



# Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association **NEWSLETTER**

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**29<sup>th</sup>**  
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## President's Report

by Rick Humbert

Another NVCWDA "new year" has arrived, and once again, after much thought and consideration, I have decided to step up and serve one more year as President for what I feel is a rare third consecutive year.

The April Benefit Dance for Fisher House Foundation raised nearly \$2,800. A special thank you goes out to all in attendance, as well as to Ann Marlin and Beth Di Silvio who teamed up to make the quilt that was put up for silent auction. A big thank you also goes out to all who participated in the silent auction by donating items and/or bidding on them.

The new Board was elected at the May 16 dance. Yours truly, Wayne Herndon, Nancy Vogelmann, and Bill Wong will continue to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Lydia Vitale will be continuing her service as Communication Director. Vinny Mullally was elected by the Country steppers to be their Board Representative. During the election meeting, Marty Johnson was nominated and elected Dance Director. After a few contentious moments and appeals from a couple of former Board members, the Board confirmed Diane Foster as Member at Large and Shela Schultz as Membership Director. A big gratitude of thanks goes out to all who will be serving on this year's Board. A thank you also goes out to Kat Fannelli, Luella Montgomery and Susan Scott for their service on the Board as Dance Director, Member at Large, and Steppers Representative respectively. The Planning Director and the Special Events Director positions remain open. Please consider serving in one of these positions, as it would allow you to shape the course of YOUR Association.

## Welcome and Thank You to the 2015-2016 Board!!



2015-2016 Board Members (from left to right): Rick Humbert (President), Wayne Herndon (Vice President), Nancy Vogelmann (Secretary), Lydia Vitale (Communications Director), Bill Wong (Treasurer), Marty Johnson (Dance Director), Diane Foster (Member at Large), Shela Schultz (Membership Director). Not shown: Vinny Mullally (Country Steppers Board Representative)

NVCWDA is tentatively planning to hold its 29th Anniversary Dance on September 19. Please bring a dish to share, as this will once again be a potluck dinner. The Country Steppers will be performing at this dance.

As everybody knows, the Lincolnia Senior Center is currently unavailable for NVCWDA to hold dances, as the facility is undergoing remodeling. For now, with the exception of July 4 (no dance that night) the dances will be held at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, a much smaller facility. NVCWDA is open to looking at other location as well. Please contact the Board for suggestions. Please remember that no venue is going to satisfy everybody in every way.

That is all I have for this issue. More coming in October.

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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

For the Fisher House Foundation Benefit Dance, NVCWDA netted \$1,276 and had an additional \$1,485 in checks payable directly to the Fisher House Foundation for a total of \$2,761.

The association started the fiscal year with \$10,433.02 on June 1, 2014 and ended with a balance of \$10,455.40 on May 31, 2015 for a gain of \$22.38. Note that this includes rental payments \$1,374 in rental payments to AUUC for six dances after June 1, 2015. There is no dance for July 4. Below is the quarterly report:

Category	Quarter Jun	Quarter Sep	Quarter Dec	Quarter Mar	FYE May
<b>INCOME</b>					
Admissions	2,775.00	3,254.00	2,618.00	3,081.00	11,728.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	100.00	1,485.00	1,585.00
(Payable to Others)					
Donations Received	326.00	260.00	463.00	1,040.00	2,089.00
Interest Inc	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.97
Membership Dues	396.00	288.00	324.00	720.00	1,728.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,497.24</b>	<b>3,802.24</b>	<b>3,505.24</b>	<b>6,326.25</b>	<b>17,130.97</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Bank charge	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	7,000.00
Donations to Others	300.00	300.00	1,400.00	3,061.00	5,061.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	0.00	35.00	758.00	130.00	923.00
Insurance	0.00	496.03	0.00	0.00	496.03
Phone	209.42	101.75	152.41	151.08	614.66
Space Rental	850.00	229.00	0.00	1,693.00	2,772.00
Supplies	0.00	22.46	53.06	0.00	75.52
Website	0.00	0.00	156.38	0.00	156.38
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,159.42</b>	<b>2,994.24</b>	<b>4,119.85</b>	<b>6,835.08</b>	<b>17,108.59</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>337.82</b>	<b>808.00</b>	<b>-614.61</b>	<b>-508.83</b>	<b>22.38</b>

