

Innovations

December 2003 Newsletter

It's Time To Party And Dance The Night Away

***Sat. Dec 6th: Christmas Party**

6:30 Workshop 8PM Dance

***Wed. Dec 31st: New Years Eve Party 8PM-1AM**



Brandi Northrup

DanceSational Workshop,

Shag Styling for West Coast Swing,

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003 6:30 – 7:45PM.

What better couple to highlight the Innovation's Christmas Party than Brandi & Shawn. This sensational couple will teach moves that are sure to impress. Be sure to join us in Celebration. .

Special Holiday Price: The workshop cost, which includes admission to a dance party to follow at 8:00 p.m., is \$5 for Annual Members and \$20 for others. Admission to just the dance is \$5 for Annual Members and \$7 for others.

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

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 Hustle with Dave Walkup

Sunday Nights: 4:15- 5:00 West Coast Swing with Wayne Peleti

Congratulations to Archie and Melanie Dawson on the birth of their son Jesse! Your lives will truly be enriched with Joy (once the crying stops). All the best to you.

The Vote Is In!

Election Day! Pizza, Ceaser Salad, Sodas, Brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, Door Prizes, and lots of dancing! Of course, there was a little business as well.

Sunday, November 9th, Innovation's first General Membership Meeting and Election of Board Officers were conducted successfully. There was a brief delay because the pizza didn't arrive until 4:05, but by 4:27 everyone was settled in and outgoing president Barbara Carlson started the meeting with a brief State of the Club address.

Up next, brief (and I do mean brief) reports from club treasurer Julie Rishovd and membership director Martha Peleti showed we had 334 for members and the club is in the black.

Attendees then bid a grateful farewell and thank you to retiring president Barbara Carlson and Secretary Charlene Juszczyk. If you didn't make the meeting, be sure and thank these two ladies (yes, they'll still be around DJ'ing and dancing) for all their work over the last two years. Without their help there would be no club today.

The General Membership Meeting was then concluded after dragging on for five minutes at 4:32. At 4:45 the polls were closed and Door Prizes were handed out. Congratulations to Bill Martin (free annual membership), Dann Marquardt & Jean Welser (free admission to workshop/dance), and Rick Blankenhorn & Donna Oliver (free admission to a dance). With business out of the way it was time to get down to some serious dancing (although I think the eating continued for awhile).

We did break briefly at about 5 to announce the election results (which were not exactly surprising). For those of you who don't know, Luis Leon was elected club President, Joanie Fuller was elected club Secretary and Martha Peleti was elected Membership Director. All of these volunteers were elected for two year terms. Please give them and the rest of the Board all the support and help you can.

All in all things went pretty smoothly for our first General Membership Meeting and Election. Thanks to all of the members who made it to the party. We encourage all of our members to attend next years party and make it even more of a success. After all, it's your club...and besides it's fun!

AHHH SWEET LAUREEN!

Sunday, November 23 marked the return of Laureen Baldovi to Innovations. If you know Laureen, you know she's a sweet lady. If you've seen her dance, you know that her dancing is sweeeeet. As in awesomely smooth, stylish and sexy (ask JT Holland – he was dancing cheek to cheek with her).

Laureen is in town preparing to dance with Ronnie DeBenedetta at the upcoming US OPEN. Innovations is very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to have such quality dancers as instructors. They always have great dance material presented in a fun and clear manner.

Sunday's workshop was no exception. The class was treated to a nice starter step, followed by two variations of a cool left side pass finishing right to right hand hold. Next, inside roll to shadow position, two travelling steps and a "Turkish towel" to slide the lady to the other side. Double inside spin to a hip catch for a rock step, inside spin on the ensuing left side pass finishing with basic hand hold. Basic underarm to two hand hold for a tuck and change of slot direction followed by an inside roll to an overturned whip to return to the original slot. Whew!

The material was challenging, but Ronnie and Laureen did a great job breaking it down and the class looked pretty good by the end of the workshop.

After the workshop there was a special treat for everyone at the dance. Parker Dearborn and his partner Jessica Cox, as well as Ronnie and Laureen, gave us a preview of what are bound to be two of the best performances at the US OPEN.

Parker, another of the talented dancers Innovations is fortunate to have as an instructor, and Jessica were practicing their US OPEN routine at Starlight while Innovations volunteers were setting up for the workshop. They very graciously agreed to perform it for us during the dance.

Thanks to Parker, Jessica, Ronnie, and Laureen for giving an awesome demonstration of West Coast Swing. It is especially appreciated by those of us who won't have the opportunity to be at the US OPEN. Best of luck to all these wonderful dancers.

