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President's Report

by Rick Humbert

I'd like to begin this article by saying it is an honor and privilege to serve another year as President of NVCWDA. I'm hoping and praying that things will go as well this year as they did during my first go around as President.

During the May 17 dance, NVCWDA elected Wayne Herndon as Vice President and Nancy Vogelman as Secretary for their first time as Board members. Bill Wong and Kat Fannelli were also re-elected as Treasurer and Dance Director, respectively. A special thank you goes out to all of them for stepping forward and accepting Board positions. Since the election, I am pleased to announce that Lydia Vitale has agreed to serve as Communications Director, Susan Scott has agreed to become the Steppers Representative, and Luella Montgomery will officially become Member at Large. (Luella has been serving this role in an unofficial manner over the past year.) We continue to have vacancies for Membership Director, Planning Director, and Special Events Director. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these roles, please notify me or any other Board member. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Eileen Scott, Irshad and Paula Ali, Kerie Hitt, and Eric Vondra for their excellent service to the Board over the past year, and in Kerie's and Eric's cases, beyond.

The April 5 Benefit Dance for Fisher House Foundation raised over \$6,000. A big thank you goes out to the Alis and others who helped make the dance successful, as well as to those who either donated and/or bought items at the silent auction.

NVCWDA is planning to hold its 28th Anniversary Dance on September 20. Please bring a dish to share,



2014-2015 NVCWDA Board members (L-R): Rick Humbert (President), Luella Montgomery (Member at Large), Lydia Vitale (Communications), Wayne Herndon (Vice President), Nancy Vogelman (Secretary), Kathy Fanelli (Dance), Bill Wong (Treasurer). Not shown: Susan Scott (Steppers Representative)

as this will once again be a potluck dinner. The Country Steppers will be performing at this dance.

On another note, I'm certain most everyone has read Ali's article from the last newsletter. Here are some of my thoughts on this article. First, I'm sure all of us have favorite non-country songs, as well as some country songs that we don't like. If you listen to current country music (I heard plenty of it on my recent trip to the CMA Music Festival in Nashville), much of the music borders on pop with country elements, or vice versa, depending on one's interpretation. The "western" aspect of country music disappeared around 1970, or 16 years before the formation of NVCWDA. To illustrate the growth and change of country music, there are at least eight country music channels on satellite radio and four country channels on digital cable television. One of the digital television stations is "Pop Country," and besides some of today's country artists, it plays songs by such artists as Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, and Demi Lovato, to name a few. These aforementioned

artists made their names in music genres other than country. Much of Taylor Swift's and Lady Antebellum's music has crossed over into the pop charts. Like Ali, I could also go on and on, but I hope that we all can respect each other's music and dance tastes and realize that country music has truly evolved like other music genres have over the years.

That is all I have for this issue. I hope everyone enjoys their Summer season of fun and dance.

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OFFICERS

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

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Dance	Kathy Fanelli
Communications	Lydia Vitale
Membership	Vacant
Planning	Vacant
Special Events	Vacant
At Large	Luella Montgomery
Steppers	Susan Scott
Past President	Bo Marlin

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Communications Report

by Lydia Vitale

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I would like to extend a big thank you to Kerie Hitt for her years serving as Communications Director. It will be hard to follow in her footsteps. I am grateful that she will continue to maintain the NVCWDA website and serve as NVCWDA's Facebook administrator. I also appreciate the help with the coordination of the newsletter articles during the transition period.

As you travel this summer, please keep the newsletter in mind. I would welcome articles featuring encounters our members have had with country western dancing. Send along a photo or two if you are able.

Keep dancing! It is a wonderful way to keep fit both mentally and physically. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the dances.

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

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The official demonstration team for the NVCWDA is the Country Steppers. As such, the purpose of the team is to "portray country-western dance... and to support the NVCWDA in its community service functions, its programs and policies." All the team members thoroughly enjoy what they do. However, the team is struggling to maintain its membership. To ensure that your Association's team continues, we encourage all dancers to consider joining us. It is fun, exciting, good exercise and more importantly, extremely satisfying to see the smiling faces projected from our audiences. Information and performance schedule is posted on the NVCWDA webpage.



Did you do any Country Western Dancing on your Vacation?

Send in your articles and photos!

Email: communications@nvcwda.org



Newsletter Deadline

**Aug. 15 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)

Lessons at NVCWDA Dances in 2014 - Step sheets for most of these dances are available on our [website](http://www.nvcwda.org), under the "DANCE INFO" tab.

01/18/2014	Metamorphosized LD, Butterfly Waltz Couples
02/01/2014	Four Star Boogie LD, Annie's Cha Cha Couples
02/15/2014	DHSS LD, East Coast Swing Couples
03/01/2014	Showstopper LD, Schottische Couples
03/15/2014	Got to be Funky LD, Irish Stew LD, Forever Green LD
04/05/2014	Wagon Wheel Rock LD
04/19/2014	Like It Rough LD, El Paso Stroll Couples
05/03/2014	Dream Lover LD
05/17/2014	Charleston Bump Couples
06/7/2014	Goodnight Kiss LD
06/21/2014	Rhumba Stroll Couples

Anniversary Dance September 20

Help us celebrate NVCWDA's
28th Anniversary. Bring your favorite
creations for a potluck dinner!

Charter Member attendees from 2013:



Charter members Joyce Leamon (L) and Linda-B Woodworth take time out from visiting old friends at the Anniversary dance.

New Members needed for our Steppers Dance Team!

