

# Innovations

## February 2003 Newsletter

**No Innovations Dance Friday February 21.....**Join us at the Marriott Mission Valley for "Dancing Through the Years ~ Starlight's 20th Anniversary Showcase". Dinner Dance. Tickets available at Starlight.

**Waltz DanceSational Workshop Saturday, February 1, 2003 6:30 – 7:45PM**



Star Instructor: Carrie Kloss teaching **Waltz**

Carrie has been teaching for over 25 years, starting as an instructor with Arthur Murray "during the disco days," and staying with the organization for 14 years as competitor, studio manager, dance director, traveling consultant and judge. She now focuses on individual instruction, teaching professionals, teachers and competitors as well as beginning and intermediate students. For information on private dance instruction with Carrie Kloss, email her at [ckloss1@san.rr.com](mailto:ckloss1@san.rr.com).

The workshop cost, which includes admission to a dance party to follow at 8:00 p.m., is \$10 for annual members and \$20 for others. Admission to just the dance is \$5 for annual members, sister clubs and college students with I.D. All others are \$7.

**WCS DanceSational Workshop Sunday, February 9, 2003 3:30 – 4:45PM**



Star Instructors: Jordan and Tatiana teaching **West Coast Swing**. Oh My!! They're coming back....and they are bringing their super energy and passion for dance with them. If you love West Coast Swing Don't Miss This Workshop. Jordan and Tatiana are available for private lessons also. If you are interested in a private lesson (beginners to advanced) contact us at [info@innovationsdance.org](mailto:info@innovationsdance.org) or see one of the Board members at the dances.

The workshop cost, which includes admission to a dance party to follow at 5:00 p.m., is \$10 for annual members and \$20 for others. Admission to just the dance is \$5 for annual members, sister clubs and college students with I.D. All others are \$7.

**\*\*\*\*Next Month: March Super Mario Weekend.....March 21-23, 2003  
Get Your Tickets Early. Read More About This Exciting Weekend Inside\*\*\*\***

**PRESS RELEASE**

DanceSational Workshop: Carrie Kloss, February 1, 2003  
Waltz Workshop May Change Your Life  
(by James Hance)

World-class instructor and competitor Carrie Kloss will teach an intermediate waltz workshop at Starlight Dance Studio on Saturday, February 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. stressing dance techniques which are good skills to have in building relationships.

Ballroom dance champion, instructor to champion dancers, featured performer on a KPBS special on ballroom dancing, named "most outstanding dancer in U.S." twice, judge for national competitions, and organizer of a national competition in Dallas, Carrie Kloss has "done it all" in the world of dance.

Carrie has been teaching for over 25 years, starting as an instructor with Arthur Murray "during the disco days," and staying with the organization for 14 years as competitor, studio manager, dance director, traveling consultant and judge. She now focuses on individual instruction, teaching professionals, teachers and competitors as well as beginning and intermediate students.

"I enjoy teaching at every level, and I love all the dances," Carrie says. "In fact I have been developing a program to introduce partnership dancing to the public with the focus on enhancing relationships based on balance, mutual respect, support and open expression which I call 'The Essence of Dance.'

Understanding your dance balance as well as lead and follow techniques involves the same skills as getting along with your partner. "I use this 'essence of dance' approach to teaching beginning students as well as top competitors with much success. No matter how the style of dancing changes or what the latest dance trend is, this is the true essence and most essential part of partnership dancing."

As a competitor, Kloss and her partner won titles of Arthur Murray World American Smooth Champions six times, Arthur Murray World 9 Dance Champions six times, U.S. Rising Star American Smooth Champions, U.S. Rising Star American Rhythm Champions, U.S. Open Professional Nine Dance Champions three times, U.S. Open Professional American Smooth Champions twice, and Feather Award Winners of the Most Outstanding Dancers in the United States twice.

For information on private dance instruction with Carrie Kloss, email her at [ckloss1@san.rr.com](mailto:ckloss1@san.rr.com).

# Awesome Dawsons

By Wayne D. Peleti

Innovation's first workshop of the new year was another success. The workshop featured **Archie Dawson and Melanie Roberts Dawson** teaching intermediate hustle.

Their workshop was a blast. Archie and Melanie did an excellent job of presenting lead follow material that was fun for everyone. No mean task considering the wide range of dance experience in the class. There were hustle newcomers, intermediate level dancers as well as a few of us hustle veterans from the seventies.

Archie, who loves to hustle, has a very open, entertaining style which is fun to watch and, as I learned Saturday, fun to do. In a series of patterns ranging from beginning to intermediate, he embedded a lot of that style with minor adjustments to body position and footwork. The effect was subtle but significant in appearance. The patterns acquired a very nice continuity and lightness. More dramatic was the effect on how the execution of the patterns felt. For me the dance was less staccato. There was an easy, rolling feeling in the transitions which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Both Melanie and Archie took time to answer questions and give important pointers on technique vital to making the dance look it's best. For example, Archie diplomatically pointed out, no one in the class was finishing their patterns late. To which Melanie added that while hustle is a dance of many spins they aren't necessarily fast spins. Not surprisingly, the technique pointers in many cases can be applied to West Coast Swing (another dance Archie and Melanie are very accomplished at). Other techniques were more hustle specific and in some ways counter intuitive to West Coast Swing.