## Lessons taught recently at NVCWDA Dances

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

Lover Please Come Back Couples	Blue Night Cha Couples
Shotgun Jenny LD	Beach Boogie LD
Homegrown LD	Do You Wanna Dance LD
Kokomo LD	American Kids LD
El Paso Moves Couples	Tennessee Waltz Surprise LD
Pick Me Up LD	Jordin's Step LD
Two Step LD	The Wanderer Couples



## Summaries of Board Meetings

by Nancy Vogelman

### May 2 - held at Lincolnia Senior Center.

The average attendance per dance so far for this fiscal year is 53.6. For last fiscal year it was 52.2 and for the previous fiscal year it was 59.7. Cancelled dances are not included. Membership this fiscal year is stable; between 123 and 130. Last fiscal year it dropped from 170 to 130.

The Steppers Representative announced that Vinny Mullally will become the new Steppers Representative for the Board and also that a DVD of the Steppers performance at the Benefit Dance has been made and will be available. The Steppers will perform at Goodwin House on May 9th.

The Communications Director announced availability of old NVCWDA newsletters from 1986 (the year the organization was started). The newsletters were given to Lydia by George Jones. It was agreed to print samples as a "blast from the past" interest column in future newsletters.

Lincolnia Senior Center closure for remodeling as of the May 2 Board of Directors meeting was set for August 2015, so discussion was held on possible alternative locations. Vice President brought up the need to pin down alternative venues and DJs through the Fall. As of May 2, the only other place available is Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke. The President announced elections to be held May 16th at the dance, the problem of too many vacant positions, and the possibility of having to discontinue the organization.

### June 20 - held at Kings Park Library.

New Board members Marty Johnson, Dance Director; Shela Schultz, Membership Director; and Diane Foster, Director-at-Large were present. Bill was absent due to a planned personal leave. Richard, Nancy, Wayne, Luella, Lydia and Karen were also in attendance. The Vice President reported that it was again time for sign ups for front desk duty through August. Our new Dance Director Marty Johnson has been contacting all the DJs regarding contracts and scheduling, and making sure we have commitments through December.

The Board welcomed Vinny Mullally as new Steppers Rep. He announced that the Steppers are in need of more dancers and are currently short a male at this time for the couples routines. A co-performance with the local Cloggers at Frying Pan Park is in the works. The Board also welcomed Shela Schultz as Membership Director. She is full of ideas for advertising our wonderful organization. Vice President once again reminds us to focus on a target audience and demographics with our advertising, possibly military couples and those who wish a non-drinking environment, etc. It was agreed that the DJs could make more announcements of companion line dance and couples dances when a particular piece of music is played, in case the dancers can't figure it out themselves, thereby making sure there are opportunities for everyone to be dancing all night long. Karen requested permission from the Board to distribute a questionnaire this evening, June 20, to allow members and guests to comment on how we are doing and what we can do better regarding dance and music preferences. We discussed the 29th Anniversary

Dance coming up, which again will be a potluck and we'll have another wonderful cake, a line dance taught by Vinny, AND a special Steppers performance by Luella and Vinny! Please check the NVCWDA website for announcements. Discussion about the New Years Eve Dance resulted in keeping the option open pending more discussion at the next Board meeting. Costs and availabilities for other locations will be explored. We may check back with Ft. Myer, Church of the Good Shepherd, Colvin Run and Ft. Belvoir. Finding new venues is where we need help from our membership.

### Anniversary Dance September 19

Help us celebrate NVCWDA's  
29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bring your favorite  
creations for a potluck dinner!



### New Members needed for our Steppers Dance Team!

Join us for **FUN, EXERCISE, COMRADERIE**  
and the **SATISFACTION** of **SMILING FACES**



Email: [steppers@nvcwda.org](mailto:steppers@nvcwda.org)

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### Synopsis of General Membership Meeting Sunday, July 13, 1986

The first general membership meeting of the Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association was held Sunday, July 13, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. at Hunter's Lodge.

According to doorkeeper records, there were 70 members present including the Board members.

Dave Shrader chaired the meeting. He announced that the first item of importance was to find a new place to dance. He is in the process of drafting the Association's Charter and Bylaws for consideration and approval at the August 28th meeting.

