

“Super Mario” Event
VIP Ticket Offer to Members
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Innovations

January 2003 Newsletter Happy New Year Everyone

DanceSational Workshop Saturday, January 4, 2003, 6:30 – 7:45PM
Star Instructors: Archie Dawson and Melanie Roberts Dawson



Hustle with New York Styling

You don't have to go to New York to learn Hustle with New York Styling.....

Archie and Melanie will show it to you right here at the DanceSational Workshop at Starlight Dance Studio,

Saturday January 4th from 6:30 – 7:45 PM.

Remember that if you leave the workshop wanting to learn more, ask Archie and Melanie about a Private Lesson for personalized instruction and tips on technique.

Innovations Dance Immediately Following Workshop

Free Classes This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 PM Beginning Waltz with **Mike Cowlshaw**

Sunday Nights: 4:15- 5:00 PM Intro to WC Swing with **Jane Hance**

Don't Forget to Renew Your Innovation's Membership (\$35/year) To Continue Taking Advantage Of Membership Benefits. Check Your Membership Card For Expiration Date.

If You Are Interested In Becoming A Volunteer For Innovations, Such As Front Desk, Clean Up, Set Up, Or For An Event, Please See Martha Peleti For Details.

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Presents

SUPER MARIO WEEKEND

March 21 – 23, 2003

Featuring our star instructor:

Mario Robau Jr.



Starlight Dance Studio.

- *6 Workshops*
- *3 Dances*
- *Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing and Entertainment*

Tentative Event Schedule

Friday March 21	6:00 – 6:30	Registration and Warm up Dancing
	6:30 – 7:45	Workshop #1 Adv. Hustle – “Money Moves”
	8:00 – 11:00	Innovations Dance -hot & cold hors d’oeuvres, refreshments
Saturday March 22	10:30 –11:00	Registration (if you missed Friday) and Warm up Dancing
	11:00 – 12:00	Workshop #2 WCS – Cleaning up the Basics
	12:10 – 1:10	Workshop #3 WCS – Syncopations
	1:10 – 2:00	Lunch – Food and General Dancing
	2:00- 3:00	Workshop #4 WCS –Music Interpretation/Hitting the Breaks
	3:10- 4:10	Workshop #5 WCS - Intermediate WCS
	Break Time	
	8:00 – 11:30	Innovations Dance - Food, Fun and Entertainment
Sunday March 23	3:30 – 4:45	Workshop #6 WCS - Advanced “Money Moves”
	5:00 – 8:00	Innovations Dance - Refreshments

Early Bird Weekend Passes will be on Sale to Members Only during January and February for \$50. If there is space after February, passes will be available to Members for \$65 and others for \$75. Check out our website for all the details.

Yo! Samba???

Saturday, December 7th: Pearl Harbor Day for starters, but an extraordinary Innovations' Dancesational Workshop as a finale! It's true that the holiday season has already exploded with shopping, greeting cards, decorating, parties, relatives, friends and so on-- all of which doesn't leave much time for dancing. Right? Not quite! When Mary Ann Nunez comes to town it's time to dance!!

She began the workshop by separating the men from the women--the leaders were moved to one side of the room and the followers to the other. "We will start with a whip," she announced. The leaders were shown a basic whip with a ronde (on count 6) --very cool-- followed by a couple of syncopated steps--one to the back and the other to the side! This was not as easy as it sounded and it took some practice. (MaryAnn was very patient-- demonstrating the ronde and side steps over and over until even Wayne was looking competent).

Ho Hum: Thinking that we were getting off pretty lightly, the gals enjoyed watching these carryings-on! But when it was our turn, Mary Ann startled us by introducing samba!
What?! Now whose turn was it to smile! In and out with the diaphragm (our center) and 7 and 8...and 7 and 8.....oh brother! We even looked silly to ourselves....but weren't quite willing to give up. Eventually we started looking good! That was before we learned that we also had to do a ronde, finishing it off with these samba steps. It was now about halfway through the workshop and we were yet to dance with a partner. Moreover, we didn't even WANT to dance with a partner...(more practiceplease!).

The kicker!: She made us learn & dance each other's parts! (Now that was funny!)

Break: time for an underarm turn. A nice easy walk, brush, walk, brush, back cross, back cross. It looked so cool and easy until we tried it. Which foot goes back? Which is the weighted foot? On which count to we turn? Are you sure it's only 6 counts? No bouncing??

