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WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, RUSH BEHNKE



I sense Spring is just around the corner and the pear blossoms will soon be blooming. This will kick off the Pear Blossom Dance Competition. Four amazing couples are competing and will have their chance at a \$1000 scholarship. Can we all say "wow"? Recently we had a preview at the Evergreen Ballroom and I would say after being a judge, 'any couple could become the recipient'.

Our membership continues to grow. Ron and Donna Bergquist, owners of

Callahan's Lodge, are interested in promoting and facilitating dance once a month on the second Friday of every month. Tara and I attended the first Dinner, Dancing, and Entertainment evening and it was a wonderful dancing and dining experience. The talented Alan Berman Music Trio played a good mix of ballroom and swing music next to the dance floor. The dance floor was generous in size and the room was beautiful. See the full article about Callahan's in this issue.

Matt and Emily Sampson are also new members. Matt is the regional director of Sparrow Clubs USA. SO Dance and Sparrow Clubs USA will be partnering in the Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars dance competition, with a new date of Nov 7th, 2009. His wife Emily loves dance and was a figure skater in her younger years. They are going to take a few private lessons and come to some of the dances as well. Take a look at how much money was raised in the featured article "Dancing with the local Celebrities" in the latest issue of our national magazine, American Dancer.



Please help me in welcoming new members and help me by asking others to join our club. I want to challenge dance instructors who are

members, to believe in what we can accomplish together and start asking your students to join. We have two scholarship recipients who are benefiting from our scholarship funds and the sky is the limit when a group of people become united and start to take ownership. This is a club that serves the greater good of all dancers and the sport. It's been said that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That's what SO Dance is all about – bringing people together to create a strong dance community comprised of many dance venues, instructors, and you, the dancers who make it possible.

See you on the dance floor, Rush



Shoes

Shoes, shoes, shoes - the only really important equipment needed for comfortable, skillful dancing on the dance floor. Some folks are in need of help obtaining dance shoes, and some



folks have shoes that they are not wearing for one reason or another. Do you have an extra pair of dance shoes that you no longer wear? SO Dance is in need of donated shoes to give to some other USA dance members, especially our youth dancers. Both men's and ladies' shoes are needed. If you have shoes you would like to donate, please contact Cori Grimm at 826-8000, and be sure to leave a number where you can be reached. Shoes will be donated through the SO Dance Scholarship program as instructors nominate students for consideration. Donated shoes are tax deductible.

South Medford High Jazz Suits



Amazing Youth Band... Back at the Evergreen...Check it out

Dancing and Dining at Callahan's

Please Join Us For
An Evening at Callahans

The Second Friday of Each Month by Reservation

Dinner, Dancing, & Entertainment

CALLAHANS
MOUNTAIN LODGE

Friday, April 10th
6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner 7:30 - 10:00 Dancing

Featured Music Trio

Alan Berman

Pianist / Vocalist
with Larry Lewis on Sax and
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Generous Dinner Buffet

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www.callahanslodge.com Reservations: 541-482-1299

Dancing and Dining at Callahan's



An Evening at CALLAHAN'S MOUNTAIN LODGE

Callahan's, a Southern Oregon landmark founded in 1947, was destroyed by fire on September 2, 2006. Graced with its unique mountainside setting and ambiance, Callahan's had been welcoming guests for more than sixty years. Inspired by the overwhelming support of the community, owners Donna and Ron Bergquist decided to rebuild the historic structure.

Purchasing the restaurant from the Callahan family in 1996, they transformed the lodge into a small destination resort with the addition of 12 guest rooms, six with luxury appointments. Their plans to add more rooms, however, were interrupted by the fire.

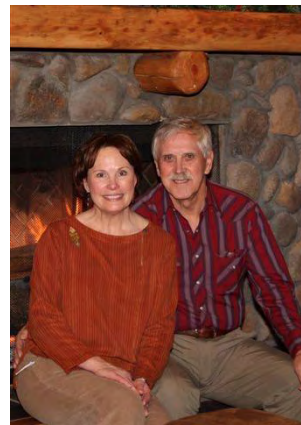
Ron Bergquist's career in architectural design and the management of such facilities employed his expertise in the design and development of the new lodge and restaurant. Having designed and founded Shari's Restaurant chain, as well as developing the Rogue Regency Inn in Medford, Ron's experience suited the task well. "Our primary goal," he says, "was to incorporate into the new design as much of the ambiance and charm of the old lodge as possible. The design of the new lobby and dining rooms is practically identical to that which greeted guests before."

