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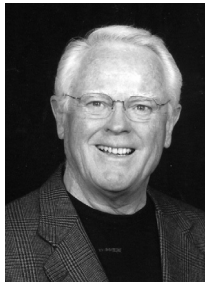
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From the President...

2009! A NEW YEAR! Where did the last one go? As we look back on 2008, we realize it has been one of opportunity and blessings.

As a dance community of USA Dance, we found a larger home to accommodate our wonderful growth of twenty-some new members. By having a larger place to dance, it will allow for more growth.



Jerry Snyder

Why, you may ask, is this important? It allows more people to become dancers, regardless of dancing skill levels. We all want to become better dancers. Many discover the joy of dancing for the first time. Others dance to rekindle a part of their youth. Some who know shag or swing learn to embrace waltz, tango, foxtrot, rumba, samba, mambo, and cha-cha. This is our dance community of opportunities.

The blessing part is the joy of friendship, one of making new friends and deepening old friendships, the joy of welcoming new people into our lives and being a friend to them, to share ourselves, our skills and our love.

Dancing is more, much more, than a great exercise. Dancing creates a new level of confidence in ourselves. It creates a healthy attitude in a friendly and caring community, an attitude of "I'm wanted, I'm needed, I can be a part of something larger than myself. I can forget my cares and problems for a while and relax and have fun with friends." It creates an attitude of giving of ourselves to others as we support Toys for Tots, food banks and other worthy causes.

We hope in 2009 you will be willing to serve where you can or where you are needed. Our Carolina Heartland chapter of USA Dance is an all-volunteer operation, and without volunteers, we are much less than we can be.

Thank you all who have already volunteered to help in 2009. We still need several positions filled, and we know you will respond.

Bless you.

Jerry Snyder

Give a Subscription to Amateur Dancer

Sherri Raeford, who chairs our efforts to involve more young people in ballroom dancing, suggests buying/donating a subscription to *Amateur Dancer* magazine (\$9) to a local or school library as the USA Dance national office encourages chapters to do.

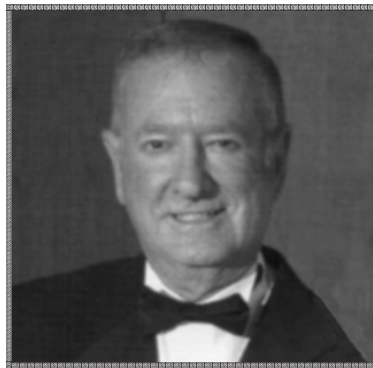
USB Dance Calendar

Saturday, January 10 Mayberry Ballroom Dance; lesson at 7 p.m., dancing 'til 10:30 p.m., Pro Health Center, Mt. Airy

Sunday, January 11 -Monthly Dance, Cha cha lesson at 5 p.m. with Tony Econ, Winston-Salem instructor, USA Skateland West, dancing 5:45 - 7:30 p.m., Stagecoach Trail, between Friendly and Market, Greensboro.

Saturday, April 11 - Black Tie Dancing by Starlight, 6:15 p.m. reception, dinner and dancing 'til 10:30 p.m., Sheraton Four Seasons, High Point Road, Greensboro.

Spotlight on...



David Idol, after retiring as Senior Purchasing Agent after 33 years with R.J. Reynolds, David signed on with Youth with a Mission and thus began another life. Following six months training aboard the *MSS Anastasis*, he served as a missionary in Poland (Gdansk), Ukraine (Yalta), Russia, Estonia (Tallinn), and Latvia (Riga) before coming home on sabbatical.

He returned to the mission field in China as an ESL teacher (English as a Second Language) since China does not permit missionaries. He taught college-level English in Chun Chung, then moved to Inner Mongolia before returning to Winston-Salem for the birth of his first grandchild. He later taught in Lima, Peru, and in Argentina.

Meanwhile, Dave became a competitive Dance Skater, winning three North Carolina titles in the Esquire Division before becoming involved in ballroom dancing in the '90s. "I was surprised to find both sports were so similar," he says, "but finding greater fulfillment on the dance floor, he forthwith eschewed the skating rink for the ballroom.

"I truly enjoy competition," he says and has competed successfully in USA Dance competitions as well as Fred Astaire-sponsored events. When not on the dance floor, he can usually be found engaged in some form of landscaping and gardening at his home in Kernersville. When the weather grows cold, he retreats to his studio where he paints using watercolors as well as oils.

However, his greatest pleasure is spending time with his two grandsons, Matthew and Jacob. "When they are grown, I hope to return to the mission field," Dave says...perhaps with them.

