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President's Report

by Gary Campbell

I don't know about you, but I think this weather has been crazy. It was the first day of spring and what happened? We had a snow storm! I guess we should consider ourselves lucky, we could live up near Boston and have three major storms in two weeks.

Enough about that, we want to thank all of you for coming out and making out dances so much fun. What's really great is that we seem to get three or four new people every dance. Let's keep spreading the news about our dances.

I know this information will be in other articles too, but we have another workshop coming up. It is a combination of pattern and couples dances. Lessons for the Two-Step and East Coast Swing are included, with levels both for beginners and for those a little more advanced. The money raised will go to the beneficiary of the Benefit Dance.

The Benefit Dance will be held April 21st. Additional details will be in the Dance Director's report, but the word is that Mal and Linda will be teaching and performing. Can't wait to see them.

The dance team has been busy representing the Association. They recently performed at the Health Expo in D.C.

At this moment can't think of anything else so all I will say is please keep coming out to the dances, your friends will be looking for you. As usual, I want to thank all the dance teachers and DJs for their hard work. I also want to thank the Board Members for their work to make the dances run smoothly and to make my job so easy. Look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.



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

**ENTRÉES
PROVIDED**

**April 21, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**BRING SIDES OR
DESSERT TO SHARE**

Lesson and Dance Demo by Mal and Linda Zerden.

Lincolnia Senior Center
4710 North Chambliss Street • Alexandria, VA

Admission is \$20 per person.
Make checks 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.

Elections Coming Up for the Board!

Please speak with a board member if you are interested in joining the team! We would be thrilled to have you. We definitely need a new secretary this year. Many of the current members are willing to serve another term but would be quite happy to relinquish their positions.

See page four for descriptions of board positions.

NVCWDA Inclement Weather Policy Has been Revised

Dances will now be cancelled whenever Saturday activities in the Fairfax County Government offices are cancelled. The status of government offices will be displayed on the **Neighborhood and Community Services** page.



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2017-2018 NVCWDA Board of Directors

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President	Gary Campbell
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Secretary	Nancy Vogelmann
Treasurer	Bill Wong

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Dance	Linda Bloyer
Communications	Lydia Vitale
Membership	Bernie Vitale
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Special Events	Vacant
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Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

IRS Form 1099's have been filed.

The association started the fiscal year with \$9,579.54 on May 31, 2017 and currently has a balance of \$11,495.09 as

of March 22, 2018. This includes \$350 proceeds from our September 30, 2017 dance workshop to be included with workshop and benefit dance proceeds for Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

Below is the quarterly report:

Category	Nov 2016	Feb 2017	May 2017	Fiscal Yr. Ending 5/31/17	Aug 2017	Nov 2017	Feb 2018
INCOME							
Admissions	3,105.00	3,436.00	3,553.00	11,679.00	2,789.00	2,986.00	2,876.00
Donations Payable to Others	0.00	370.00	2,015.00	2,385.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	116.00	128.00	809.25	1,146.25	426.00	604.50	770.00
Interest Inc	.18	0.20	0.23	0.79	0.23	0.27	0.27
Membership Dues	522.00	324.00	522.00	1,566.00	540.00	504.00	270.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,743.18	4,258.20	6,899.48	16,777.04	3,755.23	4,094.77	3,223.27
EXPENSES							
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
Donations to Others	0.00	370.00	3,427.00	3,797.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	55.00	778.00	-328.80	504.20	25.00	30.00	391.50
Insurance	536.94	0.00	0.00	536.94	0.00	500.00	0.00
Phone	159.96	160.59	40.31	525.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & Shipping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.30
Space Rental	350.00	300.00	1,000.00	3,015.00	0.00	0.00	990.00
Supplies	37.52	291.21	356.49	685.22	122.03	94.34	291.55
Website	0.00	151.18	0.00	151.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,939.42	3,950.98	6,295.00	16,215.17	1,947.03	2,424.34	4,666.35
OVERALL TOTAL	803.76	307.22	604.48	561.87	1,808.20	1,670.43	-1,443.08

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.

Gypsy Queen LD	The Wanderer (Couples)
Cha Cha Moves (Couples)	San Antonio Stroll LD
Double Shot of Crown LD	Stone in My Pocket LD
Best Friends Waltz (Couples)	Something Fine (Couples)
Come Dance with Me LD	Lonely Drum LD
Twenty-Two Step (Couples)	Over the Moon LD
Tell the World LD	Alligator Shuffle
It Ain't My Fault LD	Until the Dawn LD
11:59 LD	Gin & Tonic LD
Dirty Boots LD	Six Pack Summer (Couples)
Two Step Moves (Couples)	San Antonio Stroll LD
Toes LD	Reggae Cowboy (Couples)
Drunk Lovers (Couples)	Escapate LD

Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer

The first part of the year has been quite busy for your Dance Director. In addition to the usual regular dance setup work, the DJ contracts were signed with all 4 regular DJs returning on a rotating basis. The Demo team has had one performance. A few of us did our demo and teaching at the NBC4 Fitness Expo on 3/22. Bill Wong has posted a video on YouTube. The other BIG event is the planning for the Workshop on 3/31, as well as handing out and tabulating the surveys I mentioned in the last newsletter.

NVCWDA has **TWO BIG EVENTS COMING UP SOON!**

The first is the **COUPLES WORKSHOP on 3/31** that will concentrate on couples' dance information. The second is the **ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE FOR FISHER HOUSE ON 4/21**.

