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Our Dance Camp Experience

by Vence and Pauline

We had high expectations for our experience at Ballroom Dance Camp Vermont, and our expectations were met way beyond our dreams.

Below is a brief summary of our week:

On Sunday, we met in a big ballroom with all the other participants with a five minute overview. Couples were then assigned to their ballroom and to their instructor. The assignment was according to your skill level of dance. We were placed in the second to the highest level, Silver.

The other levels were Beginners, Bronze 1, Bronze 2, and the top was Gold. There were lots of beginners, not as many Bronze 1, probably 15 couples of Bronze 2, five in our silver and six or seven in the Gold level. We had class

from 3 to 6. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. The couples were extremely excited, extremely friendly, extremely there to learn and extremely ready to also have fun. Couples were from all over the United States. After dinner, there was a lesson from 8 to 9 and a social dance from 9 -10:30 P.M.

The silver level steps had maybe 10-12+ parts to them.

We had lessons in Tango, Rumba, Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, and Cha-Cha. And, they would be one right after the other. At first, they all meshed together.

One of the biggest parts of the camp is in your level to participate in a group repertoire. The silver level was assigned the Swing.

We decided to participate, but we had no idea **Cont. Pg 5**



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From the President.. .

by Maggie Reece

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their cooperation. Thanks to Pauline and Vence for their outstanding contribution as Dance Instructors. Eddie Collins and Pauline have collaborated to bring us an array of danceable music. The volunteers who have willingly given of their time and talents to make sure our tables are decorated.

Door prizes which are donated are an example of the generous spirit of our club members.

We appreciate David Evans for his devotion as Web Master and for our Newsletter which is published quarterly.



Thanks to all of the Board Members for their unselfish contributions that help the Club run smoothly.

I feel very good about the staying power of our Club. We are on a sound financial footing and our membership has been increasing. Thanks again to all of you for making my tenure so worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Reece
President.

Maggie,

The Board and all the members of the Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club want you to know how much we appreciate you serving as president the past few years. Your dedication to the club and warmth have made it a pleasure to work with you and have contributed to the club's success over the past few years. Thank you.

PBDC Board and Members

"THE ROMANCE OF DANCE"

Courtesy of Arthur Murray Studios www.arthurmurray.com

Ballroom dancing is as romantic as it is enjoyable. For years the world's greatest romantics have known the best way to a lady's heart is to sweep her across the dance floor. Holding, touching and moving to the music is the most romantic skill any couple can add to their lives. Think of all the countless number of relationships that would have never started without the world's best ice breaker -- "may I have this dance".

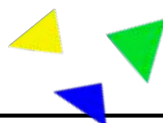
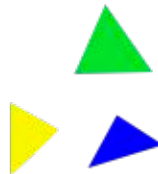
The romantic properties of dance are a secret that all good dancers enjoy. For men, being able to recognize which dance the band is playing and having the confidence in

your ability to walk across the floor and ask a lady to dance is a social prerequisite. For ladies, they will always be in demand as a partner once they master the grace and poise, the styling and the all important following skills.

People will go to all extremes to make themselves attractive to the opposite sex. Hours are spent in the gym and millions are spent on cosmetics and stylish clothing just to gain a slight advantage in the dating game. Unfortunately for these people, they will always have to take a back seat to a good dancer. The best way to be noticed, in a favorable

light, is on the dance floor. A couple of lessons at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio is all you will need to turn your dancing and romantic life around.

Much of the recent excitement surrounding the romance of ballroom dancing started when Michael Douglas told Annette Bening that he danced so well because of six lessons at Arthur Murray in "An American President." Ballroom dance has captured Hollywood's imagination yet again in "Beautician and the Beast" with Fran Drescher. These dance scenes do the same thing **Cont. Pg 5 Col. 3**





the extra hours we would devote to rehearsals over and above the 7 or 8 hours of dance lessons each day. After you get to know your instructor and how hard he/she works on the repertoire, you then want to nail it to make them proud.

On the last night is when the repertoires are performed.

There were five groups. Our swing was the only standing ovation received.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's schedule was lessons from 10-12.

Workshop lessons from 1-2.

Then, 2-3:30 was rehearsal for repertoire plus workshops with the guest artists (explained later). Cookies from 3:30 until 4. Lessons from 4 - 6. Dinner at 6:30 and then a lesson from 8-9 and then the dance social. We never made it to the dance socials after Sunday because we were rehearsing for the group dance.

