

Innovations

September 2003 Newsletter

Bus Trip – September 7th 6:30 PM
Destination Changed by popular demand to the Grand Opening of the Orange County West Coast Swing Club...see details inside
Still time to get signed up.



Ronnie & Stephanie

DanceSational Workshop, Night Club 2-Step Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

6:30 – 7:45PM.....We're so Lucky! Where else can you have so much fun? It's worth the price of admission for the entertainment alone but oh there's more....they can dance too! And boy can they dance. These Pro's glide across the floor and they will show us how to do an elegant Night Club 2-step. 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 & college students with I.D. and \$7 for others.

Free Classes (with paid admission to the dance). This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 ChaCha with Alex Seguritan & Misty Frank

Sunday Nights: 4:15- 5:00 WCS with Bill Stalzer & Leslie Snow

Come Celebrate!



Do these people look familiar to you? They are graciously inviting Innovation's Members to their Dance Celebration in honor of their recent marriage. Darrell and Carol are holding an open dance on Sunday September 7th at Starlight Dance Studio starting at 4:00 PM. There will be a DJ and refreshments provided. Come and share the joy of dance to wish them well in their new life together as husband and wife.

All The Best To You Always Carol & Darrell.....
From Your "Dance Family"

LET'S GET FUNKY!

That was Parker's plea Saturday night at Innovations DanceSational Workshop. Parker Dearborn was our star instructor and intermediate West Coast Swing was the dance. The mood was fun and the style was funky.

Well, that was the objective anyway. To be honest, some of us attending the workshop were a little slow in getting the funky style. In my case, it was simply a matter of loosening up some ancient joints. Parker did not give up on us. He exhorted us to funkier heights with some gentle reminders like, "Hey guys, this is not a smooth dancers meeting! Let's get funky!".

The pattern was basics with some very cool but simple variations. This was especially nice because it made the material easy to lead/follow and allowed the dancer to focus on whatever styling he or she wished to interpret the music with. Parker actually made a point of saying that West Coast Swing is becoming more and more a dance of advanced basics. Basic patterns with advanced styling and technique. Cool to watch and easy to lead and follow.

By the end of the workshop, I'm happy to say, most of us had gotten our funky mood to an acceptable level with the promise of more to come. Indeed, during the evening dance I used the material successfully with several partners. In every case the ladies not only followed the material but grasped the opportunity to do some styling with me.

As usual Parker's workshop was sprinkled with several solid tips on technique. The kind you hear 100 times and then one day finally grasp:

"Ladies, keep that connection and your partner in front of you."

"Use the first four beats of your passes to move as far as possible down the slot, then anchor."

"Correct body placement (relative to your partner) is the first essential of every move.".....and so on.

All in all, the workshop was a great mix of things to work on and how to have fun while you're working on them. When you think about it this is the balance most dancers try to reach: Improve my dancing and have fun dancing.

Thanks once again to Parker for making our workshop a fun way to improve our dancing. Don't miss his next workshop (with Brandi Northrup) on October 4th!

Written By: Wayne Peleti (wanted to be sure you know who has the "ancient joints" mentioned above)

Innovations 2nd Anniversary Party

Saturday, October 4th 2003

- **Fun filled day with 4 Great Workshops Plus Lunch**

10:00 – 2:30 AM - Starlight Dance Studio, 6505-El Cajon Blvd

- NC2-Step - Michael Kiehm*
- Waltz - Carrie Kloss*
- CW2-Step - Ronnie DeBenedetta & Stephanie McPherson*
- West Coast Swing - Parker Dearborn & Brandi Northrup*

- **Spectacular Evening Buffet Dinner, Show & Dance**

6:30 PM – 1:00 AM - San Diego Mission Valley Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Dr.

- 6:30 – Door to Grand Ballroom open and dance begins
- 7:00 – 8:45 - Italian Dinner Buffet
- 8:45 – 9:15 – Show
- 9:15 - 1:00 – Dance the Night away to music by Innovation's DJs

ALL DAY PASS - 4 Workshops, Lunch, Italian Dinner Buffet & Dance.

DINNER ONLY - Italian Dinner Buffet & Dance.

	6/1/03 to 6/30/03		7/1/03 to 8/31/03		9/1/03 to 9/28/03	
	Annual Member**	Event Member	Annual Member**	Event Member	Annual Member**	Event Member
All Day Pass	\$40.00	not available	\$45.00	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Dinner Only	\$25.00	not available	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$50.00

This is an E-ticket event. No tickets are issued. When you sign up your name and information will be entered in our data base. No refunds will be available after September 1, 2003. To purchase passes see Martha Peleti at our dances, contact her at membership@innovationsdance.org or phone (858) 277 – 1845.

After September 28, 2003 no All Day Passes or Dinner tickets will be sold.

Workshops may be purchased at the door. For individual workshop prices please check our website at innovationsdance.org or Innovations August newsletter.

*Subject to Change

** Annual Membership \$35 per year

Innovations First Ever Elections For Board Of Directors

Attention Innovations Annual Members! Innovations will hold it's first election for Innovations Board of Directors this November 9th, 2003. The positions up for election this year are: President, Secretary, and Membership Director.

The following is a brief description of the election process. The general guidelines are provided for in the club Bylaws. A copy of the Bylaws is always available at the sign in desk at the Friday and Sunday dances.

Timeline to The Election:

- **August 2, 2003:** The current Board of Directors appoints a Nominations Committee. This year's Committee members are Jim Hance and Carolyn Washington.

The Committee is responsible for seeking and/or accepting all nominations for any of the offices up for election. Any parties interested in running for office must contact one of the committee members. In addition to answering any questions about the offices and the election they will make up the official ballot.

