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President's Report

by Rick Humbert

The summer of 2015 has come and gone, and it's again time for another treat from El Presidente, another article.

Among the highlights of this summer was the attendance of the annual Virginia Line Dance Festival in Fredericksburg, VA by a handful of people from NVCWDA. A great time was had by all who attended the festival. I'll have more details on this event on page three of the newsletter.

A nice crowd helped NVCWDA celebrate its 29th Anniversary with a dance on September 19. The Association was honored to have world champion dancers Mal and Linda Zerden teach participants a few intermediate cha-cha moves. The Country Steppers, NVCWDA's dance demonstration team, treated the attendees to one of their excellent routines.

The fall dance schedule features numerous schedule and venue changes, as the Linconia Senior Center continues with their remodeling project, and the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church venue is either unavailable at all, or later in the evening. The October 3 dance will be held at the Salvation Army facility in Fairfax, just south of George Mason University. A few people checked out the venue, and were impressed. On November 21, NVCWDA will be holding their dance at Hollin Hall in Alexandria, where NVCWDA held dances in September 2013. Since NVCWDA was there, a new dance floor has been installed. Your flexibility and understanding is highly appreciated.

The Halloween Dance is scheduled for November 7. However, someone will need to step up and take charge of the dance, as Yours Truly has decided to step down as the dance "host." If nobody steps forward, there will be no costume contest nor table contests that

Thank You Steppers for a Great Performance!!



Photos Courtesy Bill Wong

The Country Steppers performing at the Anniversary Dance held September 19th. For more photos from the Anniversary Dance, see page 3.

have occurred in past years.

As of now, the New Year's Eve Dance is scheduled to return to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke, VA. There is plenty of room for dancing. Please check NVCWDA's website for more information.

NVCWDA continues to teach a number of different dances (especially line dances) during the lesson time. If you like some of these recently taught dances, am challenging you to (please) request them at the dances.

Finally, we are approaching the winter weather season, which means possible snow and other types of winter weather. As people have discovered over the years, it only takes a few ice pellets or snowflakes to cause problems. In the event Fairfax County Schools decide to close down their activities, then NVCWDA must cancel any scheduled dances.

That is all I have for now. I hope

everyone enjoys their Fall season, and subsequent holiday season..

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Treasurer's Report


by Bill Wong

All dance locations have been rented and paid for the remainder of the calendar year. This includes Salvation Army for October 3 and Hollin Hall Senior Center for November 21. We hope to be back to Lincolnia Senior Center early next year.

IRS form 990N has been filed as has the Virginia State Corporations Commission Annual Report and Registration fee. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) form 102 has been filed for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015 allowing the association to continue solicitations.

The association started the fiscal year with \$10,455.40 on May 31, 2015 and currently has a balance of \$9,941.35 as of September 25, 2015. Note that this includes rental payments for the rest of the year including the NYE dance. Insurance renewals will be due shortly and ASCAP dues will be arrive in January.

Category	Quarter Jun 2014	Quarter Sep 2014	Quarter Dec 2014	Quarter Mar 2015	FYE 5/31/15	Quarter Jun 2015
INCOME						
Admissions	2,775.00	3,254.00	2,618.00	3,081.00	11,728.00	2,147.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	100.00	1510.00	1610.00	0.00
(Payable to Others)						
Donations Received	326.00	260.00	463.00	1,040.00	2,089.00	670.00
Interest Inc	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.97	0.23
Membership Dues	396.00	288.00	324.00	720.00	1,728.00	486.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,497.24	3,802.24	3,505.24	6,326.25	17,130.97	3,303.23
EXPENSES						
Bank charge	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
DJ (1099 payee)	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	1,500.00
Donations to Others	300.00	300.00	1,400.00	3,086.00	5,086.00	300.00
Dues, Fees, Licenses	0.00	35.00	758.00	130.00	923.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	496.03	0.00	0.00	496.03	0.00
Phone	209.42	101.75	152.41	151.08	614.66	149.28
Space Rental	850.00	229.00	0.00	1,693.00	2,772.00	2,281.00
Supplies	0.00	22.46	53.06	0.00	75.52	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	156.38	0.00	156.38	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,159.42	2,994.24	4,119.85	6,860.08	17,133.59	4,230.28
OVERALL TOTAL	337.82	808.00	-614.61	-508.83	22.38	-927.05



You are cordially
invited to join us for


New Year's Eve 2015

NVCWDA is hosting its fun-filled dance party to usher in the new year at the
Church of the Good Shepherd • 9350 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
From 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Food, Fun and Dancing!
Bring your friends, relatives and kids... They all can enjoy the evening.