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**Benefit
Dance 2014**

**Performances by
Mal & Linda
Zerden
and the Country
Steppers**

Summary of April 6 Board Meeting

by Irshad Ali

The Treasurer reported that total contributions and donations at the NVCWDA dance to benefit the Fisher House Foundation amounted to \$6,312. The Dance Director observed that people often do different line dances to the same song. She suggested the DJs designate an area for each group of line dancers to do their preferred version without the risk of running into each other. The Membership Director stated that the grace period for individuals whose NVCWDA memberships have elapsed has been reduced from 6 months to 3 months to comply with the NVCWDA Standing Rules. As a result, the membership roll stands at 128 members since memberships expired for more than 3 months are no longer counted in the total. The Steppers representative brought up that the Steppers currently have 10 performers and are actively seeking new members to join the troupe. The Special Events Director thanked everyone who donated items for the silent auction to benefit the Fisher House Foundation and helped make the event a huge success.

The Board has finalized all three NVCWDA governing documents (a) Standing Rules, (b) Rules of Order, and (c) Board of Directors - General Guidelines. The Board also made plans for the election (May 17 dance) and installation (June 7 dance) of Board members for the next term. The Communications Director will ask Bruce Wright to be the nominating chairperson to try to find candidates. The next Board of Directors meeting in June will be a joint session of the incoming and outgoing Board members.

Summary of June 15 Board Meeting

by Nancy Vogelmann

The outgoing and incoming Board members met. We have about \$10,650 in the main checking account. A motion that Lydia Vitale will take over from Kerie as Communications Director was passed. We briefly discussed phasing out the traditional newsletter as the website and Facebook could provide more timely information to members (tabled until next meeting). Kerie upgraded our web hosting package to increase the bandwidth limit for May. If the bandwidth usage drops to normal levels, we will go back to the original hosting package, which is \$3 less per month. Kerie is considering consolidating some of the NVCWDA email accounts.

The policy of "bring your own refreshments" is working well, and locating the food in the kitchen at Lincolnia Senior Center (LSC) makes cleaning up easier at the end of the dance. However, we need to ask people to help by clearing their own tables when they leave. Steppers' upcoming events include performances at Ossian Park in Annandale (July 12), as well as 4H Fair (August 2) and Arlington County Fair (August 9). The final copy of the "Standing Rules" was approved by electronic voting via email on 11 April 2014. The NVCWDA Board of Directors Guidelines and Rules of Order had both previously been approved on 9 February 2014.

Kathy Fanelli (Kat) has arranged for the rest of the dances in 2014 to be held at Lincolnia Senior Center except for 5 July,

which will be held at Accotink Unitarian Church in Burke. She said that LSC is supposed to be available until Fall 2015. Rick proposed that the Anniversary Dance be held 20 September, 2014 at LSC. More centrally located, alternative venues for regular dances were requested because LSC is not convenient for NVCWDA members who live in Herndon or Reston. No other dance sites were presented. We need to reserve a place for the New Year's Eve dance.

Issues of how to get newcomers to come back the second time were discussed, which led to issues of simplicity/complexity of dances, C/W vs. Top 40, and allowance of DJ to update the music with a newer C/W hit, fear of new dancers being unable to dance, getting discouraged, etc. Kat is organizing a C/W dance workshop probably at LSC, perhaps on a fifth Saturday. Workshops for both couples and line dancing were suggested to take place at separate times, perhaps 3 hours couples followed by 3 hours line dancing. Luella has agreed to continue picking up the door prizes for the time being.



Treasurer's Report

by Bill Wong

For this fiscal year, the association's funds increased from \$8,045.12 on May 31, 2013 to \$10,433.02 as of May 31, 2014. Below is the current quarterly report:

Category	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	FYE 5/31/2014
INCOME					
Admissions	2,967.00	2,575.00	3,624.00	3,210.00	12,376.00
Donations Payable to Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,920.00	3,920.00
Donations Received	623.00	317.00	385.54	2,187.00	3,512.54
Interest Inc	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.24	0.87
Membership Dues	846.00	324.00	432.00	504.00	2,106.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,436.22	3,216.21	4,441.74	9,821.24	21,915.41
EXPENSES					
Bank charge	25.90	176.41	34.90	0.00	237.21
DJ (1099 payee)	1,550.00	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,050.00
Donations to Others	300.00	300.00	300.00	6,612.00	7,512.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	25.00	10.00	766.95	0.00	801.95
Insurance	0.00	496.06	0.00	0.00	496.06
Phone	89.18	137.58	137.82	151.22	515.80
Space Rental	483.00	765.00	1,042.50	0.00	2,290.50
Space Rental - Officers Mtg	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	350.29	84.06	434.35
Website	0.00	179.64	0.00	0.00	179.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,473.08	3,874.69	4,532.46	8,647.28	19,527.51
OVERALL TOTAL	1,963.14	(658.48)	(90.72)	1,173.96	2,387.90

Note: Donations Payable to Others were checks payable to Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

Welcome New Members

Sharon Schoumacher Douglas Burt
 Toan Nguyen Kate Smith
 Isabelle Nguyen Wilsonia Esteve
 Alison Burt Tony Esteve

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

07/04 David Nichols
 07/16 Linda Buckle
 07/18 Joan Deem
 07/22 Kerie Hitt
 07/22 Carol Caruso
 07/27 John Gentile
 07/28 Brenda Prestidge
 07/31 John Eastes



August Birthdays

08/07 Holly Harris
 08/12 Cathy Crowson
 08/16 Eileen Scott
 08/19 Lydia Vitale
 08/30 George Jones

September Birthdays

09/06 Keith Buckle
 09/18 John Dever
 09/18 George Morse, Jr.
 09/24 Bob Orndorff
 09/24 Ella Broughton
 09/26 Shirley Bennington
 09/29 Naomi Little
 09/30 Kathy Fanelli

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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

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_____ 2 years . . \$36.00

Membership # _____

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