The 3/31 workshop is from 5:30 to about 9:30. We concentrate on couples' dance information, but **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A COUPLE OR COME WITH A PARTNER**. Much of what we're going to do should be helpful for everyone to improve their dancing with a partner or to get started dancing partner dances. There will be a little open dancing between some of the lessons & 20-30 minutes of open dancing at the end to practice what you've worked on in the lessons. Come on out & join us. Cost is **ONLY \$10** per person and the proceeds are going to add to the funds raised at our Fisher House Benefit dance on 4/21. There is literally **NOWHERE** in this area that you can get nearly four hours of lessons & dancing for that price, and it's for a good cause. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle.

The Annual Benefit Dance for Fisher House is on 4/21. Admission is \$20 for everyone and it will be a Pot Luck. NVCWDA is providing entrées. Please bring sides and desserts. Our special guests for the evening will be Mal & Linda Zerden. Mal & Linda are long-time friends of NVCWDA and have performed and taught on many occasions, although not for a couple of years. They will be teaching some Nightclub two-step, basic and not-so-basic and doing a demo dance for us. Mal & Linda are wonderful instructors, champion dancers, and very nice people, so it's always fun to have them join us.



Mal and Linda Zerden will Teach and Perform 4/21 at the Benefit Dance

Regarding the Demo Team – We have now combined the teams into one team due to the amount of crossover with the dancers and the attempt to book more joint events. We still have separate practices and do some separate events. Kat Fanelli is still in charge of line dance demo planning and performing, and I work mostly with the couples. As I write this, some of the line dancers, organized for this event by Keith & Linda Buckle, are getting ready to perform and teach at a private party at Frying Pan Park. from 7-9pm. The schedule is listed below:

Dance Demo Team Performance Schedule

April 15 Line Dance	5:30-7:30pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Southeast DC (Demo & Teaching)
April 28 Line & Couples	7-9pm - Landsdowne Woods, Landsdowne, VA (Demo & Teaching)
July 28 Line & Couples	2-3pm - Goodwin House, Alexandria, VA
Sept 22 Line & Couples	7-9pm - Greenspring, Springfield, VA (Demo & Teaching)

We're expecting to dance at the Fairfax Fair in June, but that isn't confirmed. The team is still welcoming more involvement from the membership. All dances performed have been taught at the regular dances. Practices are minimal and we always tell our audiences that we do this for fun. So, if you are interested in some extra dancing, come join us. If you want to know more about getting involved, come talk to me at a dance or send me an email.

The results of the survey that 40+ of you filled out showed that there is interest in the workshop idea for both both line and couples' dancing. Results indicated an interest in Line only workshop, Couples' only workshop, and a Combo (both Line & Couples) workshop. Regarding Couples' dancing, there was interest in Pattern Dances, Lead & Follow Dances, and Technique to help to be a better dancer, so those areas are being presented in the upcoming workshop. As far as location and time, the most popular was Lincolnia at either 3-6pm or 6-9pm. The earlier noon-3 received plenty of support as well. Results for the question for preference for a Regular Dance or Workshop were difficult to interpret. Several people just wrote YES, so I took that to mean they had no preference. There was almost an even split among those who chose. A few suggested we do a combo of workshop & dance. There were a number of interesting comments. Those who commented seemed to prefer review of dances already taught over teaching new ones at the workshop. If new dances are taught at the workshop, then they should be taught afterwards at a regular dance. I believe the June workshop will be line dance and the September one will likely be a Combo and will be at Lincolnia at the late time (more like regular dance time). Thank you to all of you who responded to the survey!



Annual Opportunity 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 open positions to continue to have dances. 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 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 two hours. 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. When we have a full board, the load is lighter. 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. If you are unable to take a position, we do appreciate your help as volunteers setting up and breaking down for the dances and assisting with special events. We welcome volunteers who wish to take charge of an event as well.

Board Meeting Summaries

January 14: The board decided on April 21 for the Benefit Dance. The proceeds from the March 31 workshop will go to the beneficiary. The workshop will be for couples instruction this time.

Dances will be held at Lincolnia whenever that is possible due to the low cost and availability of the DJ equipment donated by Kat Fanelli (less equipment for DJs to haul in with them).

Insurance options will be reviewed. Currently insurance is through Fast Dance Association.

DJ contracts have been signed and many lessons have been planned.

It was suggested fifth saturday workshops be held at Lincolnia - the space is already booked. A survey will be distributed to ascertain willingness of people to come based on what would be taught.

Options for contracting a website designer to convert the current website to a mobile friendly, easily updated site are being researched.

March 18: Planning director provided information that Lincolnia Senior Center is closed July 7, September 1, and October 7 so the dances will be held at Accotink Universalist Church in Burke.

Current membership is 127. New Trial Membership drive will continue. Debbie H has been providing goody bags to welcome the newcomers.

Food for Benefit Dance will be meat and vegetarian entrées provided by NVCWDA. Sides and desserts to be potluck. No advance tickets will be sold.

Research on a revised website continues and along with that are plans to update the NVCWDA logo.

It was decided to base cancelling dances during inclement weather on whether Fairfax County Government Offices are closed rather than the school systems.

A new exploratory committee is needed for upcoming board elections.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthdays

04/02 Sue Maillet
04/03 Diane Foster
04/11 Sandra Graves
04/14 Anthony Gallo

May Birthdays

05/01 Armand Maillet
05/06 Linda Cerisano
05/13 Gary Campbell

June Birthdays

06/13 Linda Wallace
06/14 Bruce Wright



Welcome New Member

Marie-Luce Mittakarin

Newsletter Sections on Website

[NVCWDA Dance Schedule](#)
[Dance Event Calendar](#)
[Upcoming Team Performances](#)
[Looking for Lessons?](#)
[How Do I Get There?](#)

Newsletter Deadline

June 19 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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Email _____

Membership Category

New _____ Renewal _____

_____ 1 year\$18.00

_____ 2 years\$36.00

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Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

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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 ___

*Trial memberships are only available for those who have never been members.

Today's date _____