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President's Report

by Charlie Pierce

Thanks to Susan Scott and Marty and Karen Johnson we have had a delightfully cool place to dance during this terribly hot weather. Most people have told me that they really like the floor at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) for dancing. There have been both positive and negative comments on location and space issues. Your Board is taking all of this into consideration as we plan other dances.

Our 24th Anniversary Dance will be held on September 18, 2010 at the AUUC. It will be a big celebration of 24 years of developing, teaching, expanding and preserving country-western dancing. Our demonstration group, The Country Steppers, will perform for us along with Cliff and Donna Carlton.

In October Rick Humbert will once again transform our dance into a "Haunted Halloween" Dance. Get your costumes ready for this year's dance because the competition was really good last year.

Mark your calendars for the New Year's Eve Dance, which will be held at Fort Myer again this year. If you don't already have it on your calendar, please make it a point to be there—we really look forward to celebrating with you. Bo and Ann Marlin, Marty and Karen Johnson, Luella Montgomery, and Keith and Linda Buckle have consistently either arrived before 6:30 to set up for the dances and/or stayed late to put everything back in its proper place before leaving. Many other members have pitched in to help also, but this is the core group that makes dances possible for all of us. Thank you so much for all of the effort that you put into the physical part of making the dances happen.

Thank You from Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

This is the body of a letter that our Association's president, Charlotte Pierce, recently received from David A. Coker, President, Fisher House Foundation:

"On behalf of the Fisher family and the rest of the Board of Trustees, Fisher House Foundation, Inc., please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your organization's generous contribution of \$3,650. It is through such donations as yours that the Fisher House Foundation, Inc. is able to continue having a positive impact on the quality of life of *'our greatest national treasure...our military service men and women and their loved ones.'*

"Your donation to Fisher House is even more meaningful as our thoughts and prayers are with America's service men and women engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The military and veterans' families, who will benefit from your thoughtfulness, join me in expressing our collective appreciation for your generosity, Thank you!"

It won't be long before we are watching football, raking leaves, and decorating for Halloween in cooler weather and shorter days. I really like the fall and look forward to it even as I continue to enjoy summer, mostly from my air conditioned house.

Keep dancin'. —Charlie

Nominating Committee

by Karen Johnson

In her President's Report in the July/August newsletter, Charlie Pierce mentioned that one of her goals is to have a Nominating Committee in place by February. That may seem like a long way away, but this is already the September/October issue. The holidays are just around the corner, and then February will be here with elections looming. Now is the time to start thinking about nominations for next year.

At the Board meeting on August 4, several current Board members indicated that they will be stepping down at the end of the current term. Charlie Pierce will be stepping down as President. Bo Marlin will be stepping down as Dance Director, but fortunately he has indicated his

willingness to remain as Vice President. My husband, Marty Johnson, will be stepping down as Membership Director, and Dan Pierce will be stepping down as Special Events Director.

Obviously, these positions are not going to be easy to fill, and we need to form a Nominating Committee now. I have offered to work on the Committee and am asking for volunteers to work with me. If you would like to help or just have some good ideas, please send me an email at marty.nvcwda@gmail.com or talk to me at a dance.

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Communications Report

by Eric Vondra

I can't think of better timing than our move to Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke. What a hot summer it's been! Now Olga is telling me she heard a prediction for a very cold winter. We may be wishing for some of this heat in a few months—some, but not all!

I want to really plant the seed in your minds about the possibility of volunteering to serve on the Board of the Association. There will be several positions open in the spring, and without them filled, the Association will have a difficult time functioning. I volunteered because I figured I could spare a little of my time to help run things, despite the fact that I had only recently joined at the time. It goes to show that you don't have to be a veteran member to help out. Board members attend a meeting every other month, help out with desk duty at the dances, as required by the Bylaws, and do a little coordinating, make some calls, write some letters and articles, and most importantly provide ideas and energy for keeping the Association vibrant and fun. We all like to dance, so consider what you can do to help keep this 24-year-old group going strong. (Too bad we're not a group of 24-year-olds still!)