Black Tie 2009

Dancing by Starlight will be the theme of the 2009 Carolina Heartland's Black Tie which will be held in the beautiful ballrooms of the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro on Saturday, April 11. Chair Cherrie Wheaton has announced the date and the roster of volunteers who have been appointed to serve. Full details are on the following page.

Triangle Open Invites Competitors and Volunteers

The 2009 Triangle Open Dancesport Championships, co-sponsored this year by our chapter, invites competitors and volunteers to register for the event to be held February 20-21 in Carmichael Gym on Raleigh's NCSU campus.

Wayne And Marie Crowder are expecting more than 1400 entries and 300 competitors for more than \$2500 in scholarships at this year's event. Our Carolina Heartland chapter has been a chief supporter by providing competitors, volunteers and scholarships in previous years. If you are interested in competing, volunteering or attending the Triangle Open, email Wayne Crowder at mrcrowder@earthlink.net.

Members Contribute 120

"Toys for Tots" Christmas

Dancers at our chapter's December dance at Skateland West responded wonderfully to our plea for Toys for Tots with 120 toys which brightened Christmas for many Guilford County children.

Members contributed approximately 80 toys plus \$60 in cash which, with \$349 from admissions, enabled Ellie Dolata and Cherrie Wheaton to purchase some 40 additional toys for distribution by the NW Triad Marine Corps League Detachment 314.

"I'd like to express my thanks and appreciation for the generous support for this project from our Carolina Heartland dancers," Cherrie Wheaton said. "They brought in many toys, some bringing multiple toys, making the event a huge success." All of the toys were delivered to the collection point at Coldwell Banker so they could be picked up by the Marines Monday afternoon.

Hospitality Update by JoAnn Snyder

Here we are at the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. They say, "Time flies when you're having fun," so we must be having a ball.

We would again like to thank all who served as host and hostesses in 2008. Everyone enjoys the goodies that people so graciously bring each month. Those who served in 2008 were listed in the December HeartBeat, but thank you, and thanks to those who contribute refreshments each month.

We are fortunate to have members already signed up to serve as host and hostesses for several months.

January - Wes and Lynette Smitherman, Linda Williams and Al Kamperman.

February - Dan and Peggy Manross, and Doris Kiser.

March - Joe and Yvette Zaninni, and Jim and Carolyn Steed.

December - Flo and Burt Jackson, Wayne and Wanda Wilson, Judy and Tim Daughtry.

We would like to have each slot filled for the coming year, so if you are willing to serve, please call one of the members of Hospitality Committee co-chairs Judy and Tim Daughtry

at 336-694-5019 and Joyce D'Arconte, 336-454-8893). Incidentally, the Daughtrys and Joyce would like to have an additional couple to handle this committee's responsibilities. Shared responsibilities make the job easier and lighten the need to attend every dance.

Our chapter is also in need of tellers to take up the money before each monthly dance. This has been an responsibility of the treasurer alone; however, this year tellers will provide welcome relief at the admissions table. We are fortunate to have the following who have signed up:

January - Al Kamperman

February - Dan Manross

March - Wes Smitherman.

June - Wanda Wilson.

December - Burt Jackson.

If you can fill in for any of the missing months (April, May, July, August, September, October or November), please contact our treasurer, Charlie Hafer at 336-852-0515.

And thanks for the great cooperation of you all.

Charlotte -Saturday, January 10 - New Year' Celebration at Metropolitan Ballroom. www.charlotteusadance.org. Contact Stephen Lucas, slucasnc@earthlink.net. February 1, UNC-Charlotte DanceSport will sponsor, the second annual Charlotte DanceSport Challenge, an amateur collegiate event. Information at website. sco.uncc.edu/dance/cdc/index.

Wilmington -Saturday, January 10, 6:45 p.m. at the Lion's Gate Clubhouse, 1800 Eastwood Road, Wilmington.

Elizabeth City - Tidewater Dance Chapter celebrates New Years Eve at the Waterside Sheraton. More information at www.twosteptidewater.com.

Pinehurst - Tuesday, January 8 . Carolina Pines offer free ballroom dance instruction at the Senior Enrichment Center in Pinehurst Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays on January 8, 15, 22, and 29. Sign up by visiting the Center or by calling 910-215-0900.