For those of you who missed this Sunday's workshop and dance, don't despair. We're trying to get Laureen and Ronnie back for a workshop in January. Stay tuned for more details.

Late breaking news!! Congratulations to Ronnie & Laureen for winning the Showcase division at this years US Open! Congratulations to Parker & Jessica for taking 4th in the division!

Innovations Christmas Party

Sparkles and Semi Formal Dress Encouraged For This Special Event

Saturday December 6

Bonus Workshop Featuring

Brandi Northrup &

Shawn Tobias

Shag Styling for West Coast Swing

Free To Annual Members with Admission to Dance

*Join Us For A Fun Filled Evening
At Starlight Dance Studio*

- **Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres**
- **Refreshments & Desserts**
- **Entertainment**
- **Tons of Dancing**

Workshop 6:30 – 7:45 PM

- **Annual Members \$5** (Includes Dance)
- **Others \$20** (Includes Dance)

Dance Only 8:00 – 11:30 PM

- **Annual Members \$5**
- **Others \$7** (No Discounts for this special event)

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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2003 – 2004

Saturday, December 6 6:30 - 7:45 PM	Brandi Northrup & Shawn Tobias	Shag Styling for WCS Christmas Party! Bonus Workshop for Annual Members Workshop and Dance \$5
Saturday, January 3rd 6:30 - 7:45 PM	<i>Archie Dawson</i>	Intermediate NY Hustle
Sunday, January 18th 3:30-4:45 PM	<i>Ronnie DeBenedetta & Laureen Baldovi</i>	Intermediate WCS
Saturday February 7th 6:30 - 7:45 PM	<i>Wayne & Sharlot Bott</i>	Intermediate WCS
Saturday March 6th 6:30 - 7:45 PM	<i>Rob "I" Ingenthron</i>	Intermediate WCS
April 2-4, 2004	Super Mario Weekend MARIO ROBAU	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
Saturday, May 1st 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Pending	Pending
Saturday June 5 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Pending	Pending

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.

New Years Eve Party – Wednesday December 31st

(Yes Charlene, believe it or not we finally decided the date for New Years Eve would be Dec. 31st)

TIME: 8:00PM – 1:00AM, PLACE: Starlight Dance Studio

Cost: \$5 Annual Members \$10 All Others – no discounts for this special event.

You're Invited.....Where Else Can You Have More Fun On New Years Eve?? Dress in Sparkles, Enjoy Homeade Treats, Dance With Your Friends, Celebrate Midnight With Hats and Noisemakers and a Toast. Please sign up at front desk during one of the dances if you would like to attend.

On Oct. 16th Innovation's and Starlight joined to have a benefit dance for Dave Morrison and Laurie LaBlanc, our very dear dance friends who lost their home and everything they owned in the recent fires. Due to the outpouring of support, the benefit raised over \$3,000.00. Here is the letter of Thanks from their heart to all who attended:

“Dear Martha and Wayne,

Will you forward on this message to your members? I would very much appreciate. We love you guys!

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> To the membership of Innovations, Michael Kiehm and Starlight Dancers,

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> Your kindness and generosity after the loss of our home and possessions was overwhelming.

> Although the fire has been devastating to us, we have experienced some of the greatest blessings of our lives during the last three weeks. Sunday, October 16th was one of those experiences. We hope that you will be blessed as you have blessed us.

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> Dave and Laurie”

December New Members: Jackie Athon

December Birthdays

2	Bryce Nakatani	16	Lori Wells
2	Fran Schroedl	19	Jean Welser
4	Elizabeth Frantz	20	Kathy Aaron
4	Karen Lee Mungie	20	Leslie Snow
5	Gary Markowski	22	Adrienne Harris
6	Charlene Juszczuk	25	Tom Stall
8	Patrick Dickerson	26	Roberta Daugherty
9	Libby Grasse	27	Jon Krause
10	Kim Ufford	31	Archie Dawson
10	Maria Vina		

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Saturday December 6th, Innovation's Christmas Party

at Starlight Dance Studio. Workshop prior to dance featuring **Shawn & Brandi** teaching Shag Styling for West Coast Swing.

As an FYI -- Innovation's will be holding dances on Dec. 26th and 28th . A great place to "dance off" some of that big Holiday meal.

Wednesday, December 31st Innovation's New Years

Eve Party at Starlight Dance Studio. Sign up at front desk during Innovation's dances to attend.

See All of the details inside.....