The new four-floor facility, designed with solar and other energy-saving features, offers nineteen luxury guest rooms. In-room features include spa tubs, outdoor decks and wood-burning fireplaces. The restaurant offers casual fine dining with breakfast, lunch and dinner service year-round and an expansive outdoor dining deck.

For their own appreciation of having a place to dance to live music, Ron and Donna added a small

dance floor to the former restaurant. "We recognized that there is no place in the region for those who enjoy dancing to go to for a nice dinner and to dance." The ballroom of the new lodge accommodates a 21' x 24' oak dance floor with seating for dining on the perimeter. Western red cedar wall paneling and stone wood-burning fireplace contribute to the comfortable upscale space where dining and dancing pair well.

Following the successful March "Evening at Callahan's" dinner dance, with the encouragement of Rush Behnke, president of Southern Oregon



Chapter of USA Dance, and his wife, Tara, the Bergquists became members of SO Dance. "Our goal is to build a standing for Callahan's Lodge as a place where the community can meet to enjoy a dance-enhanced dining experience." Live music is performed nightly by

soloists on piano and acoustic guitar in the main dining room from 6 until 9 pm, but the expanded ballroom setting and dance floor is a better complement for dancers who appreciate more space and an event specifically planned for social dancing.

The "Evening at Callahan's," featuring the Alan Berman Trio, extends the opportunity for dancers to enjoy this special mountainside setting and hospitality. A generous buffet with chef-carved Prime Rib, Tuscan Chicken Roulade and Pasta Primavera includes coffee, tea and dessert. The event is held on the second Friday of each month, serving dinner from 6:30-7:30, with ballroom dancing from 7:30 until 10 pm, for \$38.50 per person including gratuity. For guests who wish to secure lodging that evening, a 20% reduction on the room rate is applied. Reservations for the next event on Friday, April 10, can be arranged by calling 541-482-1299. For more details, check out their website at www.callahanslodge.com.

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What's Happening, What's Coming Up, What's Going On???

Weekend Extravaganza!! South Medford Jazz Suitz



Mark your calendars for Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Evergreen Ballroom. If you missed this amazing group of young musicians last year, here's your lucky chance to make up for it.

Comprised of very talented young men and women from South Medford High School, this jazz ensemble promises an evening of lively music that will keep you out of your seat and on the dance floor!

Their style is reminiscent of 1940's big band music – playing many popular dance tunes that will give you a chance to fine tune your Swing, Foxtrot, Lindy Hop, and of course, the ever-popular Balboa. The blend of the mesmerizing vocalists with the energizing sound of the musicians is an experience you won't want to miss. Their magical music makes it impossible to sit still – you just have to get up and dance!

But wait, there's more! This same weekend, visiting instructors Michael Kielbasa and Jenica Krolicki will be at the Evergreen for lessons and workshops all weekend. They will be at Friday night's dance, April 24, and leading workshops on West Coast Swing on Saturday, April 25; and workshops on Night Club 2 Step, Waltz, and Samba on Sunday, April 26. Wow – what a weekend!!

Evergreen Ballroom

Spring Showcase

A special event, that only happens twice a year, is coming up soon. The Evergreen Ballroom invites you to join everyone for a special occasion on Friday, May 1st, 2009 when they host the Evergreen Ballroom Spring Showcase. The evening dance party begins with a Foxtrot lesson, and continues through the evening with demonstrations, a mixer, shoe sales, cake and lots of dancing. It's the Evergreen Ballroom's way of showcasing what their teachers have been teaching and giving the students a chance to show off what they've learned.

The doors open at 6:45 for early shoe shopping, lesson at 7:30, and demonstrations and dancing at 8:00 and continuing until 11:00 P.M. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 13-18, and 12 and under are free. For more information, or pictures from previous showcases, see the website at www.evergreenballroom.com Come on out to support your fellow dancers as they "strut their stuff."