Tickets will be available at dances and by mail.
Information about ordering tickets will be announced later.
Details will be posted on the website: www.nvcwda.org



Anniversary Dance 2015

The 29th Anniversary Dance September 19th featured a performance by the Country Steppers, cha-cha lessons by Mal and Linda Zerden, a well-supplied potluck meal, music by DJ Don Barger, many enthusiastic dancers, and an anniversary cake.



Photos Courtesy Rick Humbert

Plea for New Members for the Country Steppers Dance Team

The Country Steppers Dance Team, which is the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association's (NVCWDA's) demonstration dance team, is looking hard for new members. They are losing several members in the next month or so and they would love to have you join them.

New dancers should know some two step, waltz and swing. The team will teach the choreography, and it will help if you already know the basics. The team performs at a variety of settings around the DC metro area, such as theaters, amphitheaters, churches, fairs, retirement homes, community centers, and the Ellipse - National Christmas Tree. Most performances are on weekends.

The team practices on Saturday mornings (newbies' sessions are from 9-10 a.m. and the regular session is from 10 a.m.- noon- subject to change) at the Little River United Church of Christ, which is located route 236 across from the Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale, VA campus. The address of the church is: 8410 Little River Turnpike Annandale Virginia 22003. For more information about the NVCWDA, please see www.nvcwda.org.

Interested dancers should email the team at Steppers@NVCWDA.org. This group enjoys bringing country dancing to the community and encouraging people to get out and dance.

verbiage from www.friendsofcountrydance.net

NVCWDA Inclement Weather Policy

Dances are cancelled whenever Saturday activities in the Fairfax County Public Schools are cancelled. The news media will announce any school closing. If we find out early enough, we will put the information on our website and hotline. You can also check for emergency announcements on the Fairfax County Public Schools website at: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.shtml>

Virginia Line Dance Festival

by Rick Humbert

For people who enjoy line dancing, the annual Virginia Line Dance Festival in Fredericksburg, VA from July 30 through August 2 had plenty of dancing to be done.

Several people from NVCWDA attended this event, which featured participants and world-class dance instructors from all up and down the east coast, and as far west as Indiana and Tennessee (and perhaps even farther away).

The festival opened on the evening of July 30 with an open dance, which featured dances from beginner to advanced levels. Demonstrations of dances scheduled to be taught at Friday's workshop were also done that evening.

Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1 featured line dance workshops held in four different rooms. One room was for ultra-beginners, another room was for high beginner/low intermediate level participants, and two rooms were for intermediate/advanced levels of dance. Participants were free to move to different rooms for the workshops. Workshops consisted of three one hour sessions in the morning, and four afternoon sessions. Dances were taught to all genres of music from country to rap, to rhythm and blues, to oldies pop. Dances were even taught to songs by Frank Sinatra and George Burns. Some of the dances taught in the workshops were taught by the choreographers themselves. (As an example, the line dance "Make Me Wanna," that the Alis recently taught at NVCWDA was taught at the festival by the choreographers themselves.)

Friday and Saturday nights featured open dancing in three different rooms. As was the case during the daytime workshops, there was a room for ultra-beginners, high beginners, and intermediate/advanced. People were once again free to move from room to room, and in many cases, dances taught during the earlier workshops were done during the open dance.

Sunday, August 2 featured three more workshop sessions to close the festival. Needless to say, a great time was had by all, and we all went home to rest our bodies after all of the dancing. It was great to see people whom I have met over the four years I've been there (mainly out-of-towners). If you enjoy line dancing, you might wish to put this on your calendar, but bear in mind, the festival is far from country music, as country may only make up approximately a quarter of the dances taught.

