

SO Dance Newsletter



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WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, RUSH BEHNKE

Hello Fellow Dancers,

Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars is just a week away, and we need your help to make this event a success. Please be supportive of this venue as it will bring a lot of much-needed dollars to our dance scholarship fund. **November 14th** - **- See you there!**



Come join us for a lot of fun and invite your friends and family too.

Dancing with the Stars (the TV series) has brought renewed interest in dancing. I know the economy is affecting a lot of us (me included). This wonderful, worthy event is just \$10 per person, and it will give back joy and needed funds for many years.

Some of you may be wondering how the dance instructors chose their partners for the "stars". The instructors' choices were largely based on students being active in performance classes and doing well. They were also looking for good match-ups in personalities and dance ability. Sparrow Clubs, Southern Oregon will receive two-thirds of the net proceeds for this event and **if you knew what they do, you would cry.** The other one-third of net proceeds will be for local dance scholarships through the USA Dance 1011 (SO Dance) scholarship program.



Sparrow Clubs is "Kids helping kids in medical need", although it may sound impossible for most kids. With Sparrow Clubs it becomes possible for every child to help.

Sparrow Clubs is helping to raise a generation of kids who can direct their compassion for medically challenged kids, to actually doing something. With Sparrow Clubs, kids, no matter what their parent's income, can do community service to raise money for kids and parents who need help. In fact they earn \$10 in "Sparrow cash" for every hour they do community service. The "Sparrow cash" comes from businesses and service clubs who make it available. It doesn't get much better than this; helping kids to feel better about themselves, through selfless acts for others needs.

The Jazz Jubilee board of directors felt the all new "Dance Venue" at the Medford armory was a huge success. They are already talking about how they can improve the venue for next year. Many of you were dance hosts and Esther Freeman organized the USA Dance ball gown rental program, which was a big hit. The dance floor was generous in size and the music and cost was right.

Now concerning our SO Dance chapter president for 2010, I've agreed to stay on for another year. Our Board will be meeting less often, and streamlining our meetings to focus on what we do well. Our focus will be the Hawaiian Dance, the Golf Tournament, a New Years Eve party, and annual DWRVS shows. Our board meetings will be scheduled closer to each of these events and be less frequent. The majority of our members feel we will be more effective in each of these fundraisers if we don't try to do too much too often.

Some members would like to see the once a month tea dances come back and there is one. Cori Grimm has a monthly dance with a large band at the Evergreen Ballroom that members can attend. She welcomes help and our members becoming more active to assure this dance continues. Check the calendar at www.evergreen.com for date and time.

See you on the dance floor, Rush

National Ballroom Dance Week September 18-25

2009 National Ballroom Dance Week was Sep. 18-25, and all across the country dancers celebrated their love of dance.



There were

many dance events during the week in Southern Oregon, and the Evergreen Ballroom offered free dance lessons, discounts for new dancers, and dance demonstrations.



The Friday night dance on Sep. 18 offered a solo Night Club Two Step performance by Cori and Jack, and a group Foxtrot performance, and as evident in the photographs above, a good time was had by all.

The following Saturday offered free mini lessons, and was the season kick off for the Saturday Tea Dances with the amazing Southern Oregon Jazz Orchestra.

SO Dance encourages members to spread the word about dance, and encourage anyone who might be thinking about trying it to take that first step!



Members' Corner

Welcome to a new feature in the SO Dance Newsletter – a place to welcome new members, thank current members, and say Happy Birthday, too! And for you members-to-be, we're hoping you'll join real soon!



Happy Birthday to the following members with birthdays in Sep, Oct, & Nov.

September birthday dancers

- + Lund, Ken
- + Knutson, Ryder
- + Robertson, Dennis C.
- + Chenoweth, Allen
- + Johnson, Ken C.
- + Brandt, Frances S.

October birthday dancers

- + Hostetter, Greg
- + Brandt, Brice L.

November birthday dancers

- + Bergquist, Ron
- + Nadig, Dr. Larry
- + Stewart, Charlene
- + Travis, Travis

New Members – Welcome!

- + Jerry Fortuna
- + Steve Gillyatt
- + Patty Munson
- + Karen Sporer
- + Travis Travis
- + Denise Trudeau
- + Pamela Zaklan

Do you have something you'd like to share about a member? Send us your member news!



Shoes, Dresses, & Dancing, Oh My!

Shoes and dresses

A few dresses have been donated, to the SO Dance Dress Collection. USA Dance 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. If you have a dress to donate, please call Tara, and remember, it is tax deductible. We are also looking for more shoes if you have a pair you can donate (also tax deductible), and contact Cori Grimm and leave a message at 826-8000.

Dance demonstrations

Thank you to those who have contacted Marilee to be willing to do dance demonstrations around the community. We are still looking for more volunteers! 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 are willing to participate, 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.

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!

Please check our website for details regarding these outreach dances. www.usadance1011.org



New Year's Eve Celebration!

