

Dances Canceled

Friday October 29
Sunday October 31
Everyone at Paradise!

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Sunday October 17
Join us on the Bus to
OCWCSDC



Innovations

October 2004 Newsletter



**Aaron & Tiffany
Lorenzen**

DanceSational Workshop – Starlight Dance Studio
Saturday, October 2, 2004 6:30 – 7:45PM.

Intermediate Country 2-Step with Aaron & Tiffany Lorenzen.

If you attended the Anniversary Party, you were treated to an outstanding Country 2-Step routine by Aaron & Tiffany. You will surely want to attend this fun, as well as educational, workshop. If you missed the Anniversary Party, all I can say is, don't miss the workshop! Come and join us for an outstanding evening of dancing and 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.

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

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 **Waltz** with **Mike Cowlshaw**

Sunday Nights: 5:00- 5:45 **Beginning WCS:** with **Marc & Carolyn Washington**

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.

Format Changes

Starting in October, the **2nd** and **4th** **Sunday's Dances will have a Country Western theme.** This means there will be more Country 2-steps (40%). The West Coast Swings (40%) will be the usual mix of music. The remaining song (20%) will be the usual mix of dances.

No Dance Sunday October 17 due to **Bus Trip to OCWCSC**

No Dances Friday October 29 or Sunday October 31 due to
Paradise Country Dance Festival

Innovations' 3rd Anniversary Party: Notes from the Field

By Andrea Newall

This year, I decided to try something new: getting involved. I'm not a getting-involved-in-clubs type of person, normally. I'm not a natural leader, I don't like political maneuvers, and I really dislike speeches and pomp of almost any kind. But I do love to dance, and I'm so grateful to Innovations for providing me a casual, welcoming, fun place to do it that I wanted to give something back. So that's how I found myself spending sixteen hours at Starlight and the Marriott, setting up, cleaning, checking people in, eating, and marveling at the people who were still on duty when I left at 12:30 in the morning. I wouldn't change a minute.

Everyone saw the highlights of the evening: the food, social dancing, and the performances. I'll get to those in a minute. Many people also enjoyed the fabulous workshops. But, like anything, some of the best stories come from short, unplanned moments. I can only talk about the ones I was present for, but I invite you to share them with me.

First thing in the morning, I fell in love. How's that for an exciting start? Only it wasn't a man this time; it was a dance. I'd never tried Bolero before and it was beautiful. Also, relatively easy (well, at least in terms of patterns), which is always a plus for me! In the last few minutes of the workshop, Michael Kiehm joined the leaders (more women than men attended, as is often the case). When I was about to dance with him, the woman behind me said how nervous she was that she would mess up when she got to him. "Don't worry," I said. "He doesn't expect us to be perfect." Good thing, because I stepped on his foot. Not just the tip of his shoe. The whole foot.

I was working at the desk during the next workshop (Parker and Jessica). I sneaked over whenever I could and tried to spy on them, but didn't have much success. However – and what follows is a shameless plug – working at the desk is a most enjoyable activity in itself. I get to meet people I'm too shy to meet on my own; I feel useful, and anybody who needs a break from dancing comes out to talk to me. It's like being Lucy in the "Advice – 5 cents" booth, except for not giving advice.

Lunch was good; I especially liked the cookies. Afterward, Wayne and I cleaned up while Michael and Dawn taught the Nightclub 2-step workshop. Lots of pieces of submarine sandwiches had to go into big Ziploc bags. I put mine in lying down; Wayne put his in standing up. I brought mine over to the table.

"My way is more efficient," said Wayne immediately. I counted.

"I have nine pieces in mine and you have eight." I said. "Plus, the toothpicks in mine aren't sticking out, so they won't break the bags."

"Shut up," said Wayne.

I mention this not to make myself look good, but just to make fun of Wayne.

The fourth workshop was an advanced WCS with Parker and Jessica. Again, I was on duty. But no, really, it was fun. Judging from the attendance and sounds coming from the main room, I'd say the workshop was a success. Meanwhile, my part of the crew cleaned up and headed over to the Marriott. I was in charge of putting the lists of names on each table. I took this task very seriously; there is an art to everything. I arranged the list so that you could see it from whichever side of the table was most easily accessible. Again, not to boast . . . but I did give it my all. Then – a crisis. Oh, yes, even paper-placers can solve crises. **TABLE 26 DID NOT HAVE A NUMBER PLACARD.** You heard me. Every other table had a nice, black and gold plaque in a silver holder, announcing its number to all the world. But Table 26 was bereft. I marched right to one of the catering staff. She said,



“Talk to the captain.” Well! The captain! I’m going right to the top, yes sir. And I did, and by god they brought me a #26 plaque, after some searching. Martha, you can count on me. Meanwhile, the rest of the team was doing less important things, such as setting up the music system, moving speakers and furniture, checking on the dinner, creating centerpieces, preparing to check people in, and consulting with vendors and staff.