The Treasurer reported a membership of 189 members on June 28th. The balance in checking account after expenses is \$2,232.00. Since that time expenses have included \$5 for charter fee, \$13 for post office box, and \$33 for postage. There have been six additional members since the cut-off date. Membership now stands at 195.

Board members introduced themselves and described their duties.

The membership discussed frequency of dances and it was decided the majority prefers open dances twice a week. The majority also felt that it was not necessary to have food and drink furnished by the establishment. Air conditioning is a requirement for the new facility. The membership also agreed that we

should have DJ's and occasionally live bands for our dances. A good dance floor is necessary.

The subject of jackets for the group was discussed and the majority voted for the color sky blue with gold lettering.

Since some members only learned of the logo and nickname contest, it was decided to delay this vote until the August 28th, 7:30 pm meeting at Hunter's Lodge.

It was announced that information on the dance group try outs be printed in the August newsletter. The majority voted that you could audition as a dance single or dance couple.

The President announced that there is need for a newsletter editor. He called for interested persons to volunteer. Frank Scott volunteered for the position. Linda Warren, Bobbie Guenther, Noreen Ramsey, and Ann Thornbro volunteered to assist Frank. There are 11 available places on the Board and seven are filled now. Positions will be filled only as need requires. The newsletter editor will be a Board member. The membership agreed that they would prefer having a monthly newsletter.

A motion to admit Board members to functions free of charge was defeated by a vote of the general membership

The dues amount was discussed. The President explained that the ability to handle a monthly

newsletter was considered in setting the amount. It was originally set at \$12 and changed to \$15 in order to obtain liability insurance. Next year this could be reviewed again.

The President announced that charter members will be admitted to the charter dance free. Noncharter members will pay \$7.50.

It was suggested that members furnish information to the newsletter editor regarding pertinent subjects.

A standardized meeting schedule will be considered by the Board and reported at next meeting. Board meetings are monthly and open. Dates will be published in the newsletter. Executive sessions will be closed.

It was announced that due to membership size, the only time we can have membership meetings will be just prior to one of our major events when we have a large place.

The President also announced that we are going to incorporate.

The newly appointed newsletter editor agreed to publish a newsletter by the 1st of August.

Karen Sedjo agreed to head the Publicity Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Pat Krupka  
*Secretary*

### AUDITIONS FOR DANCE GROUP

The Dance Group is finally getting started. We will conduct the initial tryouts for the Dance Group on **Sunday, August 3rd, at Randy's Lounge** which is located in the Tysons Corner Westpark Hotel. The times are from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Those of you that have signed up for the Dance Group should try to be there. Please note that this is not the only tryout we will have, so if you can't make it on that night all is not lost.

The purpose of the Dance Group is to provide a core of good dancers to demonstrate the country-western dances that we all do. These demonstrations will be done at association dances and other functions upon request. The



Dance Group is not intended to compete with, or replace, other dance groups that exist in our area.

John Gentile will be working with us to develop dance routines as well as introduce new dances and dance steps for the Group to learn.

Each member of the Dance Group will be

expected to bear the cost of obtaining an "outfit" to wear when the Group puts on a dance demonstration. We don't know what the "outfit" will be yet and hope all members of the Group will provide input to help us select one.

Each member of the Dance Group will be expected to attend as many practice sessions as possible so that they can keep up with the progress of the Group. We hope to have times, dates, and places to practice finalized in the very near future so that everyone can make arrangements to attend.

Bob Smith  
*Dance Group Coordinator*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## July Birthdays

07/16 Linda Buckle  
07/18 Joan Deem  
07/22 Kerie Hitt  
07/22 Carol Caruso  
07/27 John Gentile  
07/31 John Eastes

## August Birthdays

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

## September Birthdays

09/06 Keith Buckle  
09/18 George Morse Jr  
09/18 John Dever  
09/24 Bob Orndorff  
09/24 Ella Broughton  
09/26 Shirley Bennington  
09/28 Jerry Oweis  
09/30 Kathy Fanelli



## Welcome New Members

Vincent Mullally	Christa Holmes	Lois Slade
Celeste Mullally	Charles Holmes	Carol Fagnani
Terry Garczynski	Sin Ja Lee	Frank Krempa

### Newsletter Sections on Website

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

### Newsletter Deadline

**September 18 for articles, reports, ads and news items**  
**Email to: [communications@nvcwda.org](mailto: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

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*Individual Members Only*

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_