Greenville -Tango will be the featured lesson Saturday, January 26. Contact Chikako Massey, cmassey@suddenlink.net, for information. (The Couples' Dance Club will hold a semi-formal Winter Wonderland dance Friday, January 16, at the Rock Springs

Equestrian Center from 8 - 11 p.m. p.m..with live music. Contact Hazel and Jarvis Tripp at 252-355-1793.

Thirsty's2, 119 North Chimney Rock Road, Greensboro. DJs Saturdays and Sundays, dance lessons each Wednesday evening.

Club Fifth Season, Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons, High Point Road at I-40. Monday 8:30-12:00 AM, Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-12:30 a.m.Friday and Saturday 8-1 AM; Top 40/Beach. Live bands weekends only (cover \$5) www.sheratongreensboro.com (336-292-9161).

USA Dance Updates

Membership Application

Lib Johnson sends a reminder that the USA Dance membership application has been updated with some new terminology.

The Youth has been changed to Student and the Associate to Professional with dancers in two major divisions: Recreational and Dancesport. Cost is the same for the various categories. Meanwhile, we appreciate those who renew their membership by their anniversary date which nets our chapter a nice check occasionally from the national office.

Dance Calendar

by Charlotte Griner

First Friday (January 2) The Grange; 4902 Guilford School Road, 8 - 10 p.m., music by Lib and Bob Johnson. (336-292-7412)

Every Friday Biltmore Ballroom Center, 3540 Old North Road, High Point. Lesson and dancing 7:30 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, January 4 Tea Dance, music by Tim Saunders, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., The Grange,

Friday, January 9 Carl's Dance, 6:30 p.m., High Point Elks Club, dinner and dancing to Carolyn and Rodney Williams' music. (Reservations MUST be made by preceding Tuesday afternoon).

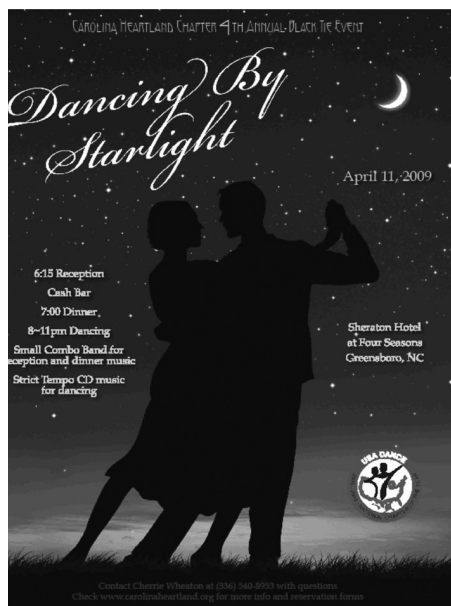
Saturday, January 10 Greensboro Social Club, 8 - 10 p.m., Lewis Recreation Center, - Greensboro,

Saturday, January 17 - Mountain Empire, 7:30 p.m., Rural Retreat Community Center, Va.

Saturday, January 24 - Horizon Dance Club, The Grange, 8 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, January 25 Piedmont NC Tea Dance, 5:30 p.m., lesson, dancing 6 - 7:30 p.m. Skateland USA, Clemmons.

Saturday, January 31 Fifth Saturday at High Point Elks, dinner and dancing 6:30 - 10 p.m., (see January 9).



“Dancing by Starlight” - 2009 Black Tie Promises Gorgeous April Evening

The Carolina Heartland's annual Black Tie, an epochal event attracting dancers from all parts of the state, will take place Saturday evening, April 11, again in the gorgeous ballrooms of the Sheraton Four Seasons Convention Center.

Chair Cherrie Wheaton, who has struggled to keep the cost down in spite of rising food costs, has announced that tickets will be \$49 per person, payable with reservation. Reception starts at 6:15 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The Lamplighters will provide music during the reception and dinner hour, followed by dancing to CD's by Lib Johnson and Rockie Troxler. Koury Center has reserved a block of rooms at a reduced rate for overnight guests who mention they will attend the Black Tie Ball.

In announcing volunteers, Cherrie Wheaton invited other chapter members to participate. "The decorations will be spectacular, and we especially need volunteers to help take them down. We also need eight men to volunteer for Dave Idol's Ushers Committee." Other appointments include:

Decorations: Tables: Carolyn Steed; Entrance: Mary Lou Troxler and Linda Perry; Ballroom: Yvette Zaninni;

Lighting: Cherrie Wheaton and Judy Daughtry

Tickets and Reservations: : Dot Mason

Publicity: Linda Williams; newsletter: Trudy Atkins; website: Jo Leggio; flyer: Brad Emerick..

Dance Chapter Liaison: Charlotte Griner.