Dance Director's Report

by Marty Johnson

It is hard to believe that I have been Dance Director for almost four months now. My how time flies! DJs and dance instructors have been lined up for the remainder of 2015, and next month, I will begin contacting DJs and instructors regarding scheduling for 2016. If you have suggestions for line or couples dances you would like to have taught or just suggestions in general for the dances, please let me or my wife Karen know. We are also happy to help or refer you to someone who can if you have questions about anything,

including specific dance steps. My goal is to have the music, dances, and instruction that keep you coming back!

As all Dance Directors do, I would like to ask you to keep proper dance etiquette in mind as you move around the dance floor, especially at some of the smaller venues like the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. The etiquette sheet is always available at the front door, and the DJs and I will occasionally remind dancers of proper rules of the road when on the dance floor. On October 3rd, we will be in the gym at the Salvation Army facility on Ox Road in Fairfax which should have plenty of elbow room for everyone! Then we are back to smaller venues for the remainder of the year, so please keep the size of the dance floor in mind.

Now that the holiday season is almost upon us, we are looking forward to some of our favorite theme dances—the Halloween Dance, the Toys-for-Tots Dance, and of course, the New Year's Eve Dance! Please plan on joining us for some great holiday-flavored country music and dancing!

Summary of Board Meeting

by Nancy Vogelmann

The board meeting was held at the Johnson residence September 5th.

Our great treasurer has electronically filed today Federal tax form 990N and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) form 102 for solicitations, signed by the President and Treasurer, as required annually four and ½ months after the close of each fiscal year.

All DJs have been contracted and scheduled through December 2015. In October new contracts and schedules for January 2016 through June 2016 will be sent out. Dance locations for rest of the year have been settled with two new locations and two shifts in dance time. Current membership is 125. Our Director at Large Diane was pleased to announce that the snacks from the membership have been consistent and good.

The Steppers Representative reported upcoming decreases in Steppers membership. Ideas were put forth addressing the issues. The impact a possible disbanding of the Steppers as it pertains to the by-laws will be assessed.

The Vice President has pointed out the vast differential in price for the various venues. It is hoped our organization will be able to hold dances at Lincolnia Senior Center once it is reopened after renovation (possibly November). The cost for any of the other locations is more than our budget can afford on a long term basis.

It has been suggested that now NVCWDA has a license to solicit donations, perhaps we could do so again through phone, mail, and personal contact.

Rick announced to the Board he will be stepping aside from running the Halloween costume contest after many years of doing so. He will make an announcement at the next 2-3 dances for someone in the membership to step up to host the dance. If no one takes over the job, the dance will be a regular dance at which people can wear costumes if they wish but there will be no contest and prizes.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for October 17th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October Birthdays

10/01 Bernie Vitale
10/05 Joyce Leamon
10/06 Elisabeth Gomes
10/10 Robert Marlin
10/12 Sandy Hudson
10/18 Dale Weed
10/20 Bill Hardwick
10/23 Carol Fagnani
10/23 Richard Franklin
10/27 Patricia McMurray

December Birthdays

12/03 Linda-B Woodworth
12/04 Francie Andrews
12/09 Donna Hall
12/23 Ron Harding
12/25 Steven Swart
12/25 Delbert Ashby
12/27 Richard Humbert
12/31 Don Barger



November Birthdays

11/01 Lynne Inman
11/05 Pat Shrader
11/10 Peter Andrews
11/16 Ken Kearney
11/26 Charles Drummond
11/29 Mal Zerden
11/30 Patricia Sandefur

Welcome New Member

Rebecca Hubler

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. Cha-cha lessons were also taught in September.

Tell the World LD	Easy Come Easy Go LD
Six Pack Summer couples	Chiquita couples
Make Me Wanna LD	Lover Please Come Back
So Wake Me Up LD	Shotgun Jenny LD
The Shadow couples	Homegrown LD

Newsletter Sections on Website

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

Newsletter Deadline

December 18 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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703-860-4941

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Cash ☐ Check # _____

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