No doubt the AUUC dance floor is a tighter fit for our group than the cafeteria at Luther Jackson. Well, the solution to that is using the dance floor more efficiently. As someone

who often joins the line dancers, I admit we can do a better job of "squaring" our group in the center, rather than stretching a long line or two across the room. And progressive dancers have to dance a little closer perhaps—I don't think anyone will mind that too much.

If you're visiting some other dance venues and pick up some neat new dances or steps, make sure you pass them on to your fellow dancers. Doing the tried and true dances is fun, but there's always room for something new.

Kathy Fanelli played both of my song recommendations from the last issue at her last DJ opportunity, and it seemed like people were moving along just fine, so I guess I'll make a few more. How about:

"Harmony Man" by Billy Yates. Billy is one of the few country singers playing good old honky tonk today, and most of his stuff is very danceable. Deceptively relaxed, it seems to me this song fits the Two-Step rhythm to a "T" and is actually quite fast—not for beginners like me. There's also a 64-count line dance of the same name for this song, as well as one called "A Man in Harmony." Billy is the one who wrote the song "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair" for George Jones, and should be better known than he is.

"Roll the Dice" by Keith Stegall. This one didn't even chart back in 1996, but it's got a great feel; maybe an East Coast Swing would be in order? The line dance "Chance-of-a-Lifetime" was choreographed to this one. Keith also wrote a number one hit for George Jones, "I Hate Everything."

Steppers Report

by Luella Montgomery

The Country Steppers have endured the extremely hot days of summer, practicing every Saturday morning and usually performing twice a month. We performed indoors for a second year before an appreciative audience at the Westminster Retirement Center in Lake Ridge. It was an unusually beautiful day for the performance at the 4H Fair at Frying Pan Park, where it is normally unbearably hot. This performance was made more exciting by a joint show with the energetic Bull Run

Cloggers. The performance at the Arlington Fair was enjoyed by many and it also gave the Steppers a chance to browse among the various shopping booths. The Steppers are always thrilled to see familiar faces at their performances. So come on out and join us!

The Country Steppers welcome a new addition to our team, Jeanne Bostick. We are always looking for new members with a basic knowledge of Two-Step, Waltz, Swing and Cha Cha, singles or couples. Anyone wishing to join the team should contact any member of the Country Steppers, call the NVCWDA Hotline (703) 860-4941, or email steppers@nvcwda.org.

A Note from the Dance Director

by Bo Marlin

Well it's hard to believe, but another summer has come and gone. Hopefully, all your summer activities and vacations were safe, successful, and enjoyable. For those of you who may have taken a summer break from our dances to enjoy your activities, let me be the first to welcome you back. We've missed you.

Thanks to the hard work by the members of your Board, we successfully transitioned from our old dance venue at Luther Jackson Middle School to the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) in Burke. While it has a bit smaller dance floor than Luther Jackson, AUUC offers a lot of plusses that we've enjoyed this summer. First, and foremost, AUUC has a very efficient air conditioning system that we can control. That has been a welcome change from the sometimes sweltering dances at Luther Jackson. Second, AUUC has a very nice wooden dance floor that not only "sounds right and proper" but is also easier on the feet and knees—also a welcome change for us with "old bones." Finally, AUUC seems to have a warmer ambiance than the stark cafeteria and linoleum floor that we endured at Luther Jackson.

At this point, it appears that we'll be dancing at AUUC through November if we can work out the schedule. Your Planning Director, Susan Scott, is always looking for new dance venues to improve your dance experiences (and provide a backup if our primary dance location is unavailable). If you have any suggestions for other places (that we can afford) or some constructive criticisms on AUUC, please see Susan or any other Board Member.

Despite the change in dance venue and summer activities, the attendance at our dances has been holding pretty steady over the summer months and we've seen a lot of new faces—both great developments. With regard to the new dancers, please remember that we were all beginners at some point and struggled to learn dances (some of us more than others). So, please be a good host and help our new dancers when you see them struggling. A little encouragement and a pointer here and there can make all

the difference in the world. But...it's not about impressing them with how much you know (or think you know). It is about ensuring they get a firm foundation on which to build their country western dancing abilities and enjoy the experience at the same time.

