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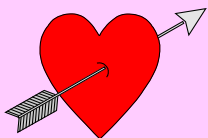
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WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, RUSH BEHNKE

Hello Fellow Dancers,

A new web site for Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars is in the development stages. It still needs some work, but we will be able to announce the show date, sell tickets online, sell DVD's of the 2009 show, and receive and post results of suggestions for the next stars. Send us names of people you know, and with whom you have spoken, that have expressed interest in being one of the stars. Check out the web site at www.dwtrvs.com and bookmark the site, so you easily access it for updates.

Please join me in welcoming our new 2010 Board Members. Jeri Capuzo is now a voting board member instead of past-president, and Tanya DeHart has replaced Nancy Yie. Nancy has served for many years and has other obligations taking priority. Thanks Nancy so much for your contribution to dance.

We have approximately \$4000 in our dance scholarship program fund, with a recent increase of \$3300 generated by Dancing with the RV Stars. This fund was started two years ago with the first donation of \$200. I hope you will consider contributing to this valuable fund in the future, and because USA Dance is a 501c3 non-profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible. The fund has provided support to a young local dance couple who will be in their first competition soon. See the article about them in this issue.

Thanks for your continued membership

See you on the dance floor, Rush



Pear Blossom Ballroom Dance Competition Preliminaries



Here's a not-to-miss event happening at the Evergreen Ballroom on February 27 at 7:00 PM. Young couples, up to age 25, will compete for a chance at one of five spots in the Pear Blossom Ballroom Dance Competition Finals.

Under the direction of dance instructor June Kranenburg, the couples will dance a two-minute routine while the judges score them on technique, showmanship and partner connection. The couples can create their own routine, but most have some help from June and other instructors.

June states they are always looking for couples to participate in this event. In addition to coordinating the event, June also helps the couples with their choice of music and costumes.

The Finals are part of the Pear Blossom Pageant, which will take place at North Medford High School on March 27 at 7:00 PM. The three winning couples will split a \$1000 prize.

Come on out and cheer these young couples on!

Do you have something you'd like to share about a member? Have you recruited a new member? We'd like to hear about what's happening with our members. Send us your member news!



Members' Corner



Welcome to the Member's Corner – 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!

New Members

**Jennifer Childers
**Bronson Fitzgerald
**Sandi Goetschackckx

So, for this first column, we'd like to say Happy Birthday to the following members with birthdays in December, January and February. Don't worry, you March birthday dancers – you'll see yours in the next issue!



December Birthday Dancers

Donna Berquist
Barbara Crawford
Earl Feldman
Chuck Rhine

January Birthday Dancers

Tom Beck
Robin Hoerler

February Birthday Dancers

Paul DeHart
Emily Foster
Maryanne Rovens
Sandi Goetschackckx
Mike Anderson



USA Dance Scholarship Program

Our chapter offers scholarship funds to dancers in our community, based on recommendations from instructors.

A recent recipient of a scholarship, Isabeau Kennedy, is an example of what these funds can do to help dancers' dreams become a reality.

Isabeau, twelve years old, and her dance partner, Bronson Samel-Garloff, fourteen years old, have big dreams, and they're working hard toward making them happen.

While their dance partnership is fairly new, approximately two years, they've accomplished a lot in that short period of time.

If you had an opportunity to see them perform their West Coast Swing to Michael Jackson's song, Billy Jean, you've seen the talent these two young dancers have.

They're going to compete in a West Coast Swing Competition in Sacramento, CA in March, and Southern Oregon wishes them the best.

Isabeau wrote a letter thanking the USA Dance Scholarship Committee – a copy of it follows this article.

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am so excited about dancing!

Thank you so much for helping me continue with what I love so much.

I really appreciate the scholarship you gave me. I can't wait until February for our first competition.

Your Friend,

Love Isabeau



Winter Showcase!

January 15th, 2010 was the Evergreen Ballroom Winter Showcase, a twice a year event. Many felt it was our "best yet." There was standing room only as demonstrations were given by many dancers. The evening began with shoe sales by Glass Slipper from Portland (which continued throughout the evening), and a beginning foxtrot lesson by Cori Grimm. Then the presentations began, intermixed with open dancing. There was a great variety of dances presented: Quickstep/Swing, a playful Argentine tango, interpretive modern dance, a sassy salsa, a colonial dance, waltz, Hula, West Coast Swing, a fun ladies' presentation, night club 2 step, American Tango, and an International rumba-Whew! Participants of all ages were present and participated in the fun, enjoyed cake and punch, and danced! Stay tuned for information in this newsletter and at www.Evergreenballroom.com about the up-coming Evergreen Ballroom Spring Showcase. We hope you can all attend, support our local dancers and enjoy the fun.

DANCING WITH THE ROGUE VALLEY STARS!!



Nine hundred people packed the auditorium at North Medford High School on November 14 to cheer on their favorite celebrity at the first annual Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars.



