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President's Report

by Kat Fanelli

We sure finished up 2019 in style!

What fun we had at the New Year's Eve dance!

There is so much to look back on in 2019 too.... our Demo teams making appearances at fairs and weddings and retirement homes! A competition team in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics and our line dance team performed at National Dance Day! Our efforts to get out and be known in the community made great strides in 2019.

Huge thanks to all who work so hard making our organization great!

- Our members that stepped up to serve on the board.
- Our volunteer dance instructors.
- A special thanks to Linda Bloyer: our Dance Director who makes a challenging job look easy! She has to run herd over the DJs and arrange for lessons for those great new dances that keep us all on the floor.
- All those volunteers who always come forward to fill a need.
- * Our DJs and of course our dedicated members and dancers that come and support our dances!

THANK YOU!

Our first dance of 2020 will be held at a new venue:

**January 18th Dance will be held
at Galilee United Methodist
Church, 45425 Winding Road,
Sterling VA 20165**

Mark your calendars for our annual benefit dance

March 21, 2020

**Volunteers will be enthusiastically welcomed
to assist with planning and setup.
Details to follow: nvcwda.org**

Come and support this dance and please, everyone think about who you know that you can tell about NVCWDA!

Everyone also be sure to share and "like" our Facebook page and check in there to see everything we are up to!!! Every click draws us closer to the top in the search engines and helps to spread the word.

Looking forward to fabulous times on the dance floor in 2020!

Planning Director's Report

by Bruce Wright

Again this year, most of our dances will be held at Lincolnia Center. There are three weekends when Lincolnia

is closed due to Monday holidays, on Martin Luther King Day on January 20, President's Day on February 17, and Labor Day on September 7.

On January 18 we'll dance at Galilee United Methodist Church, 45425 Winding Road, Sterling VA 20165. On February 15 and September 5 we'll be back at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Ct., Burke, VA 22015. We will also hold our New Year's Eve dance at Accotink. July 4 falls on a Saturday and we will not be holding a dance that weekend.



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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Dance Director's Report

by Linda Bloyer

Happy 2020 Everyone!

I hope you have at least one resolution to dance more in 2020!

Our schedule is a bit different in the early part of the year. We'll check out a new venue (needed due to lack of availability at Lincolnia and Accotink Church). Our first dance will be at Galilee Church in Sterling. This is where Bernie and Lydia teach lessons each week, so we hope some of their folks will find their way to us. After that, we'll be at Lincolnia for one dance, then at Accotink for a dance, and then back at Lincolnia for most of the year. There are a couple of other changes months from now.

Lessons for the first dance will be Basic 2 Step at 6pm with Rich and me teaching. As I suggested above, we hope to have a few new people. If not, I can whip up a more difficult lessons pretty quickly, since I teach 2 Step every Friday at Nick's. At 6:30, Bernard will teach "Honky Tonk Highway," which he taught last year, but hasn't been done much.

Otherwise, I'm working on lining up some lessons with our faithful volunteer instructors. As always, I'm looking for some new 'blood' in that department, especially for couples' lessons. I'm sure it's a daunting idea for many of you, but once you get over the first time, you'll find it's easier than you think, especially if you teach something you know well. I'm always willing to let you teach me first, if you want before you teach a whole group.

While I'm thinking about it, we could use a few more couples' dancers too. Please remember, that there is nothing wrong with ladies learning the lead part or guys learning the follow part.

It keeps you on your toes and helps when there are not sufficient partners of one side or the other. That was part of my motivation for learning to lead a long time ago. Now, I dance either the lead or the follow part, so I can choose more people as dance partners. It also helps people who usually lead to learn what the follower needs, and it gives the usual followers an appreciation for how difficult leading can be. Bottom line: when we teach a couples' dance, get up and learn one part or the other. It will help your overall dancing.

Our demo team is busy getting ready for some events later in the Spring. Dates are being booked. Practices will be happening soon, I'm sure. Please consider joining in the fun. You don't need to know every dance the team does. You can line dance, couples' dance, or do both. We do dances that are taught and danced at regular dances. In fact, I will likely have some of the list of dances taught at upcoming dances, just so more people might be comfortable doing them. Some of our events are demo only. Some are demo and teaching. It all depends on what is asked of us. You don't need to commit to every event, but we need enough dancers at each to make a good showing. Our mission is to take the fun we have dancing to the community. We are not perfect we let our audiences know that. We dance to have fun. If you have any interest, see me, Marie-Luce, Kat, or any other team member. Our only stipulation is that you must be a member of NVCWDA in order to participate. So please give it some thought!

I hope you continue to come out and support the Association. If you have suggestions relating to lessons, or want to volunteer to teach something, please let me know.

Dances Taught Recently

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

Zatchu LD	These Old Boots LD
Baby Doll Waltz LD	Little Honky Tonk Bar LD
Cowboy Cha Cha (Couples)	Knockin' Boots LD
Look What God Gave Us (Couples)	Kickin' the Blues LD
Down to the Honky Tonk (Couples)	Codigo LD

Outside our Walls - Active in the Community



Northern Virginia Senior Olympics



Participants in National Dance Day



September 21, 11am - 2:30pm
Old Town Square
10415 North Street

National Dance Day is an annual celebration dedicated to dance, this event encourages Americans of all ages to incorporate dance into their lives. You are invited to learn a routine and have a blast dancing with members of our community!

