

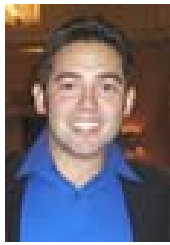


Last Chance To Purchase
Anniversary Party Tickets.
See Martha Peleti
Anniversary Party Date.....
Saturday October 4, 2003

Innovations

October 2003 Newsletter

2 Year Anniversary Edition



Limited Number Of Tickets Still Available **2003 ANNIVERSARY PARTY, SAT. OCT. 4** **Anniversary Party Schedule**

Day Session - Starlight Dance Studio, 6505-H El Cajon Blvd.

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| 10:00 | Registration Opens |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Intermediate/Advance WCS - <i>Parker Dearborn & Brandi Northrup</i> |
| 11:35 - 12:35 | Intermediate/Advance NC 2-Step - <i>Michael Kiehm</i> |
| 12:35 - 1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15 - 2:15 | Intermediate/Advance Waltz - <i>Carrie Kloss</i> |
| 2:20 - 3:20 | Intermediate/Advance CW 2-Step <i>Ronnie DeBenedetta & Stephanie McPherson</i> |

Evening - San Diego Mission Valley Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Dr.

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| 6:30 | Doors to Grand Ballroom Open and Dancing Begins |
| 7:00 - 8:30 | Italian Dinner Buffet |
| 8:45 - 9:15 | Show |
| 9:30 | Late Night Passes go on Sale |
| 9:30 - 1:00 | Dance the Night away to music by Innovations DJs |

Attention all members! It has been brought to our attention that the Innovations Anniversary Party ad in some of our past newsletters had the wrong zip code for Innovations mailing address (see Wayne).

The correct mailing address for Innovations is:Innovations, PO Box 23745, San Diego, CA 92193

If you registered by mail please check the list below.

Sorry for any inconvenience,
The Board

Here is the current list of those who have already purchased their E-Ticket to the Anniversary Event as of 9/17/2003

Registered for **All Day Pass** – 4 Workshops, Lunch, Italian Dinner Buffet, Show and Dance

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Helen Adams | R. H. Dutcher | Nancy Martin | Mark Sheddon |
| Darla Allen | Marie Estocin | Lyn McAllister | Andrew Shipps |
| Shirley Allen | Wendy Frieder | Karen McEntire | Barb Shuler |
| Wayne Allen | Larry Fromwiller | Susan McKee | Leslie Snow |
| Larry Armstrong | Darrell Gaul | Randy McManus | Richard Stahley |
| Paunpimon Atkinson | Heather Gnau | Stephanie McPherson | Patrick Staley |
| Martha Barnard | Ron Gonzales | Gary Mellom | William Stalzer |
| Faye Blankenhorn | Kathy Grako | Carla Mettler | Diane Thompson |
| Rick Blankenhorn | Randee Griffin | Dennis Mettler | Dann Thoresen |
| Anne Breese | Jane Hance | Kathy Moore | Shawn Tobias |
| Dorene Brewster | Jim Hance | Lynn Moore | Robert Todd |
| John Burns | Dan Harrison | Roi Mower | Pearl Tran |
| Anne Callies | Florence Hatch | Janice Mulder | Ray Urbach |
| Maureen Cassidy | John Hatch | Diana Newhouse | Charlie Van Epps |
| Debra Champagne | Rita Haverkamp | Brandi Northrup | Sherry Van Epps |
| Dennis Champagne | Karen Healy | Junko Ohata | Glenn Walker |
| Don Clugston | Robert Holland | Marvin Olsen | David Walkup |
| Tom Cottrell | Maryellen Huhn | Norma Osborn | Deena Walkup |
| Mike Cowlshaw | Amy Johnson | Carol Palmer | Diane Warren |
| Kurt Dahlvig | Kent Johnson | Wayne Peleti | Marc Washington |
| Anita Dancoff | Todd Johnson | Keith Ploettner | Jean Welsner |
| Rose Davidson | Margaret Kerns | Edward Rodriguez | Mike West |
| Earl Davis | Michael Kiehm | Ernest Rodriguez | Barbara White |
| Pennie Davis | Susan Lang | Lou Ronzitti | Alan Whiteman |
| Archie Dawson | L. A. Leon | Debie Rowe | Margaret Willette |
| Parker Dearborn | Joe Leonard | Lois Rubin | Glenda Williams |
| Geo Deasee | Jeff Lorenz | Verla Scambler | Russell Williams |
| Ronnie DeBenedetta | Denise Lujan | James Schaeffer | Judy Wilson |
| Patrick Dickerson | Linda Lyles | Linda Schaeffer | Yongchong Zhang |
| Joan Diener | Gary Markowski | Carol Schwartz | |
| Catherine Doll | Bill Martin | David Searl | |

