

Innovations

August 2004 Newsletter

6:30 PM Workshop - 8:00 PM Dance



Mary Ann Nunez

DanceSational Workshop – Starlight Dance Studio
Saturday, August 7th, 2004 6:30 – 7:45PM.

Intermediate West Coast Swing with [Mary Ann Nunez](#).

One of the nations premier instructors and competitors, Mary Ann Nunez returns to Innovations. Mary Ann is one of those who really doesn't need an introduction. She's done it all and she's won it all. Come and join us for an outstanding evening of dancing fun.
Dance 8-11:30 pm.

DanceSational Workshop Prices - includes admission to the Dance
\$10 Annual Members, \$20 for others.

Dance Only Prices

\$5 Annual Members. Sister Club Members & Students. \$7 for others.

This Month's Introductory Classes:

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 Cha Cha with David Walkup

Sunday Nights: 5:00- 5:45 West Coast Swing with Bob & Vicki Palladino

The class on Sundays is free. If students want to attend the dance afterward, they are welcome to pay the admission then. Attending the dance is not required to take the class.

\$250 Jackpot Plus Advanced Jack n' Jill

Innovations will run it's first Jack n Jill, Saturday, September 4th. **This will be in lieu of the usual Dancesational workshop on the first Saturday.** Not to worry there are 4 workshops on Saturday September 18th (see Anniversary Party).

The dance will start at the usual time of 8 PM and the contest will be held during the dance, probably around 9:30. The non-refundable contest entry fee of \$5 is waived for Innovations Annual members. Entry fees collected from others will be added to the \$250 base prize money.

The contest is for Advanced dancers. If you've competed in a WSDC or UCWDC advanced competition you're automatically eligible. Otherwise entry is at the discretion of the contest coordinators. For more information, check out our website www.innovationsdance.org or call (858) 277-1845.

Carries' Class

A small but enthusiastic group welcomed Carrie Kloss back to Innovations this past Saturday (July 3rd). With the four day holiday and the Greater Phoenix Swing Event, the attendance was understandably a little light.

For those fortunate enough to take the workshop, it was another great lesson on the style and technique necessary to make Waltz the beautiful and graceful dance it should be. Carries' class always has something for everyone.

That's because Carrie works on the technique used to make beginning, intermediate and advanced patterns work. Read "work" to mean you dance the pattern with your partner the way it's supposed to be danced. Don't kid yourself, mastering the technique that enables one to dance with their partner (as opposed to around or over) takes a great teacher and a lot of work.

Innovations is fortunate to have a great teacher like Carrie, even for one evening (you're on your own for the work part). The pattern Carrie taught, Open left box, hover, Open right turn with a swivel, and a Fallaway with a Rocking step finish was full of rotating figures.

The class was full of technique for rotating patterns. Workshop attendees should have noted references to things like:

- The partner on the outside of the rotation
- The partner on the inside of the rotation
- The foot shape for the outside partner
- The foot shape for the inside partner
- What the correct foot shape does for body position
- What the correct body position does for subsequent motion
- What role proper frame plays in rotation
- What role proper head position plays in rotation

And so on and so forth... Carrie was lamenting that there wasn't enough time to talk about all the details but as pointed out earlier we were lucky to have her for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced dancers get this stuff from their coaches. What separates the different levels is the number of times (and ways) they've heard it and the degree to which they have mastered not patterns but techniques and the concepts behind them.

Because she is such a great instructor and dancer, Carrie is able to present the material and answer questions on the material in a way that puts students of all levels at ease. That's part of what makes her workshop fun.

Carrie has competed and won at the highest levels in the ballroom world. She's coached dancers of all levels including professionals (they're the ones with a great coach and a lot of hard work). Whomever she works with, including our workshops, Carrie is always a pleasant, patient and professional coach. She really is a class act.

So until next time (and I hope we get her back soon), Thank You Carrie.

Innovations Elections For Board Of Directors

Attention Innovations Annual Members! Innovations will hold elections for Innovations Board of Directors this October 2nd, 2004. The positions up for election this year are: Vice President and Treasurer.

The following is a brief description of the election process. The general guidelines are provided for in the club Bylaws. The following is the timeline to The Election:

- **July 1, 2004:** The current Board of Directors appoints a Nominations Committee. This year's Committee members are **Wayne Peleti** and **Bill Martin**.

The Committee is responsible for seeking and/or accepting all nominations. 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 17th, 2003:** Nominations are closed. Candidates names and pictures will be published in the club's October newsletter.
- **September 18th, 2003:** Outgoing Board members, current Board members and candidates for office will be presented at the Anniversary Party.
- **October 2nd – Election Day!:** Ballots will be issued to Annual Members beginning at 6:00 PM when sign-in for the workshop begins and continue until 9:15 PM when voting is officially over. All ballots should be in by 9:15.

Around 9:30, during a brief break, the following will be presented: President's State-of-the-Club address, Treasurer's Report, and Membership Report.

Election results will be announced when the votes have been tabulated.