The ladies got some very nice styling tips on making their "and 1" a "Kodak moment". Also covered; a very pretty hand styling technique for spins. The lady used both hands in a sort of body investigator transition to a finishing pose as the leader picked her up. Ladies, I hope to see you practicing that one. It looks terrific.

Great instructors teaching great patterns, technique, and styling with tons of laughter and fun. Sound familiar? It's become the status quo for Innovations workshops. Oh well, it works for us. Up Next: Intermediate Waltz with 3 time US Ballroom Champion Carrie Kloss. Great instructor ... you know the rest.

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## ***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 <b>Adv. Hustle – “Money Moves”</b>
	8:00 – 11:00	Innovations Dance -hot & cold hors d’oeuvres, refreshments
Saturday March 22	10:30 –11:00	Registration and Warm up Dancing
	11:00 – 12:00	Workshop #2 <b>WCS – Cleaning up the Basics</b>
	12:10 – 1:10	Workshop #3 <b>WCS – Syncopations</b>
	1:10 – 2:00	<b>Lunch</b> – Food and General Dancing
	2:00- 3:00	Workshop #4 <b>WCS –Music Interpretation/Hitting the Breaks</b>
	3:10- 4:10	Workshop #5 <b>WCS - Intermediate WCS</b>
	Break Time	
	8:00 – 11:30	Innovations Dance – <b>Carne Asada Buffet, Entertainment</b>
Sunday March 23	3:30 – 4:45	Workshop #6 <b>WCS - Advanced “Money Moves”</b>
	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.

# *Pricing For Super Mario Weekend*

Attendance will be limited to prevent overcrowding. Please get your ticket ASAP.

**Early Bird Weekend Pass** (Annual Members Only): **\$50**  
**Includes all 6 workshops, 3 dances, Saturday Lunch and Buffet**  
On Sale until February 28, 2003

## **Regular Weekend Pass**

(On sale beginning March 1, 2003, if space is available.)

**Includes all 6 workshops, 3 dances, Saturday Lunch and Buffet**

Annual Members: **\$65**

Others: **\$75**

## **Dance Only Prices (pay at the door)**

### **Friday Dance (hot & cold hors d'oeuvres) 8:00 – 11:00 PM**

Annual Members: **\$5**

Others: **\$10**

### **Saturday Dance (Carne Asada Buffet) 8:00 – 11:30 PM**

Annual Members: **\$8**

Others: **\$15**

### **Sunday Dance (refreshments) 5:00 – 8:00 PM**

Annual Members: **\$5**

College Students: **\$5**

Sister Clubs: **\$5**

Others: **\$7**

**This is an E-ticket event! To purchase tickets see Martha Peleti at one of our regularly scheduled dances or mail a check to:  
Innovations, P.O. Box 23745, San Diego, CA 92193.**

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

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 PM **Beginning NC 2Step with Kurt Dahlvig**

Sunday Nights: 4:15- 5:00 PM **Intro to WC Swing with Vicki and Robert Palladino** (see additional information on the Palladino's below)\*

**Reminder: No Innovations Dance on Friday February 21.** We will be at Starlight Dance Studio's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the Mission Valley Marriott. Tickets available at Starlight. Our way of saying thank you to Michael Kiehm for all of the support given to the Innovation's Dance Club. Thank you Michael. We greatly appreciate you and the opportunity you provide to rent such a fine studio for our members.

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## **\*BEGINNING**

### **WEST COAST SWING CLASS**

**The Class is Free with Paid Admission to the Dance**

**SUNDAYS**

**4:15 - 5:00 PM**

**Instructors for the Month of February 2003**

**Robert & Vicki Palladino**

**We teach Beginning and Intermediate West Coast Swing classes at Foothills Adult Center in El Cajon. The classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (1 1/2 hours) and cost only \$31 for the 6 week Beginning class and \$29 for the 4 week Intermediate class. Our Intermediate class starts on February 26<sup>th</sup> and the next Beginning class starts in April.**

**We love teaching West Coast Swing. We work hard to keep our classes up to date with the latest teaching techniques. But above all, we want our students to have fun.**

**Please call Vicki or Robert at (619) 258-5489, or email Vicki at [vickipalla@aol.com](mailto:vickipalla@aol.com), for more information about how to register for the classes at Foothills Adult Center, or see the Foothills website at [www.guhsd.net/adult](http://www.guhsd.net/adult). Robert and Vicki also offer private and group lessons by appointment.**

## February New Members

Brenda Chesley  
Hanna R. Cohan  
Archie Dawson  
Tui Fundora  
Ron Gonzales  
Karen Melbye  
Junko Ohata

David Paris  
Melanie Roberts Dawson  
Sally Semm  
Randy Stovall  
Shawn Tobias  
Margaret Willette

## February Birthdays

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.

2	Helen P. Higgins	25	John L. Jordan
2	Jeff Lorenz	25	Bonnie Towle
2	Russell Williams	25	Mary Wilson
4	Debbie Wright	26	Sandra Lai
5	Penny Hyde	27	Diane Warren
6	Michael A. Jones	28	Todd Johnson
7	Keith Frech	28	Marc Washington
7	Yvonne Studebaker		
8	Connie Wolfe		
13	Evie Encarnacion		
15	Jeff Bergdahl		
16	Ned Schnorr		
18	Ron Devriendt		
19	Kelly Ouellette		
20	Patrick Staley		
21	Lisa Rizzi		
21	Barb Shuler		
22	Howard Bossert Jr.		
23	Larry Bevans		
23	William Bremner		
24	Tui Fundora		