Registered for **Evening Only** – Italian Dinner Buffet, Show and Dance

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Dawn | Terry Daniels | Helen Higgins | Vicki Palladino |
| Paula | Darin Dwyer | David Huhn | Martha Peleti |
| Jene Alan | Deborah Dyar | Nick Hyde | Don Piche |
| Robert Anderson | David Evans | Penny Hyde | Shana Powell |
| Tracy B. | David Fennell | Charlene Juszczyk | Bill Queen |
| Ione Bauman | Kathy Fennell | Karen Kelsay | Guest Queen |
| Iris Bentz | Pam Ford | Jamie Lewis | Julie Rishovd |
| Michele Brannon | Misty Frank | Diane Lynn | Patty Sage |
| William Bremner | Elizabeth Frantz | Andrea Maher | Vanessa Searl |
| Guest Brewster | Rick Frey | Rene Manansala | Alex Seguritan |
| Linc Brigham | Guest Frieder | Dann Marquardt | Laura Tompkins |
| Richard Brown | Dan Gehlhaar | Jim McDowell | Tisha Trinh |
| Joyce Brungardt | Nancy Grab | Mary McDowell | Kel Tyree |
| Chris Burger | Susy Hafner | David McKee | Carolyn Washington |
| Oswaldo Campos | Adrienne Harris | Cathy Meyn | Mary West |
| Barbara Carlson | Rick Herrmann | Donna Oliver | Jim Widdecke |
| Susan Chesebro | Daphne Higa | Robert Palladino | |

Limited number of tickets still available....To Purchase Tickets.....

See Martha Peleti at our dances, email her at membership@innovationsdance.org
or phone (858) 277 – 1845.

| September/October Prices | | Annual Members* | Event Members |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| All Day Pass | Before 9/28 | \$45** | \$85** |
| Evening Only | Before 9/28 | \$25** | \$45** |
| Late Night Pass | Pay at door after 9:30 PM | \$10 | \$15 |
| 1 Workshop | Pay at door | \$10 | \$15 |
| 2 Workshops | Pay at door | \$15 | \$25 |
| 3 Workshops | Pay at door | \$20 | \$35 |
| 4 Workshops | Pay at door | \$25 | \$45 |

*Annual Membership \$35 per year. **Prices remain the same as pre September purchases.

This is an E-ticket event. No tickets are issued. When you sign up your name and information will be entered in our database. No refunds will be available after September 1, 2003.

October Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 4 | Emily Beckett | 17 | Dan Prather |
| 4 | Iris R. Bentz | 18 | Pennie Davis |
| 4 | Wendy Cobb | 19 | Nancy Armstrong |
| 4 | Verla Scambler | 20 | Wendy Khentigan |
| 5 | Claudea Waldon | 20 | Karen Melbye |
| 7 | Carla Mettler | 21 | Holli Serwe |
| 8 | Linda Allison | 21 | Deena Walkup |
| 8 | Robyn Greer | 23 | Terry Daniels |
| 8 | Wayne Lindsley | 23 | Glenda Williams |
| 8 | David A. Searl | 24 | Dave Kehrl |
| 11 | Brandi Northrup | 26 | Deborah A. Dyar |
| 12 | Ed Tyson | 26 | Larry Fromwiller |
| 15 | Elizabeth A. Berg | 27 | B Nuno |
| 15 | Carol Ann Palmer | 27 | Keith Ploettner |
| 16 | Catherine Doll | 28 | Carla Cramer |
| 17 | Michael Kiehm | 28 | Royal Mungie |
| 17 | L. A. Leon | | |



October New Members – Welcome...Thanks for Joining!

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Debbie Cohen | Frank Garland | Melissa Monty |
| Terry Daniels | Ron Hemme | Paige Sykora |
| Geo Deasee | Richard Johnson | Bill Waldon |
| David R. Evans | Claire Milner | Claudea Waldon |

BUS BUZZ!

Sunday September 7, 2003 at 6:30 + 10 minutes a sleek, modern bus from Sundance Coach Lines pulled out of the parking lot in front of Starlight Dance Studio. On Board 30 San Diego WCS dancers bound for the grand opening of the Orange County West Coast Swing Dance Club (OCWCSDC).