Putting it all together: This part was really creative and fun! MaryAnn had us form a tight circle. Then she taught us a routine: first came the whip with a ronde etc. followed by a continuous whip, followed by the underarm turn. Now the cool part: on counts &7, &8 the gals samba-ed off to the next partner. Admittedly, it took us a while to get the gist of this round robin/partner exchange exercise--still trying to remember when to ronde and when to back-cross, back-cross. We laughed and danced. (tee-hee-hee) Ho Ho Ho!! An awesome workshop--great fun! THANKS MaryAnn. You did it again! (Even with a hoarse voice!)

Happy Holidays!

Hugs, Charlene

Slip Sliding Away

By Wayne D. Peleti

On Sunday December 16, 2002, Innovations had its first workshop with Robert Cordoba and Deborah Szekely. Robert and Deborah are two of the most accomplished dancers in the West Coast Swing Dance Community. Watching them teach and dance at our first Christmas Party, it was easy to see why they have a portfolio of championships from all over the country.

Their workshop was a blast. We learned some really cool slide moves that turn an underarm pass into an explosive show move. There was a full slide version and a fake slide version, in case the floor, or your shoes, or your body prevented sliding. I used the moves to "hit" something in the music several times that evening.

We also learned how to slip into a fake whip, a simple but elegant way to initiate what we called "ShowTime". Robert and Deborah used this move to give several pointers on styling. After offering several suggestions for the leader and the follower on what to do, they pointed out the importance of choosing when to do something.

They demonstrated matching and mismatching the tempo and the mood of the music. In demonstrating the mismatching Robert used some hilarious antics which caused even Deborah to stop and wonder what the heck was he doing. Robert did point out that everything he did was on beat it just wasn't reflective of what the music was doing.

After teaching a great workshop Robert and Deborah were nice enough to participate in the evening's entertainment. Innovations is very grateful to Michael Kiehm, Brandi Northrup, Jim Cruzen, Margie Adams, Robert and Deborah for putting on a super show.

Brandi and "her partner" performed a beautiful waltz. Robert and Deborah did a terrific lead follow demonstration in which Deborah, even with a back that was bothering her that night, demonstrated what a terrific dancer and athlete she is. She made one move in which she did the splits and then propelled herself through Roberts legs look so easy that when Robert was dancing with Michael he decided to try it. The results were hilarious and I must confess the only point at which I stopped watching Brandi and Deborah, who were dancing nearby. For a finale Jim and Margie (of 2 to Groove) did an outstanding lindy performance which the crowd absolutely loved.

Great workshop, great show, great decorations, great food and lots of fun and dancing made our very first Christmas party a major success. Now about New Years

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

By Martha Peleti, Christmas Party Chairman

We received many compliments on the refreshments and decorations at the Christmas party. I would like to thank all those who attended and those who worked so hard to make the evening a success:

Hospitality

Kurt Dahlvig
Bill Martin
Wayne Peleti
Carolyn Washington

Decorations

Charlene Juszczuk

Miscellaneous

Barbara Carlson
Mike Cowlshaw
Bill Martin
Karen McEntire
Julie Rishovd

A Birthday Gift From Innovations – read below:

There will be a list of all members who have birthdays in the current month at the front desk. (If you didn't include your birthday on your application form, just show your drivers license.) If you want to take advantage of your free admission on the day of a workshop and you wish to take the workshop, admission is \$5 for both the workshop and dance. **Happy Birthday From Innovations.**

January Birthdays

5	Ron Eld	14	Darla Allen
7	R. H. Dutcher	17	David A. Boe
8	Jim Hance	23	Pranee Ontrakarn
9	Mark Sheddon	23	Donna Oliver
11	Maureen Cassidy	24	Denise Wilhite
12	Vivian Thode	26	Nancy Waits
14	Mary L. West	26	Linda Schaeffer
		29	Joyce Brungardt
		31	Barbara Carlson

January New Members

Dorene Brewster
Terri Callaway
Charlie Cox
Ed Dayrit
Janice Lee

**What's Happening In 2003? Fun, Excitement And A Whole Lot More.
We're pleased to announce this great professional line up.....**

**Archie & Melanie
Carrie Kloss
"Super Mario" Special Event
Wayne & Sharlot Bott
Jordan and Tatiana
Rob "I"**

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