. All of them performed exceptionally well and often stepped out the box to make sure the Association functioned properly. Please thank these people for their service as well.

I just wish to conclude by thanking all NVCWDA participants, members and non-members alike, who put up with me over the past three years. I hope that everyone will continue to support the next NVCWDA President.

TELL A FRIEND; BRING A FRIEND

Let the competition begin!

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2015-2016 NVCWDA Board of Directors

OFFICERS

President	Rick Humbert
Vice President	Wayne Herndon
Secretary	Nancy Vogelmann
Treasurer	Bill Wong

DIRECTORS

Dance	Marty Johnson
Communications	Lydia Vitale
Membership	Shela Schultz
Planning	Vacant
Special Events	Vacant
At Large	Diane Foster
Steppers	Vinny Mullally
Past President	Vacant

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Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

Lincolnia Senior Center renovation should be completed in Spring, 2016.

In addition to many toys, the Toys For Tots dance collected \$158.

Commercial General Liability insurance paid through December 17, 2016. ASCAP fees have been paid. IRS Form 1099's have been filed.

The association started the fiscal year with \$10,455.40 on May 31, 2015 and currently has a balance of \$10,005.55 as of March 18, 2016.. Below is the quarterly report:

CATEGORY	Qtr Jun 2014	Qtr Sep 2014	Qtr Dec 2014	Qtr Mar 2015	FYE 5/31/15	Qtr Jun 2015	Qtr Sep 2015	Qtr Dec 2015
INCOME								
Admissions	2,775.00	3,254.00	2,618.00	3,081.00	11,728.00	2,147.00	2,711.00	3,371.00
Donations Payable to Others	0.00	0.00	100.00	1,510.00	1,610.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Donations Received	326.00	260.00	463.00	1,040.00	2,089.00	670.00	422.00	147.00
Interest Inc	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.97	0.23	0.21	0.22
Membership Dues	396.00	288.00	324.00	720.00	1,728.00	486.00	558.00	486.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,497.24	3,802.24	3,505.24	6,351.25	17,155.97	3,303.23	3,691.21	4,154.22
EXPENSES								
Bank charge	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
Donations to Others	300.00	300.00	1,400.00	3,086.00	5,086.00	300.00	150.00	158.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	0.00	35.00	758.00	130.00	923.00	0.00	55.00	762.00
Insurance	0.00	496.03	0.00	0.00	496.03	0.00	0.00	536.94
Phone	209.42	101.75	152.41	151.08	614.66	149.28	162.98	166.00
Space Rental	850.00	229.00	0.00	1,693.00	2,772.00	2,281.00	250.00	1,410.00
Supplies	0.00	22.46	53.06	0.00	75.52	0.00	0.00	250.00
Website	0.00	0.00	156.38	0.00	156.38	0.00	0.00	140.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,159.42	2,994.24	4,119.85	6,860.08	17,133.59	4,230.28	2,417.98	5,323.32
OVERALL TOTAL	337.82	808.00	-614.61	-508.83	22.38	-927.05	1,273.23	-1,169.10

Lessons at NVCWDA Dances in 2015-2016 - Step sheets for most of these dances are available on our [website](#), under the "DANCE INFO" tab. (The most recent lessons are listed first in the left column)

Forever Green LD	The Bomp LD
Irish Stew LD	Two Step couples (Beginner)
Stealing the Best LD	1,2 & Then ? Waltz couples
Fun for All LD	All About That Bass LD
Rio de Amor LD	Foot Boogie LD
Just Add Moonlight LD	Cha Cha
Slapping Leather LD	Tell the World LD
El Paso Moves	Six Pack Summer couples
The Gilley LD	Make Me Wanna LD
Circle Twenty	El Paso Moves
Baby Doll Waltz LD	So Wake Me Up LD
Zatchu LD	The Shadow couples
The Sway	Easy Come Easy Go LD
Funky Cha Cha LD	Chiquita couples
Barn Dance Mixer	Lover Please Come Back
Skip the Line LD	Shotgun Jenny LD
Two Step couples (Intermediate)	Homegrown LD

