

From the President.....

Your board has elected me President for the 2007-2008 year. My background in Ballroom dance in Houston, Texas should come in handy in my taking a turn at the helm. For those who don't know me, I'd like to tell you a little about myself.

I have been interested in dance as long as I can remember. My first childhood dance lesson was the "Lindy." Although I had dance lessons along the way, I didn't get serious until we moved to Houston, and I had access to a great teacher. I competed in most of the Smooth and Latin dance competitions in Houston for about 2 years. Jay chose not to take his dance as seriously as I did, so my dance partner was my instructor, with Jay's blessings.

There were several Ballroom dance groups in Houston. The main group we belonged to was "Lords and Ladies of Houston." Jay and I served as Reservations Chairman and then as President for 2 years. All the officers were elected to serve 2 years.

I have very large shoes to fill in replacing the fine President we had in Tom Simmons. Because of his excellent leadership, we are starting out the year with a healthy treasury, low overhead and a membership as large as the club has ever had. Our new fee structure has encouraged more dancers to join, and it boosts the morale of everyone to have such good turnouts at the dances.

Volunteers abound for decorating, door prizes, writing for the newsletter, and other areas that need work. This is very much appreciated, and I encourage everyone to get involved this way. The more you do to help the club, the more you feel a part of it.

Please pass along your suggestions. There are many ways to do things, and sometimes we need to make changes to keep it interesting. If you have ideas, just mention them to one of the board members. We will see if we can put them into action.

"Dancing With The Stars" had a tremendous season this time. There were more really good dancers than in any of the series so far. This has generated even more interest in Ballroom dance which can only help the club.

Jay and I were delighted to find Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club a little more than 2 years ago from an advertisement in the Florence Morning News. The social aspect as well as the dance instruction has been a great experience for us. We look forward to a long relationship with our dance friends and learning new steps in dance. I am also looking forward to getting to know all of you better.

I appreciate the club's confidence in me, but as your President I can only be as good as the membership. I will need your help. Together we can make this a great year.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Reece