What better way to welcome in the New Year with friends, both old and new – dancing the night away right into 2010!

Join fellow dancers for a New Year's Eve Celebration at the Evergreen Ballroom on Thursday, December 31 from 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM.

Tickets are \$12 pre-sale, and \$15 at the door. Students – you get a real deal at just \$10.

Semi-formal attire is the dress for the evening – so ladies, get out that favorite dress, and gentlemen, your favorite fancy duds. This elegant soiree' is hosted by none other than June Kranenburg and Jeri Capuzo, who as you all know, they always put on a wonderful event.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH
DANCING FRIENDS NEW AND OLD

EVERGREEN BALLROOM
6088 CRATER LAKE AVE.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER
31, 2009**
8:30pm - 12:30am

TICKETS
PRESALE \$12
DOOR \$15
STUDENTS \$10
AVAILABLE AT DANCE & BEYOND

SEMIFORMAL ATTIRE
DESSERT BUFFET
DANCE LESSONS

HOSTED BY
JUNE 770-5198
JERI 482-8812
SO DANCE

In addition to our fine hosts, there will be a dessert buffet, dance lessons and a fun-filled evening of music and dance!

Call June at 770-5198 or Jeri at 482-8812 for tickets.

This event is sponsored by SO Dance, so come out and support your local dance chapter!

DANCING WITH THE ROGUE VALLEY STARS!!

Saturday, November 14th, 7:00pm- 9:00 pm.

North Medford High School Auditorium - 1900 N. Keene Way; Medford

Ticket Price: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Tickets are limited to 850 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- **Albertson's** (West Medford location) : 113 Ross Ln. Medford, OR 97501
- **The UPS Store** (Medford Center location): 711 Medford Center, Medford, OR 97504
- **SOFCU** (Medford): 1380 Biddle Rd. #A Medford, OR 97504
- **SOFCU** (Grants Pass) 1551 Harbeck Rd. Grants Pass, OR 97527

Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs and USA Dance of Southern Oregon (SO Dance) proudly present the first annual Dancing With The Rogue Valley Stars benefit event!

We have a great cast of stars who have each been partnered with a professional or experienced dancer.

- ☀ **Leslie Haze**- Popular area radio and TV personality.
- ☀ **Emily Wood**- Reporter and weekend anchor and producer for KDRV- NewsWatch 12.
- ☀ **Brad Hicks**- President and CEO of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.
- ☀ **Dr. Robin Miller**- Well known doctor, author, and medical correspondent on television, radio, and the internet.
- ☀ **Marshall Holman**- Championship bowler and PBA Hall of Famer.
- ☀ **Jennifer Murphy**- actress, host, recording artist, and former Miss Oregon.
- ☀ **Gemineye**- Popular area radio personality.
- ☀ **Pam Zaklan**- Principal at Wilson Elementary.
- ☀ **Mike Yunkherr**- Beloved teacher at Griffin Creek Elementary
- ☀ **Stacey Boals**- Very well-known area realtor, business woman, and active community member.

Each pair will perform a choreographed routine and compete for the title! It is sure to be a fun night of family entertainment! Tickets are only \$10 and are going fast. Tickets are limited to 850 so get yours today!

Concessions will be available and audience members will have a chance to vote for their favorite star to win the "Audience Favorite" award. All proceeds will benefit Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs and the USA Dance Southern Oregon (SO Dance) Youth Scholarship Program.

Tell your family and friends to come out and support your favorite star and support a worthy cause! I hope to see you there!



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¼ page - \$12.00 per issue

½ page - \$20.00 per issue

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Southern Oregon Dance,

PO Box 1750, Jacksonville, OR 97530

This newsletter is sent via email to all members with an email address and a copy is mailed to members who do not have email.

Chapter NEWS

Chapter Board Meetings are held at Marie Calendars. Contact a board member for details.

USA Dance is a membership organization and you are the reason for our existence. Don't forget to keep your membership current and let your local board know how to serve your dancing needs. Please renew your membership on line at UsaDance.org

And, it's that time of the year when we reach out to our members for new volunteers to serve on local board. If you have several hours a month and an interest in what happens in your dance community, you are needed. Contact a board member for more details.



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Please print clearly

Name _____	Date of Birth _____
Street Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email: _____	Phone(s) _____

Is this a renewal application? No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Member # _____ # _____

Additional Information:

Profession and/or hobbies: _____

Are you willing to help USA Dance as a volunteer? Yes ☐ No ☐

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) _____

Individual Membership Categories:

Ballroom Dancer	\$ 35	\$ _____
Social Dancer	\$ 25	\$ _____
Social Youth	\$ 10	\$ _____
Social Instructor	\$ 50	\$ _____

Make Check payable to:

USA Dance #1011

Mail to: POB 1750 – Jacksonville, OR 97530

Or log on to <https://secure.UsaDance.org>

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December 31st - New Years Eve Celebration