With the preparations under control (need I mention the table plaques?), the crew members rushed off to change their clothes, then returned for dinner. The first thing I heard when I came back was three different people saying how well organized the day and evening had been; how easy it was to check in; and how much they appreciated the table maps and shoe vendors. In another shameless plug, I feel compelled to point out that, although all of the Board is to be commended for this, the greatest share of the credit should go to Martha and Wayne Peleti. Here’s to you, Martha and Wayne.

I sat down to eat with some of the new and aspiring members of the Innovations Board. It was wonderful to hear all of their great ideas for future events and for making the club even better. Meanwhile, the Board spent a few minutes (a very few, to their credit) presenting themselves, and Luis, our president, gave a short but heartfelt speech which expressed his gratitude for the support of everyone during his recovery from a serious head injury. He’s doing very well, in large part due to his own determination. You go, Luis.

My favorite part of the evening, other than getting to dance with lots of fun and gracious people, was the performances. **Tiffany and Aaron Lorenzen** did a fast and furious, leather-bedecked two-step, the kind Ronnie calls “kick-ass,” only better. **Ronnie and Laureen** performed their US Open-winning swing number while all the men drooled on their napkins. **Stephanie McPherson and Mike Cowlshaw** waltzed beautifully (how else?) for us. **Jessica and Parker** did both a social WCS and their US Open routine (both disgustingly amazing). **Michael John Kielbasa** danced with his new partner, **Kristin Sorci**. ARE YOU TELLING ME THEY DIDN’T EVEN PRACTICE THAT? Doesn’t leave much hope for the rest of us, does it? **Ronnie and Brandi** (yes, she came back to visit us) did a stunning West Coast number. **David Walkup and Helen Adams** premiered their solo routine (Diamond Advanced division) with a nice balance of humor and elegant dancing. We were treated to another premiere by **Rich and Pam**, who performed a lovely nightclub 2-step. **Joan Diener** (known as “John” to the MC, **Michael Kiehm** – an understandable mistake since he has only known her for, let’s see now, umpteen years?) and **Linc Brigham** danced their 2-step and waltz routines from the UCWDC competition circuit, along with **Earl and Penny Davis**. Mesmerizing, every moment of it.

So, we danced and danced and ate and danced. I may have worked all day, but it still felt like a vacation. Thanks, Wayne and Martha, Bill, Kurt, Julie, and Luis, for running this club and putting on such a wonderful event. Thanks to the volunteers who helped out (I know I’m one, but Martha told me I had to say that). Thanks to the pros who shared their immense talents with us. Many thanks to the club members and guests who came and supported the club and enjoyed the day and evening together. See you all at the next event!

A Special Thanks to the Volunteers who made the Event a Success

Chris Burger
Ozzie Campos
Mike Cowlshaw
Earl & Penny Davis
Debbie Dyar
Misty Frank (Photographer)

JT Holland
Susan Lang
Jamie Lewis (Center Pieces)
Claire Milner
Peter Murphy
Andrea Newall

Diana Newhouse
Jay O.
Jim & Linda Scheaffer
Carol Schwartz
Mark Sheddon

Innovations Elections for Board of Directors

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday October 2nd**. Innovations is holding elections for Board of Directors. We will be electing a new Vice President (running unopposed is **Misty Frank**), and a new Treasurer (running unopposed is **Carol Schwartz**). The Board wishes the election process to be a fun experience for our Annual Members. In keeping with that goal, Annual Members who vote will be eligible for:

Door Prizes! - We'll be giving away Free Dance Passes, Free Workshop Passes and a Free Annual Membership!

The Election process should be very quick. Annual Members will be checked-in and given ballots. When ballots are marked and turned in, you will be given a raffle ticket. Balloting will officially close at 9:00 PM. The Balloting committee will count the votes. The election results will be announced as soon as votes are counted.

There will be a brief (5-Minute) **Annual General Membership Meeting** at 9:00 PM. The order of business will be:

President's State-of-the-Club address, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report, **Raffle Drawing!**

We want to thank outgoing Directors **Wayne Peleti** (Vice President) and **Kurt Dahlvig** (Treasurer) for all their work. Kurt started last year as newsletter director and graciously agreed to become Treasurer when the post became vacant. Wayne has been Vice President since Innovations started 3 years ago. (He also designed and manages the website, creates all the posters, DJs and is Music Director, as well as baking cookies, brownies & pumpkin bread, making strawberry shortcake & mud pie, etc., etc., etc...!)

This Year's Candidates:



Misty Frank



Carol Schwartz

Absentee Ballots for October Elections

Annual Members unable to attend the October 2nd dance can receive absentee ballots. Under this system the Annual Members may vote anonymously and the Board maintains control over issuance of ballots. To receive an absentee ballot, use 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 October 2nd at 9:00 PM to be valid.

