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President's Report

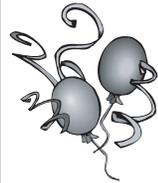
by Charlotte Pierce

After the October 3 dance, Eric Vondra volunteered to be the NVCWDA Communications Director. Thank you, Eric, for agreeing to take on this important position on the Board of Directors. Members of the Association can rest assured that they will continue to receive a quality newsletter.

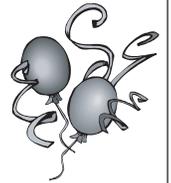
Have you checked out our website at www.nvcwda.org? It is a great site to visit often to find updated information about the Association. There are also color pictures, information about upcoming dances, other places to dance, and links to other websites of interest to country-western dancers. Check it out for pictures of the winners of this year's Halloween Costume Contest. Thanks to Kerie for doing such an excellent job as webmaster. In addition to the website, the hotline also has information that you can access when you are away from home. The first time that Dan and I drove to a dance, we called and got the address then put it into our navigation system. You can also leave a message and Diane Foster will return your call as soon as possible.

Thanksgiving has always been one of our favorite holidays because it is so family oriented. In fact, our older son was born on Thanksgiving in 1973, and he has done his best to bring his family from Georgia to our house for Thanksgiving every year. His younger daughter starts talking about Grandma's turkey when school starts. In case you want to know my secret recipe, I don't add anything to the turkey and I cook it until it is nice and brown and not too juicy. It looks great and tastes like turkey. Of course there is always gravy for those who like a little additive.

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You are cordially
invited to join us for



New Year's Eve 2009

**THE NVCWDA IS HOSTING ITS FUN FILLED DANCE PARTY
AT FT. MYER COMMUNITY CENTER - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
FROM 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR**

Our traditional buffet will be waiting for you all night. We are planning to have appetizers, turkey, barbecue, spiral sliced ham, vegetarian lasagna, vegetables, salad, bread and soft drinks. There will be a spectacular array of desserts.

Bring your friends, relatives and kids... They can all enjoy the evening.

Tickets will be available at dances and by mail. If ordering by mail, send check made out to NVCWDA, Box 384, Merrifield, VA 22116-0384. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we can mail the ticket to you. Also include your contact information (phone or email address) in case we need to reach you. *We must receive your payment—either at a dance or in the mail (postmarked no later than December 23rd) to give you the advance sales price. We will not accept requests to reserve tickets at the advance sales price.*

Tickets: \$25.00 per person until December 23

\$35.00 per person at the door

\$15.00 per child (under 18) in advance and at the door

**Toys for Tots Dance
December 5th**

Remember to bring an unwrapped
toy or a check for a donation



Please check "**Wanted**" ad for
New Year's Eve help on page 3.

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Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

I'll start by saying a big *howdy* to everyone. Thank you all for making me and my wife, Olga, feel so welcome as two of the newest members of the NVCWDA, and beginning dancers to boot. I have been listening to Charlie Pierce ask for volunteers to fill this position for a while now, so I thought I'd step up and give it a try.

One of my roles is to proofread and edit the newsletter articles that you submit, so I'll try to keep up the high standards that have been the norm. I want to thank Kerie Hitt for the many years of service she has given the club as a volunteer. She continues as webmaster.

I've been in Northern Virginia for just over six years now, my wife and

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On the Friday after Thanksgiving we put up our Christmas tree. It is artificial so it can stay up until January 6. Every day I put one more decoration in the house from our stash collected over the past 39 years. I enjoy buying presents for family and friends, and I look forward to the Toys for Tots Dance on December 5, which gives me one more excuse to buy toys.

I am so excited about the upcoming dances, beginning with the dance on November 7, because tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance go on sale that night. Dan and I always look forward to the New Year's Eve Dance. This year it starts with a great buffet dinner followed by lots of dancing to music provided by DJs Bernie and Lydia Vitale. The great finale is a champagne toast at midnight. You don't want to miss this dance.

