



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

CELEBRATING THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF TWO-STEPPING
32nd
Anniversary
1986  2018

Vol. XXXIII, No. 1

Official Publication

Third Quarter 2018

President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Hi everybody, can you believe it's summer already? That means school's out so be careful of kids out playing. The way things are going, it could be a hot and a wet summer.

We had our annual elections and I want to thank Bernard, Jeff and Rosa for stepping up to fill open positions. Bernard will cover the Treasurer's job, Jeff is now our Secretary, and Rosa is now Special Events Director.

I want to thank Bill Wong who was our treasurer for the past few years. He did an excellent job at keeping the Association on the straight and narrow. I know Bernard is stepping into big shoes, but he will do great. He's already bringing new ideas to the table.

Jeff is taking over for Nancy Vogelmann, his wife. Nothing like keeping it in the family. Nancy did a great job as our secretary and taking the minutes at our Board meetings.

Rosa is taking over as Special Events Director, and I'm sure she would welcome any help you may offer.

I also want to thank the board members who decided to stay another year. I've enjoyed working with you this past year and look forward to another year. You have made this another successful year and made my job very easy.

While passing out thank you's, I want to include all the DJs and dance instructors for their hard work. I also want to thank all who attend the dances for their help both setting up and breaking down. Of course we have to thank all the members and others who attend the dances, because without you it would be real lonely at the dances. That is all for now. Please be careful out there and see you at the dances.

—Gary

Welcome 2018-2019 Board!



Photo Courtesy Kerie Hitt

Left to right: Bernard Ferret (Treasurer), Linda Buckle (At Large), Linda Bloyer (Dance Director), Bruce Wright (Planning Director), Gary Campbell (President), Bernie Vitale (Membership Director), Lydia Vitale (Communications Director), Jeff Vogelmann (Secretary). Not shown: Wayne Herndon (Vice President), Rosa Marino (Special Events Director)



Severe Summer Storms?

NVCWDA Inclement Weather Policy

Dances will be canceled whenever Saturday activities in the Fairfax County Government offices are canceled. The status of government offices will be displayed on the [Neighborhood and Community Services](#) page.

Treasurer's Report	2
Lessons Taught Recently	2
Dance Director's Report	3
Demo Team Performances	3
Board Meeting Summary	3
Demo Team Collage	4
Newsletter Deadline	5
Birthdays and New Members	5
Membership Application	5



2018-2019 NVCWDA Board of Directors

OFFICERS

President	Gary Campbell
Vice President	Wayne Herndon
Secretary	Jeff Vogelman
Treasurer	Bernard Ferret

DIRECTORS

Dance	Linda Bloyer
Communications	Lydia Vitale
Membership	Bernie Vitale
Planning	Bruce Wright
Special Events	Rosa Marino
At Large	Linda Buckle
Past President	Eileen Scott

The NVCWDA is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching and promoting CW dancing for the enjoyment of our members and friends.

The NVCWDA Newsletter is published quarterly by the Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association, Inc.; P.O. Box 384; Merrifield, VA 22116-0384. Initial memberships and annual renewals are \$18 per year or \$36 for two years payable to NVCWDA at the address above. Advertising deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication. Advertising rates: camera ready full page display ads, \$160; 1/2 page, \$80; 1/4 page, \$40; business-card ads, \$20. Email prepaid advertising material (high resolution pdf if available) to communications@nvcwda.org. Mail check to NVCWDA, P.O. Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Newsletter Coordinator	Lydia Vitale
	communications@nvcwda.org
Newsletter Design	Lydia Vitale
Webmaster/Facebook	Kerie Hitt
	webmaster@nvcwda.org

Treasurer's Report by Bill Wong

The Benefit dance netted \$3,000 to Fisher House Foundation.

The association started the fiscal year with \$9,579.54 on May 31, 2017 and ended the fiscal year on May 31, 2018 with a balance of \$12,198.08. Below is the quarterly report:

Category	May 2017	Fiscal Yr. Ending 5/31/17	Aug 2017	Nov 2017	Feb 2018	May 2018	Fiscal Yr. Ending 5/31/18
INCOME							
Admissions	3,553.00	11,679.00	2,789.00	2,986.00	2,876.00	2,484.00	11,135.00
Donations Payable to Others	2,015.00	2,385.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
Donations Received	809.25	1,146.25	426.00	604.50	77.00	1,614.00	2,721.50
Interest Inc	0.23	0.79	0.23	0.27	0.27	0.27	1.04
Membership Dues	522.00	1,566.00	540.00	504.00	270.00	234.00	1,548.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,899.48	16,777.04	3,755.23	4,094.77	3,223.27	6,107.27	17,180.54
EXPENSES							
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	7,300.00
Donations to Others	3,427.00	3,797.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	-328.80	504.20	25.00	30.00	391.50	0.00	446.50
Insurance	0.00	536.94	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Phone	40.31	525.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & Shipping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.30	0.00	93.30
Space Rental	1,000.00	3,015.00	0.00	0.00	990.00	500.00	1,490.00
Supplies	356.49	685.22	122.03	94.34	291.55	38.94	546.86
Website	0.00	151.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.34	185.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,295.00	16,215.17	1,947.03	2,424.34	4,666.35	5,524.28	14,562.00
OVERALL TOTAL	604.48	561.87	1,808.20	1,670.43	-1,443.08	582.99	2,618.54

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.

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

Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer

It's been a busy time the past few months.