As I mentioned, while the dance floor at AUUC is one of the best we've had in recent years, it is a bit smaller than what you may have grown accustomed to at Luther Jackson. Because of that and our steady influx of new dancers, it's always worthwhile to review our country-western dance etiquette. And a little review never hurts our regulars either. In country-western dancing, the dance floor is divided into concentric "lanes." The outside lane is the "fast" lane. "Traffic" moves around the dance floor in a counter-clockwise direction. 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 to the center, the slower you can go. If you're going to be doing stationary dances like a line dance, swing dance (East Coast, West Coast, etc.) or Cha Cha instead of a traveling dance, please try to stay towards the center of the dance floor so you don't block others who may still want to dance around you. Perhaps most important, if you inadvertently bump into someone on the dance floor, always make the appropriate apologies (regardless of who may have actually been 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. As always, see you on the dance floor!

Steppers Schedule

Sun., Sep. 12	Fairfax United Methodist Church, Fairfax, VA, 12:45 p.m.
Sat., Sep. 25	Ingleside-Rock Creek, Washington, DC, 2-3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 2	Sunrise-Springfield, Springfield, VA, 2 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 23	Renaissance Gardens, Green Springs Village, Springfield, VA, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

NVCWDA 2010 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
Sept. 4	No Dance						
Sept. 18	Anniversary Dance	Accotink UU Church	Handy	Marlins	Chuckwagon Cha Cha Line Dance	Vitales	Six Pack Summer Couples Specialty
Oct. 2		Accotink UU Church	Cole	Strawsers	Full Hour - Intermediate Two-Step		
Oct. 16		Accotink UU Church	Vitale	Vitales	Dance Like You're the Only One - Line Dance	Marlins	Wanderer Couples Specialty
Oct. 30	Halloween Dance	Accotink UU Church	Fanelli	Fanelli	Beach Boogie Line Dance	Bloyers	El Paso Cha Cha w/ variations Couples Specialty

Admission: Members: \$10 / Non-members: \$12 / Children under 18, with paying adult: \$5. PSDC Members: \$10.
Regular admission rates listed above do not apply to special events dances.

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

Dance Schedule



September 2010

NVCWDA Dances
Free Dance Lessons
 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lessons
 Open dancing 8:30 - 11:00 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lessons by Eileen Scott: Monday night line dance classes at American Legion Post 176 resume Monday, Sept. 13, 8:00-9:15 p.m. No class on holidays. Contact Eileen for more information: escott5678@verizon.net. See ParkTakes for her Fairfax County classes. Classes begin Tues, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Lane Elementary School. Pre-registration required for county classes (FCPA).			1 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	2 Gail Smith Nokesville	3	4 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
5	Labor Day 6	7	8 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	9 Gail Smith Nokesville	10 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	11 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
12 Stafford American Legion	13	14	15 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	16 Gail Smith Nokesville	17 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	18 NVCWDA Accotink Church Anniversary Dance
19	20	21	22 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	23 Gail Smith Nokesville	24 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	25
26 Stafford American Legion	27	28	29 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	30 Gail Smith Nokesville	Schedule changes can occur. Please contact dance organizers directly to confirm events.	

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Gail Smith has a Nokesville dance on Thursdays. Email: rgsmith@wildblue.net for information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Newsletter Deadline: 10th of October for articles, reports, ads and news items E-mail to: communications@nvcwda.org . Send Microsoft Word or Text Files. Ads may also be sent as press-ready pdf files (if able, make them high resolution with fonts embedded). Send photos separately as tif, eps, jpeg, or bitmap files (high resolution)					1 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	2 NVCWDA Accotink UU Church
3 Reston Dance (Reston Comm. Center)	4	5	6 Dawn & Dean Cherry Hill	7 Gail Smith Nokesville	8 PSDC Vienna Am. Legion Jim and Peggy Dale and Anita	9 Swingin' Country at the Dance Factory Colvin Run Dance Ed and Gail
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Halloween 31						