NVCWDA dances are enlivened because our DJs bring a great variety of music to keep us on the dance floor until we have to take a break to catch

I having moved down from the Pittsburgh area in 2003. I grew up in New Jersey and no one in my family ever liked country music or did any dancing, so I was a bit of a renegade when I started working as a DJ for a small country music station in Central Florida in the early '90s. I also did some line dancing and the El Paso now and then, but never kept up with it after I left Florida for Pennsylvania. I work for the federal government now. I still love country music and I persuaded my wife to go with me to one of the dances back in the spring, and here we are.

I hope to meet every one of you out at the dances. If you haven't been to one lately, please make it a point to do so—you know you'll have fun! In addition, there must be a lot of you out there with some stories to tell or letters to write, too. Please send them in.

a breath. Our dance instructors provide an excellent balance of dance review and new dances for everyone. Linda Buckle makes sure that we have some basic snacks enticingly presented, and dancers bring everything from sandwiches to casseroles to desserts to supplement the basics, so you have to come to see what food will be there. Thank you all so much. The dances would be pretty boring without all of you enthusiastic dancers who make the dance floor come alive. Thank you for coming to the dances and please continue to dance and get the word out to friends and family about our dances.

As you know, winters around here are very unpredictable. If Fairfax County Public Schools cancels all activities at the schools on a Saturday and there is a dance scheduled for that night, the dance will be cancelled. Any cancellations will be posted on our website and hotline, www.fcps.edu, or Cox's Channel 21.

Enjoy your holidays, keep on dancing, and get your New Year's Eve tickets early.

–Charlie

Newsletter Deadline

10th of December for articles, reports and news items

E-mail to: **communications@nvcwda.org**

Send Microsoft Word, PageMaker or Text Files.

Send photos separately as tif, eps, jpeg,
or bitmap files (high resolution)

Some Fun Dances Coming Up

by Dan Pierce, Special Events



If you are looking for some fun things to do in the next few months, your Association has some offerings that I hope will interest you.

On October 31 we have our big Halloween Dance. This is the dance where adults get to act like kids. Get all dressed up in your favorite costume and join us at Luther Jackson Middle School for a night of fun, food and dancing. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Rick Humbert will transform our usual dancing digs into a spooky spectacular; I hope that you can join us for the fun. Costumes are optional.

In December we have a couple of special dances. The first one is our annual Toys for Tots dance on December 5. This is the dance where we help out our friends in the Marine Corps to make a child's Christmas just a little more joyous. Please help us with a donation of a new toy, a check, or cash to help a needy child and maybe help make your own holiday just a little more meaningful. Checks should be made out to "NVCWDA."

And of course there is our annual New Year's Eve Dance. This is the dance where your Association goes all out. The dance will be at the Fort Meyer Community Center, 228 McNair Rd., Bldg. 405, Fort Meyer, VA. (Directions are in this newsletter under "How Do I Get There" and on the Association's web site.) Join us on New Year's Eve for a night of great food, music, dancing and company. Tickets will go on sale soon so you can reserve your place for our biggest and most enjoyable dance of the year. Charlie and I hope to see you on the dance floor. Keep on dancing!

Membership Report

by Marty Johnson

Although there have been many new faces at the dances recently, the membership number remains relatively constant. We currently have 171 members on the roster, which is down slightly from last month. Unfortunately, several of those memberships have technically expired, and those individuals will need to be removed from the list if

their renewals are not received soon. I will be sending out reminder letters this week. If you receive a letter or know your membership is about to expire or has expired, please renew as soon as possible by completing the application/renewal form in this newsletter. You can either drop it off at the next dance or mail it to the address shown on the form.

Back at the beginning of September I sent out an email to everyone on our email broadcast list advising them of the cancellation of the September 5 dance. If you did not receive that email, it means I either do not have an email address for you or what I have in the database is incorrect. Please send your current email address to me at membership@nvcwda.org if you did not receive the September broadcast email but would like to be on the list.

