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President's Report

by Gary Campbell

Can you believe that it is the beginning of fall? It seems like it was just the start of summer. Just think, we'll be on Daylight Saving Time soon and then Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Time flies.

The Anniversary Dance was a lot of fun. Sorry if you missed it. Rosa Marino, Linda Buckle and everyone else that brought food put out a wonderful spread.

The instructors did a great job of teaching a couples dance and a line dance, bringing lots of people on the floor to learn. Kevin Handy, as usual, had a selection of music that kept everyone dancing and having fun.



The dance teams performed and showed us what they do to represent us at their performances.

As usual, I want to thank the Board members for all their hard work in keeping the Association running. We all appreciate the work that the instructors and DJ's do in teaching new dances and playing great music to get us up on the floor. I want to thank all of you for coming out and making the dances fun.

It just hit me, we'll soon be planning our New Year's dance and then a new year. So much for time slowing down any time soon. See you on the dance floor. Stay safe and enjoy.

—Gary

Impromptu Dance July 28

by Debbie Hetterly

Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday July 28 when the Association sponsored a first of its kind "bonus" dance. A full afternoon of dancing and camaraderie made this impromptu event a huge success. Coincidentally, it was a fitting way to celebrate National Dance Day 2018!

Our NVCWDA Demo Team was scheduled to perform nearby, inspiring Marie-Luce to suggest hosting an informal dance after the performance. Since we would already be in the area, why not check on the room availability and continue dancing after the performance? The board agreed, and an announcement was sent out Thursday night. Members helped spread the word, resulting in about 30 people coming together that Saturday afternoon at 4:00. We even had a group of first-time dancers join us. The event lasted

until 8:00.

While all of us appreciate the social aspects and amenities of our regular dances on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays (*and all the effort that goes into making them possible!*), this one was a bit different. We had no DJ, no formal lessons, no tables, no decorations, and no refreshments set-up. That allowed for minimal prep and clean-up, leaving more time for dancing.

Participants brought their own music, and we took turns playing our favorites

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until Kat volunteered to play requests as our unofficial DJ. She even gave a spur-of-the-moment lesson and taught us a new dance! Throughout the afternoon, people took turns teaching a new dance or providing a quick walkthrough of an old favorite.

It was a wonderful experience building up friendships and our sense of community as we shared responsibilities and tried out new roles. We hope you'll come and enjoy the next one with us!



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.

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Treasurer's Report by Bernard Ferret

Our 3rd quarter of 2018 was very profitable, with an overall surplus of \$1,443.22! This brings our total net worth to about \$13,500. Yes, a non-profit can be profitable, and it should be, to remain viable; we just can't give the

money to anybody, except to further our community service goal. If you have any ideas on what programs we could spend some of it in the next 3 months, please let me know! My personal preference would be for kids education. I had the immense pleasure of teaching Mamita to my 8-year old grandson, and he learned it very easily and quickly!

Cash Flow - Q3 2018

7/1/2018 through 9/30/2018

Category	7/1/2018- 7/31/2018	8/1/2018- 8/31/2018	9/1/2018- 9/30/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
INFLOWS				
Uncategorized	0.00	8.00	0.00	8.00
Admissions				
Informal Dance	86.00	0.00	0.00	86.00
Regular Dance	636.00	366.00	888.00	1,890.00
TOTAL Admissions	722.00	366.00	888.00	1,976.00
Donations Received	19.00	0.00	0.00	19.00
Donations for NVCWDA	19.00	23.00	127.00	169.00
Paid Demos	300.00	0.00	200.00	500.00
TOTAL Donations Received	338.00	23.00	327.00	688.00
Interest Inc	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.20
Membership Dues				
Renew	216.00	36.00	252.00	504.00
TOTAL Membership Dues	216.00	36.00	252.00	504.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,276.10	433.10	1,467.00	3,176.20
OUTFLOWS				
DJ (1099 payee)				
Regular Dance	600.00	600.00	300.00	1,500.00
TOTAL DJ (1099 payee)	600.00	600.00	300.00	1,500.00
Space Rental	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Supplies				
Office Supplies	0.00	11.83	24.56	36.39
Regular Dance	36.91	149.68	0.00	186.59
TOTAL Supplies	36.91	161.51	24.56	222.98
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	646.91	761.51	324.56	1,732.98
OVERALL TOTAL	629.19	-328.41	1,142.44	1,443.22

Lessons Taught Recently at NVCWDA Dances

Step sheets for most of the dances listed below are available on our website under the "Resources" drop-down menu.

Sidekick (Couples)	Gypsy Queen LD
Crazy Legs LD	Double Shot of Crown LD
Jamaican Triple Step LD	Best Friends Waltz (Couples)
Comin' Over (Couples)	Twenty-Two Step (Couples)
Footprints on the Water LD	Tell the World LD
Six Pack Summer (Couples)	It Ain't My Fault LD
Stitch It Up LD	11:59 LD
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

Line Dancing in France

by Marie-Luce Mittakarin

I recently traveled to France to visit family and friends in my hometown of Bourgoin-Jallieu in the Alps. While there, I contacted a local association, la Fraternelle, which supports many sporting events and cultural activities, among them a country line dance class. H  l  ne, who is in charge of the line dance, welcomed me with open arms. I was able to join H  l  ne and her team for a few evening classes and an afternoon of country dance called "Apr  s midi CD" which happened to be a fundraising event for Les Restaurants Du Coeur. This event was organized by Western Pleasure Association whose team won the UCWDC World Championship in Nashville 2014 (Team Open Cabaret).