A brief stop at the Birmingham Drive Park & Ride in Cardiff to pick up another 9 dancers and we were on our way. What follows are some of the comments from participants of the next 7 hours of eating, dancing, laughing and watching dance videos:

"The people were great, the place was awesome, & the food was delicious – especially the chocolate 'Rolo' cookies! Thanks Innovations. Looking forward to the next bus trip." – Misty F.

"Awesome with a capital 'SOME'. Wayne was the perfect slave. Anything I wanted . . . BAM with bells on." – Alex S.

"The perfect mini-adventure! Fun Dancing in a new environment, good friends, good food and I

didn't even have to drive! Let's do it again!" – Mike C.

"I had a really good time – the bus ride was fun – the music was great – there were great dancers to dance with & it was a 'who's who' of swing." – Bill B.

"It was great! Great Food! Great People! Great Fun! Let's do more!" – Barb S.

"Way Cool!" – Jim H.

"When are we going again" – Debbie D.

"It was a blast and felt almost like a mini-convention!" – Mark S.

"You guys are TOO MUCH! You deserve a raise. Many were talking about how wonderful the trip was! I felt so special and cared for (well-fed, etc!)...Will you adopt me?" – Roi M.

"... it was so much fun and so comfortable! We love to support your club! A big THANK YOU!" – Archie & Melanie

If you missed the bus, all I can say is a good time was had by all. Don't miss our next on

Beautiful And Funny

By: Wayne Peleti

Saturday September 6th marked a first for Innovations. Ronnie DeBenedetta (the funny one) and Stephanie McPherson (the beautiful one) taught an intermediate NightClub, not Country 2-Step workshop. Much to the delight of those attending.

In the past Innovations has always taken advantage of Ronnie and Stephanie's expertise in Country Western 2-Step. Anyone who has been around the dance community knows how versatile and talented these two dancers are.

So, it was no surprise when they gave a super NightClub 2-Step workshop. As always Ronnie made the class entertaining as well as educational and Stephanie added a touch of class to the teaching.

The pattern was challenging but with the expert coaching we got through it beautifully. Well at least it's a beautiful pattern.

We began with a basic to a pivot with a ronde finish. The lady released behind the man as he crossed in front. A free spin to set up a behind the back pass with an extra spin for the gentleman. An underarm exchange to an open basic. Open break with an outside turn for the lady. Gentleman's hand to her back to guide her around his back, finishing with an outside turn to a basic and begin again.

To be sure, we needed lots of repetition before all of this gelled. Between all the laughter Ronnie generated interacting with class members as well as special visitor Laureen Baldovi, we did get a lot of "reps". Laureen (US OPEN Champion and UCWDC MASTERS Champion) is scheduled to teach a West Coast Swing workshop with Ronnie Sunday, November 23rd. Be sure and mark that on your calendars.

All in all it was a very enjoyable evening of learning to dance. And for those of you who just love taking Country Western 2-Step from Ronnie and Stephanie, don't despair. They are scheduled to teach Country Western 2-Step Saturday October 4th for Innovations 2nd Annual Anniversary Party.

Only this time Ronnie wants billing as the beautiful one.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Innovations is scheduled to have its first election for Board of Director positions Sunday, November 9th.

Nominations are currently being taken for the offices of President, Secretary and Membership Director. Interested parties should see Nominating Committee members Jim Hance or Carolyn Washington.

Nominations are closed September 30th. Nominees will be presented in the club's November newsletter. Outgoing Board members as well as candidates for office will be presented at the Anniversary Party, Saturday October 4th.

The election will be held at a brief meeting beginning at 4 PM just before the Sunday, November 9th Dance. The dance will be free to members who attend the Board meeting. Special refreshments will be served (It's a party!). Members will sign in and receive ballots. Members fill out and return the ballots at the meeting. Ballots are counted and the results announced at the meeting.

Members unable to attend the November 9th meeting can receive absentee ballots under the following procedure:

Member submits written request for absentee ballot to any Board Member.

Member's name is checked off as receiving a ballot. No other ballot will be issued to member.

Member receives a ballot and a special envelope with return address.

Ballot must be returned in special envelope in order to be valid.

Ballot must be returned by end of November 9th meeting to be valid.

Under this system the members may vote anonymously and the Board maintains control over issuance of ballots.

Don't forget to Vote in our November Election!

News Flash! There is a rumor that **Kyle & Sarah** may be in town and available to teach an Innovation's workshop Sunday Oct. 19 at 3:30. This is not yet confirmed so please check our website, listen for announcements or call 858-277-1845 prior to the 19th for confirmation. We will let you know as soon as possible. Keep your fingers crossed...