As always, your suggestions regarding ways to increase membership or bring in new attendees to the dances are always welcome. We will soon have a new Association flyer that the Steppers will be handing out at their performances. The county libraries will also allow us to place the flyers in their community information sections, but only if they have space available. If you have ideas on other places to distribute the flyers, please let one of the Board Members know.

WANTED

HELP FOR THE NEW YEAR'S DANCE

We need your help to make this year's New Year's dance one of the best experiences of the year. If you can help with:

- PLANNING ➤ FOOD ➤ SHOPPING
- SET UP ➤ DECORATIONS ➤ CLEAN UP

or any of the many little details that must come together to make the New Year's dance a success.

PLEASE CONTACT:

DAN PIERCE AT 703-339-8437 or

EMAIL dpierce879@cox.net, or better yet in person at one of the regular dances.

REMEMBER; This is your association and we need your help to make it the best that it can be. The board does a lot but it can't do everything. Thanks for your help!

NVCWDA 2009 DANCE SCHEDULE

Free dance lessons 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Open dancing 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Date	Event	Location	DJ	Lesson at 7:30		Lesson at 8:00	
				Instructor(s)	Dance	Instructor(s)	Dance
Nov 7		Jackson Middle Sch	Handy	Dale and Anita Strawser	Two Step Moves	Dale and Anita Strawser	Two Step Moves
Nov 21		Jackson Middle Sch	Cole	Eileen Scott	Quarter to Six line dance	Matt Leonard	Oklahoma Breeze 2 couples specialty
Dec 5	Toys for Tots Dance	Jackson Middle Sch	Vitale	Scotty Inman	Circle Twenty line dance	Country Steppers	Palomino Stroll couples specialty
Dec 19		Jackson Middle Sch	Fanelli	Mal & Linda Zerden	Waltz Moves	Mal & Linda Zerden	Waltz Moves
Dec 31*	New Year's Eve Dance	Ft. Myer Comm Cntr	TBD		No Instruction		No Instruction

Admission: \$10 Members / \$12 Non-members / \$5 Children under 18 accompanied by an adult. Members PSDC: \$10.

*Special rates apply for New Year's Eve Dance.

Monitor hotline and web site for advance notice on January dances and last minute changes.

Dance Schedule

November 2009



NVCWDA Dances
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 Open dancing 8:30 - 11:00 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Reston Dance (Reston Community Center)	2	3	4 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	5 Nokesville Gail Smith	6 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	7 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School
8 Stafford American Legion	9	10	11 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	12 Nokesville Gail Smith	13 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	14 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory
15	16	17	18 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	19 Nokesville Gail Smith	20 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	21 NVCWDA Jackson Middle School
22 Stafford American Legion	23	24	25 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27	28
29	30	Lessons by Eileen Scott: Ongoing Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176, Amhearst Avenue, Springfield, 7:30-9:00 p.m. except holidays. Pay as you go; no pre-registration required. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net . See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes. Current session ends November 24. Next session begins January 2010. Pre-registration required for county classes.				

December 2009

Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Thursdays. Email: rgsmith@wildblue.net for information. Currently run by Barry Fink

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20	21	22	23 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	24	25 Christmas	26
27 Stafford American Legion	28	29	30 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	31 NVCWDA New Year's Eve Dance Ft. Myer CC	Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.	

For more information on dances see contact information listed with directions (How Do I Get There) on page six.

PSDC Fridays = Country/Swing Mix
 Vienna American Legion
 (w/Beginner & Int. Lessons)
<http://www.jimandpeggy.com>

Line Dance Lessons in Sterling, VA
 Mondays - 7:00-9:00 p.m., Fridays - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Bernie & Lydia Vitale
dancenl@comcast.net or call 703-430-2398

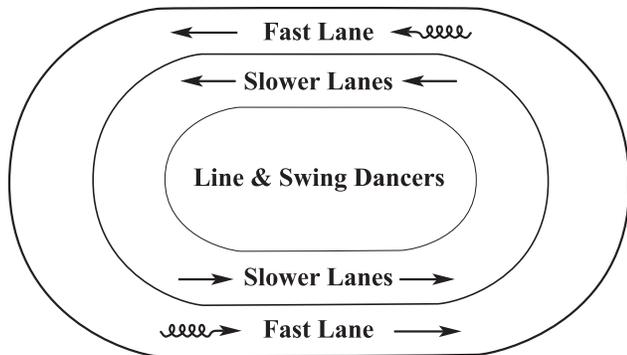
A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

