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Footnotes

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCERS ASSOCIATION

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Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013

Shepard Auditorium at Pinkerton Academy Derry, NH

Route 93 to Exit 5. Go south on Rt. 28 to traffic lights at Hood Plaza. Turn left onto Tsiennetto Rd. and take first right onto Pinkerton Rd. The school is on the left about a half mile down. – **OR** – Take Route 93 to Exit 4. Go east on Rt. 102 (Broadway) through Derry, past golf course on right, to rotary. Go 3/4 around rotary onto Rt. 28 Bypass north. Pinkerton is on left.



Anniversary Ball

6:45 – 7:30 pm West Coast Swing Lesson by Studio 665

Dancing until 11:00 pm to the music of Mr. Jonathan, DJ

8:45 pm Showcase by Studio 665, Woburn, MA

Bottled water available. Complimentary ice, punch, coffee and chocolate fountain. You may bring your own beverages and snacks, however alcohol and smoking are not allowed.

E-mail Betty Ashooh at getinstep@comcast.net OR call **603-716-6791** and include date of dance, names of all attending and seating preferences.

Please make reservations by 7:00 pm on Thur., Oct. 17th!

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Admission: \$12. for current NHABDA members \$17. for non-members (Annual dues are only \$20.)

Late reservations and admissions at the door: \$2.00 additional.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear friends of NHABDA:

"I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance — waiting for the bathroom." – Bob Hope

Hope you have all been enjoying our breezy seasonal weather this fall. Schools are back in session, and so too is professional hockey and football. We should all enjoy this time before the swirl and crush of the holidays sets in.

QUESTION: Do you know the Official State Dance of the state of Wisconsin?

Think about that one for a bit... and no cheating!

Turnout at September's dance at Pinkerton was solid, as we danced to the fine D-Jaying of Mister Joe Butera. We received many compliments on his skill and variety. Thank you all. We also had several winners of some fantastically tasty door prizes!

Our **next Outreach dance** will be at **The Manor at Birch Hill Terrace** on 200 Alliance Way in Manchester on **October 13th**. Hope to see you there. If anyone would like to join the Outreach group, please contact our Joyce Wilson.

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ANSWER: To those of you who figured out that the Official State Dance of Wisconsin was the Square Dance? You are one-hundred percent... **WRONG!**

(New Hampshire does not have an Official State Dance. An Official State Amphibian? YES! Official Dance? No.)

The Official State Dance of Wisconsin is the Polka! Everybody Polka!

(Polka is not even the Official State Dance of Poland, that would be the Polonaise. No, you will not find Polonaise next to the Mayonnaise! Polonaise is a courtly, processional walking dance originally for 17th century nobility — the primary purpose of which was to show off young ladies and their outfits to the rest of polite society gathered at the ball.)

Polka arrived in the United States with the waves of Eastern European immigrants during the Great Migration. In America, it became a foundational method for these mostly poor immigrants to retain their cultural traditions and identity. Polka is widely considered by historians to be the second dance to be danced in a closed dance position. (The first one being the Waltz, of course.)

With a lively beat, and swift steps, Polka quickly began to grow and “assimilate” into American culture just as its immigrants also were assimilating. As advances were made with instrumentation and sound recoding technology, savvy entrepreneurs sought to cash-in on these immigrant communities by selling them LP records. Conversely, the recording artists wanted to sell their records to the widest “All-American” population

of consumers. Thusly, Grandpa’s backwoods traditional farmhouse Polka — played in the kitchen on a button concertina — was quickly replaced by the new “Chicago Style Polka”: Accordions, electric bass guitars, drum kits, and a stage FULL of jolly brass players — typically outfitted in matching powder-blue tuxedos.

Today, American Polka would be wholly unrecognizable to our Eastern European cousins, amongst whom many still consider it a “low” art form unworthy cultural recognition — unlike the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Such cross-border evolution of Polka music and dance has happened before. Frenchman Henri Celarius stated in his book “La Danse des Salons” (1847) that: “We have now to treat of one of the oldest and most popular of modern dances, the polka, which in spite of its foreign origin may now be considered as French, for it is to France that it owes its fashion and character of universality...”