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

NVCWDA Celebrates Twenty-Four Years

by Pat McMurray

(Some information gathered from John Gentile and Kerie Hitt)

In 1986, I visited a club on Rte. 1 in Alexandria that was called Zed's at the time. I went there because it played county music. I met a tall gentleman named Will Mills who taught me how to do the "Cotton-Eyed Joe." That was it, I was hooked. He told me about dancing at Hunters Lodge and Partners II, both located on Rte. 29 in the Centreville area. So after visiting those places and meeting so many others and learning so many dances, I quickly learned about the NVCWDA and joined as fast as I could. We also danced at Westpark Hotel in Tysons at the lounge whose name escapes me. I would arrive early to watch the Country Steppers practice. That's where I met Mae Canfield, who encouraged me to join the Steppers. I did that, too, but I don't remember what I went through to join the team. As I was meeting more and more dancers, I learned the history of our Association and like many, many others at the time, Mae and I traveled to every single dance place we could find and had a ball! Because of the popularity of country-western dancing then, there was never a place that we visited that had strangers. All of us went to the same places and met more and more dancers.

Dave Shrader, John Gentile, Pat Krupka (now Shrader), Sandra Graves, Bob Smith, Steve Martin, and Bill Markland were members of a Maryland dance association and decided to leave that association to start one of their own in Virginia. Hence, the NVCWDA was born. Dave was elected our first president and we made Children's Hospital our charity support organization. John Gentile was named as the dance instructor, started the Country Steppers and gave lessons at the sponsored dances. Soon after, Steve Martin, our main DJ, started hosting Sunday dances at Hunters Lodge. Although Hunters did not have air conditioning and boasted a leaky roof, people came from miles around to dance there on Thursday and Sunday nights. When we learned that Hunters was going to be closed, the Association tried to get it stopped by inviting Jack Herrity, who was then a county politician, to one of our functions in the hope of getting him to support our efforts to save the lodge. We were unsuccessful. Alas, in August 1986, Hunters Lodge had to close to make way for a shopping center. Costco and Home Depot certainly don't have the same local color as Hunters Lodge had.

The first dance held by the NVCWDA was in one of the ballrooms at the Westpark. Bill Cole designed our Association logo, which you now see on our Newsletters, Steppers outfits, and the banner that hangs at our dances. The pioneering group soon expanded to include about 120 Charter Members, who joined the Association during its first 30 days of existence, by the end of June 1986.

The Association was incorporated as a nonprofit organization for members and the general public interested in learning, teaching, expanding and preserving country-western dancing. It also provided for a demonstration dance

team—the Country Steppers. Here are some of the "firsts" for the fledgling Association:

First DJ: Steve Martin;

First line dance learned by Charter Members: The Freeze;

First dance instructor: John Gentile;

First Charter Member Dance: Fall 1986.

Membership in NVCWDA peaked at about 1,300 in 1994. During 1994-1995, people interested in serving on the Board of Directors each had a written platform distributed to the members. We had *two* candidates for each office of President, Planning, and Membership. In April 1996, ten years after its founding, the Association had 1,080 members.

Our numbers were so large in the mid-1990s that we danced at large venues such as Wakefield (now Audrey Moore) Rec Center, Herndon Community Center, and Lee District Rec Center, and we had a choice of many country-western bars that offered dancing and lessons such as Blackies, Zeds, Spurs, Skinifatz, and Red Moon Saloon. We could afford to pay instructors and we had a person dedicated to working the door. Every March from 1993-1998 we held the annual "Polar Bear Weekend" in Ocean City, MD, an event filled with non-stop dance workshops, food, and, for a few hardy souls, a dip in the freezing ocean. Everyone went home with sore feet and dance steps cluttering their heads. For a while after the end of the Polar Bear era, we staged a similar weekend event in Capon Springs, WV. Over the years NVCWDA members have raised tens of thousands of dollars for Children's Hospital, and the Steppers have visited countless places spreading goodwill and the word about country-western dancing.