First of all, thanks so much to everyone for observing proper country-western dance floor etiquette at our NVCWDA dances. Knowing and observing the rules of the road on the dance floor, always being courteous, and apologizing when the occasional accident happens are what make our dances so much more enjoyable than the typical dance floor "brawls" at some of our local bars and clubs.

You may have noticed some new faces at the dances. No, you haven't been seeing things. We're thrilled that we're getting some new dancers who are eager to learn new dances and enjoy the exercise, fun, and camaraderie with us. Because we do have some new folks, I'd like to briefly review our dance floor etiquette for their benefit (and provide a reminder for our regulars as well).

In country-western dancing, the dance floor is divided into concentric *lanes* like the picture below.



Traffic moves around the dance floor in a counter-clockwise direction. The outside lane is the fast lane. If you're going to be moving slowly, stay in an inner lane and let people pass you on the outside. The closer you get towards

the center, the slower you can go.

If you're doing stationary dances like a line dance, swing, or cha cha instead of a traveling dance, you should dance in the center area of the floor (or in our smaller "dance floor" directly in front of the tables). Line dancers should make every effort to confine their dancing to the center of the floor so you don't block others who may still want to dance around you.

If you should have an occasional dance floor fender bender, please make the appropriate apology (no matter who was really at fault). If you really have a problem on the dance floor that a simple apology and smile won't resolve, please contact a board member and let them assist you with the problem. Shouting matches, icy stares, foul language, or all-out brawls on the dance floor make it very difficult for others to enjoy the music or the dance—and should be avoided at all costs.

If you have a particular song you'd like to hear or a particular dance you'd like to do, please let the DJ know. All our DJs have a request list at their DJ table and are all quite approachable. They'll do their very best to get your song or dance played during the course of the evening. Sometimes their list gets pretty long, so please be patient with them—balancing all the songs/dances to ensure everyone gets on the floor and stays on the floor is a difficult task. But they all do it very well, and that's why we're so very lucky to have them working for us!

Finally, I need your feedback. If you have a particular dance that you'd like to learn or review, please let me know. I try to strike a balance between lessons on couples dances, specialty dances, and line dances at each dance. I'm also trying to bring some older, but still popular, dances back for our newer members. Your suggestions for dances are certainly welcome and will definitely help me out. Just let me know. Thanks for supporting your Association and, as always, see you on the dance floor!

Other Places to Dance

American Legion Post 290 in Stafford

1204 American Legion Rd (County Rd 628)

Country-western lessons and dancing with Matt Leonard.

Second and fourth Sundays of the month from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$7.00 per person. For more information call Matt: (703) 509-5044.

The Corral at Fast Eddies of Centreville

14114 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120

Thursdays; line dance, two-step,

couples dance lessons 7:00-8:30 p.m.

followed by dancing to the Southern Winds Band and DJ until 11 p.m.

(703) 266-1888 or www.fasteddies.com

(Note: Country dancing only on Thursday nights now.)

Dance Factory

954 N. Monroe St, Arlington, VA 22201

Two-step, East and West Coast Swing, Waltz,

Cha Cha, Hustle, Nightclub Two-Step

Second Saturday of every month (Next: Nov. 14)

Hosted by Mal and Linda Zerden

Beginners lessons 8:00-9:30 p.m.,

dancing to DJ music until midnight

\$12 includes the lesson, dancing, and light refreshments

Call Mal at (703) 560-4724 or see www.dancefactory.com

Summaries of Aug./Oct. Board Meetings

by Charlotte Pierce

August - The board met on August 26, 2009. Marty Johnson reported that we have 167 members on roll, 4 had not renewed and 24 memberships would expire in September or October. Susan Scott said that she will speak to her contact person about the continued lack of air conditioning at Luther Jackson Middle School. The cost of tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance will be \$25 for prepaid tickets and \$35 at the door. The tickets will go on sale at the November 7 dance. Mail orders for tickets must be postmarked no later than December 23. Karen Johnson presented a draft of the flyer for the NVCWDA. The board suggested several changes.