- **September 30th, 2003:** Nominations are closed. Candidates names and pictures will be published in the club's November newsletter.
- **October 4th, 2003:** Outgoing Board members, current Board members and candidates for office will be presented at the Anniversary Party.
- **Sunday November 9th – Election Day!:** All members are invited to attend a **brief** general membership meeting at Starlight Dance Studio beginning at 4:00 PM. The order of business will be:

President's State-of-the-Club address, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report, Election of the Board of Directors.

Annual Members will be checked-in on a special attendance roster and a ballot issued to each attendee. Members will fill out the ballots and place them in a ballot box. At 4:30 voting is officially over and the ballots will be counted by the Ballot Committee.

Members attending the general membership meeting are invited to stay for the Sunday Dance for **free**. There will be special refreshments served during the general membership meeting as well as the Sunday Dance.

Please try and attend the meeting. It is the Board's hope that it will be a fun and social event as well as a business meeting. Members will have a chance to get to know the Board and other people who share their love of dance.

DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Innovations Annual Members will be electing a President, Secretary and Membership Director on Sunday November 9, 2003. The following is a list of the responsibilities/qualifications for each position.

PRESIDENT:

- Preside over all meetings.
- Sign all contracts and legal documents after approval by the Board.
- Appoint, eliminate or discharge Committees, as the Board deems necessary.
- Supervise and direct the activities of all other members of the Board of Directors.
- Act as spokesperson for the Club, and authorize and monitor all communications to and from the Club.
- Ensure that copies of all Club communications are placed on file with the Secretary.

SECRETARY:

- Prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- Record the minutes of all regular meetings of the Board, as well as special meetings, and make them available to all Board members within 2 weeks of the meeting.
- Upon request, provide an approved copy of the minutes of meetings to members.
- Include an attendance and voting report as part of the minutes for each meeting.
- Maintain a current file of all official Club publications, correspondence, etc, including Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all amendments, changes and modifications. These documents shall be the Club's master files.
- Prepare and maintain files on all incoming and outgoing Club correspondence.
- Serve as President in the absence of the President and Vice President.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

- Maintain accurate and up to date records of the Club's members.
- Provide a current membership report to the Board at regular Board meetings and when specifically requested by the Board.
- Present an Annual Membership Report at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Provide current membership lists for the Front Desk.
- Oversee the membership renewal process.
- Ensure the collection of dues for new and renewing members.
- Provide support to the Treasurer regarding income from dues.
- Provide support to committees requiring data processing pertaining to members in support of planning and executing activities.
- Serve as President in the absence of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Ensure that membership records are held confidential.
- Must be proficient with either MS Access or MS Excel. (Preferably Access)
- Must have either MS Access or MS Excel software available.

Innovation's Special Event - Bus Trip to The Grand Opening of the Orange County West Coast Swing Club – Sun. September 7th

Join our "swingin" party bus to the Grand Opening of the Orange County West Coast Swing Club (OCWCSC) on Sunday evening, September 7th

Leave Starlight 6:30 p.m. (Other pick ups possible at UTC and Encinitas to be determined)

Arrive at OCWCSC about 8:30 and Dance until 11:15 PM

Bus leaves at 11:30 pm and arrives back at Starlight about 1:00 am.

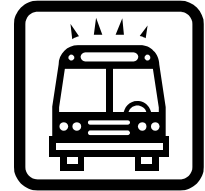
Cost \$20 per person, includes

* your admission, a \$10 value for non- OCWCSC members!

* bus ride, tip for driver included

* snacks, beverages and video entertainment on the bus

* one tired day at work on Monday! Take the day off!



Sign up at the front desk. No reservations accepted without payment.

September New Members

Daphne Higa
Mickey Jones
Karen Lee Mungie
Royal Mungie
Pearl Tran
Jacky Yu

Want to get into the Innovation's Dances Free?

All it takes is to become a Volunteer. See Barbara Carlson at the dances for Volunteer opportunities or sign up on the calendar at front desk. New schedule monthly. Your help is greatly Appreciated by All.

September 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

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| 1 | Maryellen Huhn | 20 | Wendy St. Amand |
| 2 | Chuck Mirabile | 20 | Dann Thoresen |
| 3 | Deborah Bailey | 21 | Dennis Mettler |
| 3 | James Schaeffer | 22 | Kent Keigwin |
| 4 | Randy McManus | 23 | Bonnie Hartmeyer |
| 5 | Carol Schwartz | 24 | Joan Diener |
| 6 | Rosemary Sarsfield | 27 | Jim McDowell |
| 8 | Theresa Dover | 27 | Junko Ohata |
| 12 | Mike West | 28 | Pat Campbell |
| 12 | Judy L. Wilson | 28 | Brenda Gettig |
| 14 | William H. Stalzer | 28 | Pearl Tran |
| 14 | Tara Yelman | 29 | Kurt Dahlvig |
| 15 | Kent Johnson | 30 | Jene Alan |
| 15 | Robert A. Palladino | 30 | Catherine Marks |
| 19 | Charlie Cox | 30 | Laura Tompkins |
| 19 | Nancy Grab | | |
| 20 | Mike Freitas | | |
| 20 | Helen French | | |
| 20 | Paul McKenzie | | |
| 20 | Roi Mower | | |



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Workshop Schedule

All workshops are intermediate level unless stated otherwise

September 6 – Night Club 2-Step - Ronnie & Stephanie

October 4 – Anniversary Party – Details Inside

**Innovation's dances and workshops, unless specifically stated otherwise,
are held at Starlight Dance Studio Located at 6506-H El Cajon Blvd**

in San Diego, CA

Phone: 619-287-9036

**Check Out the Special Event – Bus Trip To Grand Opening of
Orange County West Coast Swing Club – Sunday September 7
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