First, the Demo Team has been out and about. If you didn't catch them at Celebrate Fairfax, you missed some fun. Fortunately the weather held out for us. If you would like to see what you missed, Bill Wong has posted videos on You Tube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT-Z8YfLtvE&feature=youtu.be> (line dancers) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlHeD7AuJcM&feature=youtu.be> (couples).

The next outing for the team will be July 28 at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Then we get a break until September 22 when we perform at Greenspring in Springfield. Dates and times are listed below and may also be found on the website.

Dance Demo Team Performance Schedule

July 28	Line & Couples	2-3pm - Goodwin House, Alexandria, VA
Sept. 22	Line & Couples	7-9pm - Greenspring, Springfield, VA (Demo & Teaching)
Oct. 27	Line & Couples	2-3pm - Waltonwood of Ashburn, Ashburn, VA

Second, the workshop, originally scheduled for 6/30 has been cancelled. The March workshop was poorly attended, partly because it was on a holiday weekend. 6/30 is one of the weekends involved in the July 4th holiday, so it seemed reasonable to cancel. The one scheduled for September 29 is still ON. It will be a combo workshop for line and couples' dancing. More details will be coming at a later time.

Third, dance lessons continue at regular dances with some new instructors. Bernard Ferret has already taught and will do so again. Coming in the near future is Rosa Marino, as well as Grit & Linda Whitfield, who are scheduled to teach in July. Rosa has a couple of line dances she wants to share, so she

will be on the schedule later in the year as well. Thanks to all of the people who have been willing to share their knowledge with everyone. It makes my job easier when there are willing instructors. I'm still looking for more of you to step up and give it a try.

Fourth, I would like to pick up the mini-lessons in the hall. However, I can't always be at the dances, so I would like some of you to try teaching in a one-on-one situation. You do not have to be an expert to help someone get started, but you do need a little patience and technique. If you know some Two Step (or maybe some Waltz or other dance someone needs to know) and you're willing to take 10 minutes out of a dance to help someone else on a one-to-one or one-to-two basis, you'd be perfect. Everyone who has been a 'student' in the hall has been very appreciative of the time and the help. Unfortunately, because I've been the only one teaching, it hasn't been very consistent. I'd like to put together an informal schedule so that I know who can help on any given night. This can only be done at Lincolnia, as AUUC doesn't have the space.

Fifth, and this is another request.. We have volunteer instructors. They take their time to prepare to teach lessons. Often, there is good participation during the lessons. However, when it comes time to dance the dance in our review time, there are often few people doing that dance. Perhaps we all could show the instructors a little more appreciation if everyone who took part in the lesson at least attempted to dance what was taught. Practice makes you better at whatever it is. Nobody expects anyone to be wonderful at something they may have just learned, but an attempt would be nice. Maybe the dance is not something you really like a lot, or are good at doing, but a little practice helps. Perhaps, if you put yourself in the place of the instructors, you'll understand.

I hope all of you are enjoying the dances, as well as the lessons. We're trying to bring in some dances that are new to you, as well as repeat some that we may have forgotten. It usually takes more than one lesson for the dances to 'stick.'

Have a pleasant summer and keep on dancing!

Board Meeting Summary

June 3: Proposed workshop for June 30th was canceled since the date was close to a holiday weekend. The July 7th dance location was verified as changed to AUUC since Lincolnia will be closed.

Anniversary Dance will be September 15.

Rent has been paid for the remainder of this year: 7/7, 9/1, 10/6 and 12/31 will be held at AUUC and the rest of the dates at Lincolnia including the workshop 9/29. Our average attendance at the dances is 51.8.

Linda Bloyer is in need of an assistant to help with all the duties of the Dance Director.

It is suggested that the workshops be a combination of couples and line dance lessons.

The newsletter will continue in its current format. Contributions of photos and articles are welcome. The current website is in the process of being reworked using WordPress. Work is also in progress on an updated logo.

The Special Events position was reviewed since the position has been vacant for some time. The main events that will be covered will be New Year's Eve, Anniversary, Benefit, and Toys for Tots dances.

Gifts bags are still being assembled and provided by Debbie Hetterly when people sign up for the 90-day trial membership.

The purchase and design of a new, more prominent banner for NVCWDA is under review.

The next board meeting will be held August 5th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Fairfax County Public Library.

News Articles are Welcome!

Anyone wishing to share their CW dance related photos and articles, please contact Lydia Vitale at communications@nvcwda.org. Articles about dancing opportunities while traveling this summer are welcome! Interviews of fellow members... are welcome!



Photographers: Linda Bloyer, Kat Fanelli, Bill Wong, Rich Mahan, Lydia Vitale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

07/10 Nancy Lake
07/16 Linda Buckle
07/22 Carol Caruso
07/22 Kerie Hitt
07/27 John Gentile

August Birthdays

08/16 Eileen Scott
08/19 Lydia Vitale
08/30 George Jones

September Birthdays

09/06 Keith Buckle
09/18 George Morse Jr
09/28 Jerry Oweis
09/30 Kathy Fanelli



Newsletter Sections on Website

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

Newsletter Deadline

September 21 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)

NVCWDA WEBSITE ADDRESS
www.nvcwda.org

NVCWDA EMAIL ADDRESS
info@nvcwda.org



Visit us on
Facebook



Scan this code with your smartphone to open our website.



07/2017

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

P.O. Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



Individual Members Only

Name _____ NEW ADDRESS
check here ☐

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

_____ 90 Day.....Free Trial*

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** ____

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

Today's date _____