Vice President and Treasurer Duties

Vice President:

- Assist the President and other members of the Board of Directors in the performance of their duties.
- Assume the office of President in the event that office is officially or temporarily vacated.
- Negotiate with workshop instructors.
- Be authorized to sign on Club bank accounts.

Treasurer:

- Maintain a financial accounting system adequate to the needs of the Club and consistent with generally acceptable accounting procedures.
- Be accountable for the management and control of all Club funds.
- Prepare written financial reports to be circulated at regular Board meetings and when specifically requested by the Board.
- Present an Annual Financial Report at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Arrange, as necessary, for a financial audit of the Club's financial records, by a financial professional(s) approved by the Board.
- Be responsible for ensuring all necessary filings and reports required by Federal and State agencies are prepared in a timely manner.
- Ensure that all checks issued bear the signatures of 2 Board members.
- Serve as President in the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary.
- Be a signatory on all Club bank accounts and ensure only directors holding an elected officer position act as signatory on Club bank accounts.

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3rd Anniversary Party

Saturday, September 18th 2004

Fun filled day of 4 Great Workshops
Lunch Buffet
Spectacular Evening Buffet Dinner & Dance

Day Time Session

**Starlight Dance Studio
Workshops in Night Club 2-Step, Bolero
and of course, West Coast Swing**

Featuring Star Instructors*

Michael Kiehm
& Dawne Haight

Parker Dearborn
& Jessica Cox

Evening Session

San Diego Mission Valley Marriott Hotel
8757 Rio San Diego Drive
Grand Ballroom

Italian Dinner Buffet, Dance & Show

*Subject to Change

ITALIAN DINNER BUFFET

Antipasto Platter

Mushrooms, Artichoke Hearts, Pepperoncini, Olives, Salami, Mortadella, Capicola, Provolone and Mozzarella Cheeses, Roasted Vegetables and Peppers with Rosemary/Garlic Aioli

Traditional Caesar Salad

With Herbed Croutons and a Mild Caesar Dressing

Pasta Salad

With Bay Shrimp Pesto and Pinenuts

Sliced Beefsteak Tomatoes, Grilled Eggplant and Feta Cheese

With Olive Oil and Fresh Basil

Rustic Bread Display

To include Garlic Bread, Ciabatta Focaccia, Herbed Bread & Bread Sticks

Tomato Bruschetta

With Cheese Toast Points

Chicken Breast Rosa

Sautéed Breast of Chicken, Topped with Sliced Tomato, Fresh Pesto and Provolone Cheese, Baked to Perfection and served on Salsa Rosa

Roasted New York Striploin

With Rosemary Roasted Mushrooms, Grilled Vegetables and a Red Wine Sauce

Ricotta Cheese Ravioli

Served in a Sundried Tomato Pomodoro Sauce

Bouquetiere of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Tiramisu, Cannoli and Fresh Berries in a Chocolate Cup

Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea

\$\$\$ Pricing Information \$\$\$

All Day Pass - 4 Workshops, Lunch, and the Buffet Dinner & Dance.

Dinner Only - Buffet Dinner & Dance.

	6/1/04 to 7/31/04		8/1/04 to 9/13/04	
	Annual Member	Event Member	Annual Member	Event Member
All Day Pass	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$80.00
Dinner Only	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$45.00

Workshops may be purchased at the door.

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday From Innovations!

1 free dance admission in the month of your birthday. 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.

1	Dan Gehlhaar	16	Larry Armstrong
2	Jo Anne Bilodeau	17	Rick Herrmann
5	Ron Gonzales	20	Martha M. Barnard
6	Dorene Brewster	20	Lily Kirsanow
6	Pam Ford	20	Kathy Moore
6	Lisa Lang	20	Lynn Moore
7	Rick Blankenhorn	21	Sharon Johanson
8	Diane R. Lynn	21	Sherry Van Epps
9	Tom Cottrell	23	Shawn Tobias
10	Jordan Frisbee	24	Rita Haverkamp
12	Mike Cowlshaw	24	Edward Rodriguez
15	Ione Bauman	25	Jackie Athon
15	Susan Fries	25	Anita Dancoff

New Members

Jill Curtis
Amy Lee

Elaine Quattro
Dan Ross

Innovations Board of Directors

President.....	Luis Leon	Treasurer.....	Kurt Dahlvig
Vice President.....	Wayne Peleti	Membership.....	Martha Peleti
Secretary.....	Julie Rishovd	Hospitality.....	Bill Martin

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held August 5th at the Friars Rd. Fillipi's at 6:30 PM. All Annual Members welcome at the Board of Director Meeting.

Innovations is a member of **National FastDance Association.**

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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004

Saturday, August 7 th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Mary Ann Nunez (Private Lessons Available)	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday, September 4 th Around 9:30 PM	\$250 Jackpot Plus Advanced Jack n' Jill	No Workshop
Saturday September 18 th Day & Evening	3rd Anniversary Party!!!	Daytime Workshops/Lunch Evening Dinner/Dance Mission Valley Marriott Hotel
Saturday, October 2nd 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Tiffany and Aaron Lorenzen	Intermediate Country Western 2 Step
Saturday, November 6 th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	James & Jaana Kunitz	Intermediate Cha Cha

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.