The NVCWDA is now 24 years old, the number of members hovers at around 160. We have moved to smaller venues, and recently found a wonderful location that has a wooden dance floor—one of our favorite but least fulfilled requirements. We've had a number of newcomers attend dances lately, and current members are as dedicated to CW dancing as the original founders were. Next time you drive by the location of the long lost Hunters Lodge, remember to come full circle and join us at the next NVCWDA dance.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION

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James Birnbaum
Mae Canfield
Charles Drummond
Dorothy Garrison
William Garrison
John Gentile
Sandra Graves
Bill Hardwick
Marjorie Hoffman
Joyce Leamon
Bill Markland
Steve Martin
Jerry Oweis
Frank Scott
Dave Shrader
Pat Shrader

Robert Smith
Dale Weed
Linda-B Woodworth

LIFE MEMBERS

John Gentile
Sandra Graves
George Jones
Bill Markland
Steve Martin
Pat McNees
George Morse, Jr.
Frank Scott
Pat Shrader
Dave Shrader
Robert Smith
Linda-B Woodworth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September Birthdays

09/06 Keith Buckle
09/06 Maria Mellott
09/11 Giovanni Sacco
09/18 John Dever
09/18 George Morse, Jr.
09/24 Ella Broughton
09/24 Bob Orndorff
09/26 Shirley Staples
Bennington
09/27 Carmella Repaci
09/28 Jerry Oweis
09/29 Naomi Little

October Birthdays

10/01 Bernie Vitale
10/05 Joyce Leamon
10/10 Robert Marlin
10/11 Elizabeth Chandler
10/12 Sandy Hudson
10/18 Dale Weed
10/20 Bill Hardwick
10/20 Elliot Levy
10/20 Katharine Miller
10/23 Richard Franklin
10/27 Patricia McMurray
10/28 Michelle Moomey

Welcome New Members!

Jeanne Bostick
Katharine Miller
Ann West

Looking for Dance Lessons?

Check out Fairfax County ParkTakes (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktates.htm) for lessons offered this Fall. Several are taught by NVCWDA members.

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 7:30-8:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the Southern Winds Band and DJ until 11 p.m.
\$5 cover • (703) 266-1888 or www.fasteddies.com

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. Hosted by Mal and Linda Zerden • Beginners lessons 8:30-9:00 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

98 Degrees (aka 98 Gados)

8509 Rixlew Lane in Manassas (near the Manassas Mall, right behind Hooters). • Good mix of couples & line dancing music. • Wednesday Nights are Country Nights. • \$2 cover for DJ only nights & if there is a band there is a \$5 cover.
Renae teaches line dance lessons from 7:45 - 9:00 p.m..

The Colvin Run Community Center

10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066 (10 minutes west of Tysons Corner off Rte. 7). Second Saturday of every month
West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Shag, Hustle, Two-Step, Latin, Waltz and more. • email: edcottrell@macp.org or gailcrum3@aol.com

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, From the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 700): Take westbound Burke Lake Road (SR654) 0.2 miles to the first left turn onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

From the Beltway and Annandale: Take westbound Braddock Road to Burke Lake Road (SR 645) which bears to the left. Follow Burke Lake Road to the Fairfax County Parkway (SR 7100). Cross the Parkway. Go 0.2 miles and take the first left onto Lakehaven Lane. The church is located at the intersection of Lakehaven Lane and Lakehaven Court.

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.dance-info.com/>

Colvin Run Community Center, is located at 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066 (10 minutes west of Tysons Corner off Rte. 7). Contact Ed at edcottrell@macp.org or (703) 435-5620 or Gail at gailcrum3@aol.com or (703) 450-6539.

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.

Nokesville Firehall, Rt. 28 South to left on Fitzwater. Left on Marsteller. 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.

Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2010: Pat McMurray volunteered to fill the Secretary position. Announcements for upcoming dances were sent to media. The checking account balance was \$8,006.01. A donation of \$1,000 was received for Fisher House. Instructors for July and August have been scheduled. We currently have 169 members. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) facility policies were discussed. The Luther Jackson Middle School schedule was also discussed. Pat Kelly has retired from the Steppers; Jan Ayton and Gary Campbell will be taking over as co-leaders. The July 3 dance will be our Independence Day theme dance. We have requested AUUC to mention our dances at their Sunday service in hopes of getting more new dancers. Desk duty issues were discussed and the schedule was distributed. The dance calendar for 2010-2011 was provided. The Board discussed ads for special dances in the upcoming newsletters, along with realignment of the board meetings to every 8 weeks.

August 4, 2010: Charlie read a thank you letter from Fisher House Foundation (see page one). The theme for the Aug. 7 dance will be an ice cream social. The Association will be able to file IRS Form 990E-N (e-Postcard) this year (income less than \$25,000). The Carltons and Steppers will perform at the Sep. 18 Anniversary Dance. The Association currently has 172 members. Feedback on AUUC was discussed, as well as potential alternate sites and booking the AUUC again for the coming months, if available. Rick Humbert will be coordinating the Halloween Dance again this year. The Member-at-Large position is still open, but Ann Marlin and

Karen Johnson in particular have stepped in to coordinate refreshments. A concern of the Board (and the Association at large) in the coming months will be replacing the four Board members who will be vacating their positions next year. A motion was passed to discontinue fifth Saturday dances as of January 2011 due to the difficulty of running two dances on back-to-back weekends.

Membership Update by Marty Johnson

It would be nice to report that we had a sudden spike in the membership numbers, but alas, that is not the case. There are currently 172 members on the roster, but over a dozen of those memberships have expired and are beyond the grace period. Reminder letters have been sent to those members, and it is hoped that they will soon renew. We need your support, so please keep your memberships up-to-date!

At the last Board meeting, I informed the Board members that I will not be continuing as Membership Director after the end of the current term. That means that as of the end of May 2011, we will need someone to step forward and take over the membership function. Although the duties of the Membership Director are not difficult, the position does require a working knowledge of Microsoft Access, which is the software we use to maintain the database and generate membership reports. In addition, we use the Microsoft Word mail merge feature to generate labels for the newsletters from the database. If you have knowledge of these programs and would like more information about what the position entails, please email me or talk to me or my wife Karen at one of the dances.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE FORM

Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association

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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 _____

Your email address will only be used for emergency broadcasts of event changes.

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 _____

Special Events

by Dan Pierce

It has been an excellent summer for the Association. Our new dance venue at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church has turned out to be a really great place for us. The worst complaint that I have heard is that it was too cold, can you imagine that, after Luther Jackson. I have also heard that the floor is too small; this is true considering the room that we had at Luther Jackson, but many of the other places where we have danced have been much smaller. So all things considered, I believe that we have a place to dance that more than meets our needs.

We do have some special events coming up in the next few months. On September 18 we have our Anniversary Dance. This is the dance at which we celebrate the Association's birthday. I anticipate a fun night of dancing, good food and lots of fun with your fellow dancers. You are all invited to the party. October 30, of course, brings us to Halloween, so I hope that you are planning your costumes already. I know that Rick Humbert has great plans for decorating the dance floor. This is the night that everyone can let the inner child loose for fun and dancing. I know that New Year's Eve is still a few months away, but it will be here before we know it. The New Year's Eve Dance is our biggest event of the year. I would like to ask you to give some thought to volunteering to be on the planning committee for the dance. It will not take a lot of time or a huge commitment;

your help would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to mention our "Toys For Tots" Dance on December 4. This is another very worthy cause that we like to support. Thanks to all of you, we have been very generous in the past for this event and I hope we keep up the good work in December.

This pretty much brings us up to date for the next few months. I hope to see you soon on the dance floor. Keep on dancing.



Halloween Dance



Saturday, October 30

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church

Prizes for the Best Costume:

1st - One ticket to New Year's Eve Dance

2nd - Pair of tickets to a regular dance

3rd - One ticket to a regular dance

Decorations by Rick Humbert



New Year's Eve Dance



Friday, December 31st

Ft. Myer Community Center.

Dancing, buffet, and a midnight champagne toast.

Watch the newsletter and web site for details!

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