Included in the local association's repertoire were these familiar dances:

Lonely Drum

Beer for My Horses

Gypsy Queen



American Kids
Champagne Promise
Waltz Across Texas

And the ever present *Country High :-)*

I was also introduced to *Sweet Caroline*, which is a big hit and is currently being taught in local dance venues here in the U.S.

The American country theme is

very popular in France; you couldn't miss those boots, hats, and buckles. About the only thing I didn't see was a rope lasso!

Being able to enjoy dancing and make instant friendship was the perfect addition to my trip.

The picture of H  l  ne and her dance team is shown above.

Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer

I'd like to thank the demo group for continuing to come out & show the folks in the community how much fun we have dancing. Hopefully, we'll pick up a couple of new folks attending dances. Thanks also to Rich for helping out in Sam's absence at the Greenspring demo. It was a lot of fun, and we got some very nice comments afterward. The residents and guests who came were great and had a lot of fun! We have a couple more events this year: 10/27 at Waltonwood in Ashburn for the whole team and 12/1 at the Junior League event at the Tyson's Sheraton for the line dancers. If you can make it out to see us, come on out!

Dance Demo Team Performance Schedule

Oct. 27	Line & Couples	2-3pm - Waltonwood of Ashburn, Ashburn, VA
Dec. 1	Line	Time TBA - Junior League Event, Tyson's Sheraton, VA

I am still looking for instructors! Couples' lessons are getting more difficult because my instructor pool seems to have shrunk a bit. I feel like I'm calling on the same people all of the time, or putting myself on the schedule. I know you all appreciate the ones who teach, but we need some new faces. There are a couple of 'new' line dance instructors on the schedule, but some more would be welcome.

PLEASE HELP! There is still a need for basic couples' dance lessons in the hall at Lincolnia, but I am the only one who ever

does them. I know more of you can teach very basic 2 Step (or another couples' dance) and we just need a few of you to step up and volunteer to help with this. It is a great opportunity to make our visitors feel welcome. You won't have to commit to every dance, just now and then. But we need to help the new folks learn a little so they feel comfortable getting out and trying to dance instead of sitting on the sidelines watching and then never coming back. We have had a few young people recently and, if we can get them to join in and have fun, they'll come back and maybe join the Association.

As Gary always says at the dances, this is YOUR ASSOCIATION! It's your job to help keep things going. Volunteering can be very easy, and you don't have to do a ton of work or spend a ton of time. Those of us who are on the Board would appreciate more involvement by you the members. It would make the job we do easier!

NVCWDA Website Updated

Over the summer, we updated the NVCWDA website. The site has a new appearance and works better with mobile devices. It includes a handy search function and an events calendar listing our dances and dance team performances. The site also has a blog, a feature we can use to distribute news and announcements about NVCWDA. We're still working on adding key words and search engine optimization.

—Kerie Hitt, Webmaster

Board Meeting Summary - August 5th

A proposal was approved to put Association money into a short-term certificate of deposit or certificates of deposit.

Bernard proposed that the Association engage in education work, including going into schools, to promote country western dance particularly to young people. He will research this.

The names of the officers will be updated in the annual report filed with the State Corporation Commission. This will be done when the next annual report is due. Jeffrey Vogelmann will replace Bill Wong as the Association's registered agent.

Linda Buckle proposed that a goal of the Association should be to reduce plastic waste and that the Association members at dances should cease using red Solo cups and instead use paper cups.

Linda Bloyer is interested in having somebody else take over the entire dance team; her plate of responsibilities is very full.

Discussion on a new logo continued. Wayne will provide a list of companies to help develop the logo.

A new email messaging program to reach the members was suggested. Constant Contact or Mail Chimp were brought up as possibilities.

Plans were made for the upcoming Anniversary Dance.

A couples/ line dance workshop was discussed for the 5th Saturday in September. The consensus was to charge \$5 per person for an impromptu open dance instead. Bernie volunteered to be the DJ at no charge.

The new website was discussed. There was a suggestion that a donate button be added.

The next board meeting will take place October 7 at the Fairfax County Public Library, 3-5 p.m.

Demo Team Performance – 9/22 Greenspring Retirement Community

The demonstration was a great success. The two hours went by quickly with great audience participation.

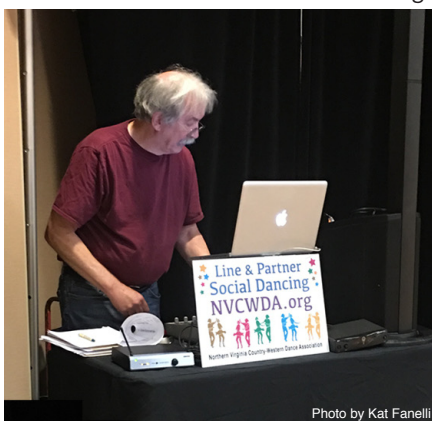


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October Birthdays

10/01 Bernie Vitale
10/05 Joyce Leamon
10/06 Elisabeth Gomes
10/10 Robert Marlin
10/14 James Bregar
10/18 Dale Weed
10/23 Richard Franklin
10/26 Jeffrey Vogelmann
10/27 Patricia McMurray

November Birthdays

11/05 Pat Shrader
11/10 Peter Andrews
11/26 Charles Drummond
11/30 Debbie Hetterly
11/30 Bill Cole

December Birthdays

12/03 Linda-B Woodworth
12/04 Francie Andrews
12/25 Steven Swart
12/27 Richard Humbert



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December 14 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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Today's date _____