They had a separate dance social for the beginners because they found that the beginners are intimidated by the accomplished dancers.

By Monday, Pauline started taking Aleve. She exercises everyday but this was long lasting activity that causes pain and exhaustion, BUT WE LOVED IT. We also learned quickly that you need several pairs of dance shoes! On the first morning, Vence ran the mountain (off-season ski resort) as part of his daily exercise routine but quickly realized jogging on a rocky, dangerously steep, mountainous trail was a

broken ankle waiting to happen and probably would not be in his best interest as we were there to dance!

Each day we met different people at the meals and heard life stories that were very interesting. We had lots and lots of laughs along the way.

We met a couple, Patti and Larry Yoder, from Elizabethtown, NC, and instantly became friends.

They came to our September Dance and JOINED our club. Welcome!

Again, we would like to thank all of you for your support of us in our teaching and our making sure that we grow as dancers and teachers and above all, enjoying each others friendship as we progress in this world of Ballroom Dancing.

The guest artists were Joanna Zacharewicz, a native of Poland, and Jose DeCamps, born on the island of Quisqueya la Bella in the Dominican Republic. Joanna & Jose are the current U.S. Rhythm and World Mambo Champions. We were able to take advantage of this exclusive opportunity to learn from these world renowned dancers by attending their various workshops. It became very clear in the first few minutes of their instruction that you were expected to absorb and retain very quickly the steps shown and move on to more difficult steps. In summary, the entire Ballroom Vermont experience was a memorable one and we have already signed up for 2010!

for actors and their characters that dance does in real life. It provides a chance for you to express your emotions towards your partner, propelling your relationship into a more sensual mood, without moving into an R rating!

Plus, dancing can help keep two people together. After years of marriage, new excitement can be found together on the dance floor. It's a "shot in the arm". It encourages the spark of romance for stressed out, tension plagued people. It's great for keeping a marriage interesting and long lasting.

When surveyed, more women said they would prefer a night of dancing to flowers or chocolates for St. Valentine's Day!

Thank you to all of the people who donated door prizes for the past quarter.

Media Library

by Janice Flowers

Attention new and veteran members:

Don't forget that one of your club membership benefits, use of our video lending library of dance instructions, is still available.

We currently have eight tapes in our collection. These tapes are loaned for one month and may be borrowed and returned at our dances. Please contact me or any board member for information. If you need instruction for practice at home between dances these are for your use.



Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone/Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual membership dues are \$20/per person.

Mail to: Palmetto Dance Club, 410 Eastburn Ct., Darlington, SC 29532

Dance Schedule 2009 - 10

Dances are the second Friday of each month.

Summer Dances

- June - August, Dress: Casual
- New Season Starts
- September 11, 2009
- October 9, 2009
- November 13, 2009
- December 4, 2009
- January 8, 2010
- February 12, 2010
- March 12, 2010
- April 9, 2010
- May 14, 2010

Dance Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.
 Open Dancing from 8:30 til 10:45 pm.
 Admission - \$5 for members of the PBDC & \$10 for non-members.

Dance Location

The Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club meets the second Friday of each month at **The Leatherman Senior Center**, Freedom Blvd., Florence, SC.


**Coming Events
 December 4th, PBDC's
 Christmas Dance**

Club Membership from Janice Flowers

The PBDC tries to make it as easy as possible to experience ballroom dance in the Pee Dee. The PBDC is the only ballroom dance club within 60 miles. Pass the word and let's boost attendance this season.

Please promptly renew your membership when due. Our club depends on your dues to help pay for the hall, band and special treats throughout the season.

If you have not renewed your membership, we urge you to fill-out and send the form above with your check to the address shown.

- Newsletter stories
- Publicity opportunities
- Door prizes
- Special projects

Editor's Note

Your comments, suggestions and articles of interest are welcome and encouraged. Write to PBDC, 410 Eastburn Ct., Darlington, SC 29532, Tel. 667-9322 or email us at d_eevans@yahoo.com. Please be sure to check out our website: www.Palmettodanceclub.org. The Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club Newsletter is published four times a year. It is encouraged that ALL club members participate in contributing to this publication at least once during each year. Next publication date is January 2, 2010. Your information must be received by December 15th, 2009.

Editorial Staff:

David Evans
 Cara Murphy
 Bob Trowell

Volunteers Needed

Don't forget the success of the PBDC depends on your participation in club activities. Our future is dependent on your energy, creativity, personal interactions and experience. Please step forward and help in the following area:

- Decorations