Innovation's Special Event

Bus Trip to the 1st Anniversary of the OCWCSC - Sunday October 17th

Join our "swingin" party bus to the 1st Anniversary of the Orange County West Coast Swing Club (OCWCSC) on Sunday evening, October 17th. (**Our regular dance will be cancelled**)

Leave Starlight 4:00 PM (Other pick ups at the **Town & Country Hotel 4:20 PM** and the **Birmingham Park & Ride in Encinitas 4:50 PM**). Arrive at OCWCSC about 6:30 and Dance until 11:00 PM

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

Cost - \$20 per person, includes

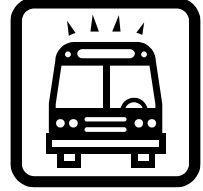
* your admission to OCWCSC

* bus ride, tip for driver included

* snacks, beverages and video entertainment on the bus (if we can get Jane to bring her videos)

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

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



Other Dance News of Interest to Our Members

Special Event - A Symposium with:

Robert & Nicola Royston **Ido-Kinesiology: "The Idea of Motion"**

Two Day Intensive

Saturday & Sunday Oct. 16th & 17th

This symposium is presented by SwingDeigo. We have heard many great things about it and you may want to check it out.

<http://SwingDiego.com>

or contact Earl (619) 286-1173 or

earl@swingDiego.com

Innovations will not run a dance on Oct. 17.

Bus pick-up at hotel by Innovations - 4:20 PM (after symposium) **for OCWCSC trip.**

Special Event

Paradise Country Dance Festival

October 29, 30&31

John "JD" Daugherty always runs a great event. For those of you who want to attend a dance convention, but do not want to leave town, here is your chance. Lots of workshops, competitions and dancing (they have both Country Western and Swing rooms for dancing in the evenings)

Check out their website at

<http://Paradise.Jddance.com>

or call JD at (619) 462-7901

Innovations will not run dances on Oct. 29 or 31.

News! News! News!

For those of you who do not know, **Innovations DJ Charlene Jusczyk** recently had an accident and broke both of her arms. Charlene was Innovation's Club Secretary for the first two years and created the club photo albums. Charlene was usually at the club on Friday nights DJing, dancing and helping out in many ways. Heal quickly Charlene, we miss you!

If you want to contact Charlene, any cards, letters or emails will be forwarded to her.

Innovations Schedule – October 2004

Updated September 23, 2004

Unless Otherwise Noted Dances Are Held At Starlight Dance Studio, 6506-H El Cajon Blvd.

DanceSational Workshops: \$10 for Annual Members, \$20 for Others. Prices include admission to Dance.
Dance Admission: \$5 for Annual Members, Members of Dance Clubs and College Students, \$7 for Others.

Sun	M	T	W	T	Fri	Sat
FREE Sunday Class dance admission not required.	Friday lessons Free with Paid Admission to Dance.				1 Int. Waltz with Mike Cowlshaw (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	2 DanceSational Workshop Int. Country 2-Step Inst.: Tiffany & Aaron Lorenzen (6:30 PM -7:45 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 PM - 11:30 PM)
3 No Dance	4	5	6	7	8 Int. Waltz with Mike Cowlshaw (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	9
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17 No Dance Bus Trip to OCWCSDC	18	19	20	21	22 Int. Waltz with Mike Cowlshaw (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	23 For More Information Check our Website at innovationsdance.org
24 Intro. West Coast Swing with Marc & Carolyn (5:00 – 5:45 PM) Innovations Dance Country Western Theme (5:30 – 7:30 PM)	25	26	27	28	29 No Dance	30 Paradise Weekend
31 No Dance						

September 6th - Open Jack & Jill Winners

Contest Winners

- 1st Brick & Alyssa
- 2nd Dave & Joanie
- 3rd Kel & Jane
- 4th Mike & Linda
- 5th John & Kathy



October 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.

4	Iris R. Bentz	17	Michael Kiehm	26	Deborah A. Dyar
4	Wendy Cobb	17	L. A. Leon	26	Larry Fromwiller
4	Verla Scambler	18	Jeff Coon	27	B Nuno
5	Claudea Waldon	18	Pennie Davis	27	Keith Ploettner
7	Carla Mettler	19	Nancy Armstrong	28	Bob Hubbard
8	David A. Searl	19	Peter K. Murphy	28	Royal Mungie
11	Brandi Tobias	20	Wendy Khentigan	30	Dawn Anderson
12	David Schroedl	23	Terry Daniels		
15	Carol Ann Gaul	23	Glenda Williams		

New Members

Paul Ferguson
Ronald D. Horak

Denise Kolde
Sandy McClenaghan

Kathy Sekellsky
Lynette White

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 time and place TBD by the new Board of Directors.

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

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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004/2005

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
Sunday, January 4:00 – 5:15 PM	Jordan Frisbee	Intermediate West Coast Swing
April 29 – May 1	Super Mario Weekend Mario Robau	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
Saturday, August 6th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Wayne & Sharlot Bott	Intermediate West Coast Swing

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.