The event was a huge success and the first of its kind for Rogue Valley. Ten local celebrities were paired with ten local accomplished dancers to compete for first, second or third place in the People's Choice Award (audience votes), and/or for the Judge's Choice Awards (judge's scores).



Emcee Geoff Riley

The sold-out event was a fund raiser benefiting Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs and USA Dance Chapter #1011 dance scholarship fund. The stars and their dance partners practiced for several weeks before the event, coached by local dance instructors, who choreographed the dance performances. Local ABC affiliate, KDRV News Watch 12, provided publicity by airing clips of the couples' practices, and the Mail Tribune ran an article and cover picture in the Tempo Entertainment section of the newspaper.

The room tingled with excitement and anticipation as the ten couples danced their hearts out across the stage to the Foxtrot, Tango, Waltz, Quickstep and others. The crowd roared at the sizzling Salsa, lively Lindy and poignant Paso.

Winners of the audience choice awards were:

- 1st place - Stacey Boals – waltz
- 2nd place – Leslie Haze – American Tango
- 3rd place – Pam Zaklan – Quickstep

Winners of the judge's choice were:

- 1st place – Gemineye - Lindy
- 2nd place – Pam Zaklan – Quickstep
- 3rd place – Robin Miller – Argentine Tango

Eat your heart out Tom Bergeron! Emceed by Geoff Riley, Creative Services Manager for KDRV News Watch 12, he had the audience in the palm of his hand as the quintessential host. Will there be a Samantha Harris to co-host the next event?

Matt Sampson, Southern Oregon Sparrows Club Regional Director and Rush Behnke, President of Southern Oregon USA Dance Chapter were both amazed and delighted that the event far surpassed their expectations in every aspect. The newly-formed partnership between these two organizations brought an amazing evening of outstanding entertainment to the Rogue Valley. While the winning dance couples beamed as they received their trophies, there were really two winners: the children in medical crisis that will benefit from the work of other children contributing their time to help them; and the recipients of USA Dance scholarships, who otherwise might not have the opportunity to experience the joy of dancing.

Star Jennifer Murphy & partner Jerry Slaughter



Star Gemineye & partner Robin McMillin

Star Pam Zaklan & partner Camp Kaye



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Dance Lover's Ball

Saturday, February 13

8 PM to 11 PM

An elegant evening of dance

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Black Tie Optional

\$15 by February 10

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www.UpAndDancing.com

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For Your Dancing Information

Follow My Lead

Tango, Cha Cha, and Swing – oh my! These are just a few of the dance lessons being offered on Mondays in February by Follow My Lead at 436 E. Pine Street in Central Point. For class times and more information, check out their full schedule on their web site at WWW.2dance.com

Follow My Lead also has dances twice a month on the first and third Saturdays at 4:30 that begin with a lesson followed by open dancing. Jerry says come on out and join the fun – no partner or experience required, just your dancing feet!



Tina Ferris is Back!

But was she ever *really* gone? Tina is hosting and teaching at the Evergreen Ballroom on the fourth Friday of the month (did I hear someone say Nightclub Two Step?) And when your editor asked Tina about up-coming Salsa classes – here's Tina's response:

"Jason and I are starting our Salsa classes back up on Wednesdays in February. We will be at my old studio on 6th and Front downstairs. (44 N Front) now called the Firehouse dance hall.

Lesson in beginning and intermediate Salsa will start at 7:00 PM and practice will follow from 8-8:30. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and getting back into the down town space. If you have any questions contact me at 541-773 5694."

West Coast Swing

By Dave Kahn

Southern Oregon Swing is dedicated to promoting West Coast Swing in Southern Oregon. Our web site is www.soswing.org. We teach lessons, hold weekly dances, and bring in high-level, professional dancers several times a year.

We have two exciting happenings coming up soon. First, for the entire month of February, Jenica Krolicki will be here!

Jenica is well-versed in ballroom & country as well as West Coast Swing. She will be teaching classes and offering private lessons. You can see her schedule at

www.firehousedancehall.com and you can also contact her directly to set up your private lesson.

Jenica@jenicakrolicki.com

Next, March 26-28 we are hosting a full Weekend of Dance with West Coast Swing pros John Lindo & Melissa Rutz.

There will be workshops, dances, and even a contest! Go to www.sosing.org, and click on LOCAL EVENT for more information.

Dance Lover's Ball

Dance Lover's Ball. Saturday, February 13th from 8 PM - 11 PM at the Evergreen Ballroom. This is an elegant event for dance lovers and their friends where you can enjoy three hours of general dancing to a mix of Ballroom, Latin and Swing tunes by DJ John. Also included are mixers, prizes and a lavish dessert buffet. Photographer Tara Behnke will be on site to capture the evening for you.

General Admission is \$15 and \$10. for teens if purchased by February 10th.

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

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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) _____

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