Demo Group Update

by Karen Johnson

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are in the process of trying to revamp the Association's demonstration dance group. We set out an interest signup sheet at the dances in January and February, and twenty people signed up indicating their possible interest. In addition, four people have indicated their willingness to help. Those four are Pete (3-Pete) Andrews, one of the former Steppers; Linda Bloyer, a local dance instructor who teaches regularly at Nick's in Alexandria and at our dances; Kathy (Kat) Fanelli, one of our long-time DJs who regularly teaches line dance throughout Northern Virginia

and at our dances; Luella Montgomery, also a former Stepper; and Eileen Scott, also a line dance instructor in Northern Virginia who teaches regularly at our dances.

The plan is to eventually have an organizational meeting, but at this point, a specific date has not been picked. An email will be going out shortly to those who signed the sheet. In the meantime, 3-Pete has been able to secure a spot for a line dance team at Celebrate Fairfax on June 11th. Kat has successfully pulled together last minute performances in the past and is confident she can organize a line dance team by June 11th. So it looks like we are off and running!

Kat will be the DJ at the April 2nd

dance at Hollin Hall, and it would be great if anyone interested in the line dance group could be there, even if you didn't sign the interest sheet. She will call a couple line dances that might work for the performance and see what the group looks like. It should be a blast, so come get a taste of what it might be like to be on the line dance team!

On the less formal side, Eileen Scott has done a couple of smaller demonstrations—notably at the Green Acres Senior Center in the City of Fairfax and one for a group of Girl Scouts—with the assistance of Association members. She is looking to do more, smaller demos like these.

My thanks to all of you who are trying to make the demo group a reality!

Membership Drive Contest

by Shela Schultz

An organization's health is based on its members and membership prospects. To be kind, we need to encourage current members to attend dances, while reaching out to bring new members to our organization. Dues are currently set at \$18.00 for one year or \$36.00 for two years, which includes 1st attendance free. Membership and attendance fees pay for our dance venues, our website, DJs, dance instructors and refreshments. Board members are asking for your help. We can all encourage members to come out for an evening of dance; reach out to members you haven't seen at dances lately and encourage them to join you for an evening of healthy fun, friendship and entertainment.

Board members are thrilled to announce a 3-month membership drive competition beginning April 1 (no foolin'!) and ending June 30. Prizes will be awarded at the July dance to the member who brings: top # of guests to dances; and top # of new members within the contest period.

We all need to work together to bring in new members to increase our membership base. We all enjoy the benefits of dancing and the fellowship we share with others at dances.

Contest Prize: gift cards, free dance lessons and free admittance tickets.

TELL A FRIEND; BRING A FRIEND – Let the competition begin!!

Newsletter Deadline

June 24 for articles, reports, ads and news items

Email to: 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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Annual Plea for New Board Members

The end of the current term of the Board of Directors is quickly approaching at the end of May, and Board positions will be available. We must fill the officer positions to continue to have dances. (Officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.) Please take a moment to read the brief position descriptions below. We hope that you will consider volunteering for one of the jobs. NVCWDA cannot continue to host dances without volunteers. We need your help!

President—Responsible for the overall supervision of NVCWDA. The President calls and presides at meetings, appoints committees, and reports to the membership. The President sees that we follow the NVCWDA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Order and serves as the primary contact for other country-western dance groups and associations.

Vice President—Fills in for the President when necessary and compiles the desk duty schedule.

Secretary—Primary duty is to record the minutes of all meetings and to maintain the official records of NVCWDA. The Secretary is third in line of succession after the President and VP.

Treasurer—Responsible for paying NVCWDA bills, maintaining bookkeeping records, submitting required forms when due, updating liability insurance, and informing the Board about the Association's financial activities and status. The Treasurer also picks up NVCWDA mail at the Merrifield Post Office once a week and directs it to the appropriate Board member.

Planning Director—Main duty is to secure dance venues for NVCWDA events. This includes compiling possible locations and visiting the sites, preparing agreements with the venues, and acting as the point of contact with their representatives.