Pear Blossom Competition

What does the Pear Blossom Scholarship Pageant and ballroom dance competition have in common? In the Rogue Valley, the Ballroom Dancing competition will be in its third year as an important part of the Pear Blossom Scholarship Pageant. The finalists will compete for prizes. This important community event will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM at North Medford High School (cost \$8.00). Let's all show our support for our young people as they demonstrate their skills!!

For Your Dancing Information

Outreach Dances

All right everyone, let's all get out and dance, dance, dance! The monthly Outreach Dances are So Dance Club's way of getting out there and supporting our local dance instructors, meeting new people, and seeing new venues- and supporting our So Dance Scholarship fund! Here's how it works: each month a dance given by one of our local instructors is designated as the Outreach Dance of the month. The instructors have agreed to give USA Dance members a \$1.00 discount (bring your membership card!) and to donate \$1.00/attending USA Dance member to our scholarship fund. It's a win-win situation. Please come out to these monthly Outreach Dances and show your support for our scholarship fund and have a great time dancing!



Got Dance?

Do you love to dance and want others to know, and are willing to share your skills? SO Dance is looking for members who are willing to participate in informal demonstrations to promote dance in the community. A partner is not required, and demonstrations are usually "lead and follow" just to share the love of dance-at the mall, at a nursing home, or for community events. If you would like to take part in a demonstration, please contact Marilee Grimm at bgrimm@connpoint.net and she will add your name to the list of volunteers willing to dance just for the fun of it and share it with others.

Dress Collection

What to Wear....You look in the closet for a special dress-you really want something new. And you see the same dress(es) that you keep in your closet taking up space, but don't wear-it's not the right color, doesn't fit the occasion, or it doesn't fit..(sigh). What to do? Donate that dress to the SO Dance Dress Collection.

Tara Behnke has volunteered to house the donated dresses. Once dresses have been donated, other USA members can reach Tara at 541-734-9312 to make an appointment to borrow a dress for that special occasion. After the event, the dress is to be returned to the collection, and a donation given for dry cleaning, if it is needed.

So now, you can donate that dress, and go shopping, or give Tara a call and find your "new" dress at Tara's in the SO Dance Collection. Dress donations are tax deductible.

Here's the schedule:

- **Sat. Mar 21st, 2009** - 4:30-6:00 - Follow my Lead with Jerry & Darcy and-Fabulous Fairlanes)
- **Fri. Apr 24th, 2009** - 7:30-10:30 - June & Jeri Evergreen Ballroom (band-Jazz Suitz & special guest instructors)
- **Fri. May 15th, 2009** - 8:00-10:30 - Tina-Dance Factory
- **Fri Jun 5th, 2009** - 7:30-10:30 - Cori-Evergreen Ballroom
- **Fri. Jul 10th, 2009** - .7:30-10:30 - Richard & Susan-Evergreen Ballroom
- **Thr. Aug 6th, 2009** - 7:00 – 9:00 West Coast Swing Group – Evergreen Ballroom
- **Sat. Sep 19th, 2009** - 4:30-6:00 Follow my Lead with Jerry & Darcy (band-Fabulous Fairlanes)
- **Fri. Oct 23rd 2009** - 7:30-10:30 June-Evergreen Ballroom
- **Fri. Nov 20th, 2009** - 8:00-10:30 Tina-Dance Factory
- **Fri. Dec 18th, 2009** - 7:30-10:30 Cori-Evergreen Ballroom (Christmas Party)
- **Jan. 8th, 2010** - 7:30-10:30 Richard & Susan-Evergreen Ballroom
- **Thr. Feb 4th, 2010** - 7:00-9:00 West Coast Swing Group – Evergreen Ballroom

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If yes, at what level? Chapter ☐ Regional ☐ National ☐

How are you willing to help: _____

Name of chapter I wish to be assigned to: Southern Oregon #1011(or other) _____

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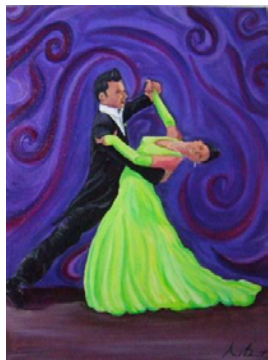
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