11:00am - Fairfax Ballet: Peter and the Wolf
11:30am - McGrath Morgan Academy of Irish Dance
11:45am - Senior Olympic Line Dance Teams
12:00pm - The Masonettes
12:30pm - Northern Virginia Country: Western Dance Association Dance Team
1:00pm - Gottaswing
1:15pm - Sundays on Tap



Photos by Bill Wong

Outside our Walls - Performing and Teaching



Little River United Church of Christ

Photos by Bill Wong

Landsdowne Woods



Anniversary Dance



NYE 2019



Virginia Line Dance Festival

by Rick Humbert

For people who enjoy line dancing, the annual Virginia Line Dance Festival in Fredericksburg, VA from August 1-4 had plenty of dancing to be done.

Several people from NVCWDA attended this event, which featured participants and world-class dance instructors from several states.

The festival opened on the evening of August 1 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, August 2, and Saturday, August 3 featured line dance workshops 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. Three sessions of one hour workshops took place in the morning, and four more workshop sessions were conducted in the afternoon. Dances were taught to all genres of music from country to rap, to rhythm and blues to pop oldies. Some of the dances taught in the workshops were taught by the choreographers themselves.

Friday and Saturday nights featured open dancing in three different rooms. One room played dances tailored to ultra-beginners, another room played high beginners/improver/low intermediate dances, and for those participants who wanted to "up their game," there was a room that played intermediate/advanced dances. Participants were free to move from room to room, and in some cases, dances taught during the daytime workshops were done during the open dance.

Sunday, August 4 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 who I have met over the many years I've been there. If you enjoy line dancing, you might wish to put this on your calendar, (Next year's Virginia Line Dance Festival is scheduled from 30 July – 2 August 2020) but bear in mind, there is generally a minimum amount of country music played at this event.

DISCLAIMERS: Any opinions expressed in this article are solely mine, and do not reflect the opinions of other NVCWDA participants attending the event or NVCWDA itself. I had a previously scheduled commitment on the late afternoon and evening of August 3, and was not present at the event during that timeframe, and my comments were based on previous experience.

Board Meeting Notes

July 20: A loss of \$650 for the last quarter was noted and discussed.

There was a suggestion that Reston Community Center could serve as an additional location for Association dances.

The difficulties of being without an At Large Director were brought up. It was agreed that dance attendees be informed of likely changes in food at the dances if the Association continues without an At Large Director.

There are now 89 members. It was agreed by the Board that membership cards will no longer be given out (the use of membership cards is being phased out).

Hamilton Elementary School, in Loudoun County, now has a line dance program. Bernard will be teaching line dances to the elementary school students under the Association name after school on Mondays (the Association will now be a vendor with the State of Virginia). Bernard may bring some of his students to an Association dance or dances. (note from editor: this program did not reach fruition)

A retractable banner and three yard signs were approved for purchase by the board to advertise the Association at performances and dances.

November 2: Secretary (Jeff) reported that the renewals for the Association with the State Corporation Commission and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer

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Treasurer's Report

by Bernard Ferret

	4/1/19 to 6/30/19	7/1/19 to 10/31/19	11/1/19 to 12/21/19
INFLOWS			
Uncategorized			27.00
Admissions			
NYE Dance			450.00
Benefit Dance	660.00	2,481.00	
Regular Dance	1,096.00		934.00
Paid Demos	400.00		200.00
Donations Payable to Others			10.00
Fisher House	744.00		
Donations for NVCWDA	172+10	196.00	110.00
Bank Interest	0.07	0.12	0.30
Memberships dues	414.00	378.00	162.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	3,314.07	3,055.12	1,893.30
OUTFLOWS			
DJ			
Benefit Dance	300.00		
Regular Dance	1,500.00	2,400.00	900.00
Donations to Others	1,462.00		
Dues, Fees, Licenses		30.00	25.00
Paypal fees	0.63	1.40	
Sr Olympics registration fees		45.00	
Marketing & Advertisement	300.00	213.40	
Space Rental		250.00	
Logo Design	264.00		
Liability Insurance (6 months)			250.00
Website and domain names	199.84		
Supplies for dances			
NYE Dance			
Regular Dance	91.91	5.29	
Cash register errors			10.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,118.38	2,945.09	1,185.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-804.31	110.03	708.30
CASH	3/31/2019	10/31/2019	12/21/2019
Uncashed checks	-300.00		-300.00
BB&T Checking 5895	4,178.12	3,968.57	4,676.60
BB&T CD 3399	5,000.00	5,068.63	5,068.63
BB&T CD 3402	2,503.55	2,503.74	2,503.93
Paypal	44.58	64.67	64.67
Petty cash	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL CASH	11,626.25	11,805.61	12,213.83

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Services have been accomplished, the necessary filings having been made.

Lessons were reported to be scheduled through the end of 2019 and disc jockey schedules tentatively set up for 2020. Demonstration team was scheduled for Landsdowne Woods. NVCWDA will receive \$200 for the event.

Problems involving missing NVCWDA information on the World Linedance Newsletter were brought up.

Discussions about changing the bylaws to allow for fewer officers. Some opposition to the change was voiced and no vote held.

New Year's Eve dance was discussed. The need for volunteers and someone to coordinate the event was brought up and will be expressed at the dances. Lydia to print the tickets. There is a need for advertising on the internet, in the newsletter, in the Fairfax Connection and on Facebook.

Decision was made to have no January 4, 2020 dance and no July 4, 2020 dance. It is expected there will be a Halloween Dance October 2020.

Next meeting was set for December 21.

Welcome New Members!

Nona Bowers	Phil Hicks	Donna Stevens
Ray Bowers	Monica Hicks	Terry Stevens
Coley Andrews	Don Cooper	
Sarah Anderson	Cecilia Abrams	

Please let us know if we missed anyone! (dancenl@comcast.net)

Newsletter Deadline

March 20 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)

Everyone is welcome to submit articles and photos for possible inclusion in the newsletter!

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