Membership Director—Maintains the NVCWDA membership database, which includes entering new members and renewals and sending renewal/expiration notices. The Membership Director keeps the Board informed about trends in member numbers.

Communications Director—Oversees the production of the NVCWDA quarterly newsletter and coordinates with the NVCWDA hotline mistress, webmaster, and Facebook administrator. The Communications Director also submits notices about dances to local news outlets.

Dance Director—Manages the DJ contracts and schedules, arranges instructors for dance lessons, fields questions and problems at dances, monitors dance floor etiquette, and acts as liaison between dancers and DJs.

Director-at-Large—Coordinates with volunteers to provide refreshments and decorations for dances.

Special Events—Coordinates with volunteers to provide refreshments and decorations for special event dances. (These refreshments and decorations are in addition to the regular decorations and refreshments coordinated by the Director-at-Large.) We have several special event dances during the year. The biggest is the New Year's Eve Dance. Others are the Anniversary Dance and the Benefit Dance.

All Board members get free admission to our regular dances. They are expected to attend six Board meetings, which are held every other month and last about an hour and a half. Once a quarter, Board members submit material for the NVCWDA newsletter. 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 rotational basis. If you would like further information or have any comments or suggestions, please email us at info@nvcwda.org or speak to any of the current Board members at one of the dances. Your involvement in any capacity will be greatly appreciated.

Summary of Board Meeting

by Nancy Vogelmann

Feb. 6 - The meeting's most significant discussion concerned the need for a new elections/nominating committee: A new Board of Directors will be installed in June. The President reminded us that in recent years there has been no nominating committee per se as required by the NVCWDA by-laws. This committee may not consist of Board members according to the by-laws. He will request volunteers to do this job at the next dances. Various positions including President will become vacant. *(Note from Secretary - We need you all to consider whether you want our wonderful organization to continue. This is not a lifetime sentence, only perhaps 2 years.)*

Dance Director reported that the DJs confirmed and scheduled for the remainder of 2016 are: Bernie Vitale, Kevin Handy, Kathy Fanelli, and Richard Mahan. Membership Director announced the membership to currently be 123 members. As of the board meeting, ten people signed up for the dance teams and four indicated willingness to help

run the demo teams. In the event there is no demo team, a change would need to be made to the NVCWDA By-Laws.

Our new Membership Director presented suggestions for increasing membership. Shela presented various suggestions for increasing membership, including the following contest: Possible awards of gift cards, free dance tickets, and free dance lessons given to the members who bring the most guests and to the members who bring the most new people that join NVCWDA. Contest will run April through June of this year. The announcement of winner will be at the first July dance, which might be the 3rd weekend of July due to the possibility of no dance on July 2. Another suggestion was to advertise on www.meetup.com.

The determination whether there will in fact be a 4th of July weekend dance (this would take place on Saturday the 2nd of July), will be based on polls taken by raising hands at dances beginning in April.

Dance venues for April and May were discussed: Hollin Hall, Accotink, Green Acres and Salvation Army, all have issues in terms of affordability. Inquiries still need to be made. Still uncertainty when Lincolnia will re-open.

Welcome New Members!

Winico Martinez
Frank Ahmed
Julie Cruz
Karen Leh
M. Siddique Sheikh

Debbie Hetterly
Rita Interdonato
Lashon Booker
Doreen Booker
Bill Bernard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthdays

04/02 Sue Maillet
04/03 Diane Foster
04/11 Sandra Graves

May Birthdays

05/01 Armand Maillet
05/06 Linda Cerisano
05/13 Gary Campbell
05/19 Jack Wallace

June Birthdays

06/13 Linda Wallace
06/14 Bruce Wright



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Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

P.O. Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Phone: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Email _____

Your email address will be used only for official NVCWDA notifications, including membership renewals and announcements.

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 _____

Membership Category

New _____ Renewal _____

_____ 1 year . . . \$18.00

_____ 2 years . . \$36.00

Membership # _____

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