While perhaps not quite as popular as it was after WWII, Polka music, and the dancing that goes with it, continues to thrive. Henri might now have say that Polka should be “considered as American.” Indeed, Mexican-Americans picked up Polka from Eastern European settlers in the Southwestern United States, and have continued playing, recording, and dancing Spanish American Polkas ever since — expanding and growing the style for another generation of Americans.

Our **next NHABDA dance** will be the **Anniversary Ball** at Pinkerton Academy on **October 19th**. Studio 665 will be offering lessons in West Coast Swing at 6:45, as well as a showcase later, and the always exciting Mister Jonathan, will be providing the music as DJ.

“Some people march to a different drummer... and some people Polka.”
– Los Angeles Times Syndicate

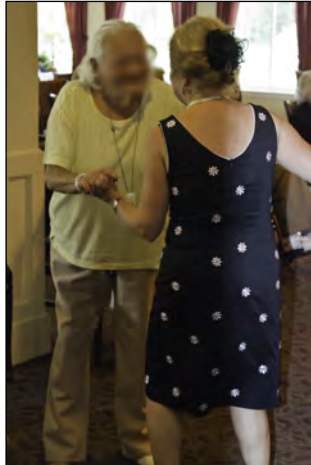
Happy Dancing, see you in October,

Walter J. Harney



Chocolate lovers — our traditional fountain and lots of goodies for dipping await you at NHABDA's 26th Anniversary Ball on Oct. 19th at Pinkerton!

September Outreach— Ledgewood Bay Assisted Living in Milford, NH



Photos by Joe Hannaford

2013-14 Application for NHABDA Membership

New Hampshire Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association

PLEASE PRINT

I wish to be a member of NHABDA. I am an amateur dancer and receive no income from ballroom dance shows, lessons, or competitions.

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STUDIO AFFILIATION(S) (LIST ALL)

Membership dues are \$20.00 per person, per calendar year and are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to **NHABDA** and mail with this form to: *Gerry Ouellette, Membership Chairman, 210 Taylor St., Manchester, NH 03103.*

I would like to help our organization by:

- Volunteering to help set up or tear down on dance nights.
- Joining the Board of Directors
- Becoming a committee member or chairperson. Other:



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Feb. 15	Pinkerton
Mar. 15	Pinkerton
Apr. 12	Pinkerton
May 10	Pinkerton
June	No Dance
July 19	TBD
Aug. 16	TBD
Sept. 20	Pinkerton
Oct. 18	Pinkerton
Nov. 15	Pinkerton

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IN MASSACHUSETTS

Baldassari Ballroom 508-668-4494 K of C Hall, 572 Nichols St., Norwood, MA. Sundays 6-9:30pm Gen. dancing to recorded music. \$12 pp. baldassari@earthlink.net www.SundayDance.tripod.com

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2013 NHABDA Schedule

Oct. 19 Pinkerton
Nov. 16 Pinkerton
Dec. No Dance

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From the NHABDA Board: **Thank you to everyone who helps us clean up after each dance!**

Donations Accepted

NHABDA welcomes donations of gift certificates or other items of value to be used as door prizes at our monthly dances. Please contact Lynne Townsend at 603-432-6869.

Attention Everyone!

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Deadline for the November 2013 Footnotes is October 25th!



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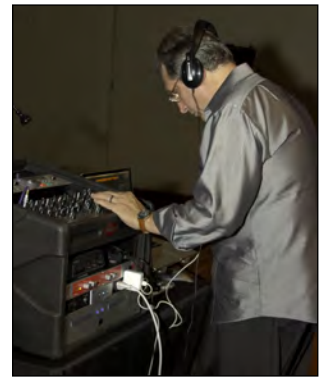
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