October - The board met on October 7, 2009. Marty Johnson reported that we have 171 members and that 5 have not renewed and will be removed from the list at the end of October or November. The board agreed to have 300 NVCWDA flyers printed. We agreed to continue holding the regular dances at Luther Jackson Middle School and to keep the same DJs for 2010. We discussed options for teaching beginners how to do some of the basic dances while continuing the regular lessons at 7:30 and 8:00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November Birthdays

11/01 Lynne Inman
11/01 Mona Newman
11/05 Pat Shrader
11/10 Peter Andrews
11/26 Charles Drummond
11/30 Fred Crowson
11/30 Patricia Sandefur

December Birthdays

12/01 David Bailey
12/02 Krink Turner
12/03 Linda-B Woodworth
12/04 Francie Andrews
12/07 Christine Judd
12/12 Nancy Adams
12/18 Amy Gladeck
12/25 Delbert Ashby
12/25 Chris Ross
12/25 Steven Swart
12/27 Richard Humbert
12/31 Don Barger

Welcome New Members!

Sue Cathcart

Eric Vondra

Tim Cathcart

Olga Vondra

Looking for Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm) for lessons offered by NVCWDA members Scotty, Barbara, Eileen, and Don. Also look at the calendar on page 4 of this newsletter, which has information about classes given by various folks around the area. Many of the other dance places listed in the newsletter offer lessons. You also can search for lessons on the dance web pages shown on the NVCWDA web site (www.nvcwda.org/links.html). Sign up for DC's Community Dance News, the weekly electronic newsletter from Dave Moldover (dave@danceinfo.com), and you will see lots of dance events.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Cherry Hill, Fr. the Capital Beltway, take Exit 25 (US Route 1 South). Take first right onto Cherry Hill Road and go 1 mile to Cherry Hill Park and Camp Grounds. Entrance on the left. Follow entrance road to back of the park, make a right turn at the 3rd STOP sign. Center is on left just past swimming pool. Parking is free. <http://www.danceinfo.com/>

Dance Factory, 954 Monroe St, Arlington, VA. From 495, I-66 East, take N. Fairfax Dr. Exit, left on Monroe, the studio is on the corner across from Virginia Square Metro. <http://www.dancefactory.com/saturdays.html>. 703/528-9770.

Fort Myer Community Center, 228 McNair Rd, Bldg 405, Ft. Myer, VA. From I-395: Take exit 8A/Washington Blvd-Ft Myer. From Washington Blvd, take Ft Myer exit, which leads through a gate to Ft Myer. Stop for vehicle inspection. Turn right when exiting vehicle inspection. Turn left at next stop sign. Go past the NCO club and bowling alley. Parking is on the right.

Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church, VA. From the Capital Beltway: Take exit 50A-B to US-50 W/Arlington Blvd toward Fairfax. Merge onto Gallows Rd/VA-650 N. Turn left on Gatehouse Rd then right into school. Park in back lot near buses/tennis courts.

Nokesville Firehall, Rt. 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marstellar. Firehall on left. For info email: rgsmith@wildblue.net

Reston Community Center, Fr. W. on Dulles Toll Rd, take Reston Parkway Exit, turn left on Reston Parkway, go to 2nd traffic signal and turn left on Sunrise Valley Drive, go to 1st traffic light and turn right on Colts Neck Road, go 1/4 mile and turn left into Hunters Woods Shopping Center. Community Center is in courtyard behind shopping center. 703-476-4500.

Stafford American Legion, 1204 American Legion Rd (County Rd 628), Stafford, VA. From I-95 south, take exit 143A for VA-610 E. Merge onto Garrisonville Rd/VA 610. Turn right at US 1. Go about 5.3 miles. Turn right at American Legion Rd. Go .3 mi.

Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna, VA. Upstairs Ballroom. From DC: Take 66 to exit 62, Nutley St. Drive North to Rte. 123. Turn right, drive 3/4 mile to Center St. N. (at Starbuck's). Turn left onto Center St., cross Church St. and AyrHill Ave. Turn left into the American Legion just past the hidden entrance sign. Continue around building to right to upper parking lot. For more info and alternate directions: Go to <http://www.jimandpeggy.com>. Click on link for PSDC.

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The Country Steppers continue to perform at various venues. The performance at the VA Training Center for mentally and physically challenged individuals was very heartwarming. Such performances make us feel truly blessed and thankful that we are able to do what we do.

The WMZQ-sponsored block party in Gainesville was well attended in spite of the threatening rain. There was a children's Halloween costume contest featuring some very unique and innovative costumes. A line dance was taught during which one of the children kept right up with us; future Stepper in training. Performing on asphalt always presents a challenge.

An event we consider the highlight of the year is the performance at the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse. It will be the second weekend in December. Come out and enjoy the evening with us. Check our schedule on the web page.

If you are currently dancing to country-western music and know the two step, waltz, cha-cha, east coast swing and our specialty dances, we encourage you to join the team. We can be reached at steppers@nvcwda.org.

Upcoming Stepper Performances

Saturday, Nov. 14, Little River United Church of Christ, Annandale, VA, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC, 1-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

National Capital Christmas Tree - Ellipse. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

The Hermitage, Alexandria, VA 2 p.m.

In Memoriam



Virginia Shacklett (known to us as Ginny and Eileen Scott's sister) passed away on Thursday, October 15, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Here is some information from an article by George Morse in the September/October 2003 newsletter that spotlighted Ginny:

Ginny was born and raised in the small town of Mt. Jackson, Virginia, located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. Her parents owned a grocery store and a restaurant with a huge 30' x 60' wooden dance floor for country dancing. Ginny spent her youth country dancing every Saturday night to a live band. Ginny became a member of the NVCWDA in 1989. She was also on the competition Rockin' Country Dance Team for many years. She reported that her favorite dance was swing and her two favorite line dances were "Four Star Boogie" and "Bocephus." Her favorite song is by George Strait, "I Just Want to Dance with You." Ginny said that she had made some "very special friends" at the dances she attended over the years.

She will be missed.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

PO Box 384

Merrifield, VA 22116-0384



01/2008

Individual Members ONLY

Name _____ NEW ADDRESS

Check here

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ (Must be 18 years of age)

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Email _____ Check here to be on Email broadcast

Membership Category

New _____ 1 year - \$18.00

_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Renewal _____ 1 year - \$18.00

_____ 2 year - \$30.00

Membership # _____

Make check payable to NVCWDA

Cash Check # _____

Please check your preferences on the following questions:

Do you want to have your name and phone number published in the Membership Directory? Yes ___ No ___

Would you be willing to help with some of the activities during the year? Yes ___ No ___

Do you want to receive a NVCWDA Newsletter? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like your birthday listed in the Newsletter on your birthday month? Yes ___ No ___

★ New members are entitled to one free admission to a regular dance.

Today's date _____



Anniversary Dance 2009

Shown Above Clockwise from top left: Charter Members Dale Weed and Joyce Leamon, Country Steppers (Richard Chiu, Jan Ayton, Pete Andrews, Susan Scott, Joe Galletta, Ella Broughton, Gary Campbell), Bo and Ann Marlin, DJ Bill Cole and Shirley Weatherholtz.

COUNTRY STORES

Show an active NVCWDA membership card before making purchase and get a discount on regularly priced merchandise.

The Silver Parrot
703/549-8530
113 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sal's Shoe Repairing
703/941-9864
7312 Little River Tpke.
Annandale, VA 22003

W. J. Colt & Company
703/971-7555
6690 Springfield Mall
Springfield, VA 22150

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