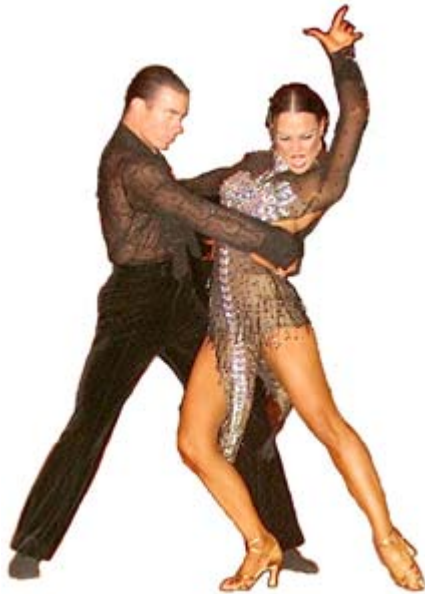


# Innovations

## November 2004 Newsletter



**James & Jaana  
Kunitz**

### **DanceSational Workshop**

Starlight Dance Studio

**Saturday, November 6, 2004 6:30 – 7:45PM**

### **Intermediate Cha Cha**

with

**James & Jaana Kunitz**

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

**Don't Miss this Workshop!** Innovations is proud to present **James & Jaana Kunitz**. They have competed through out the world and won over 25 major dance championships. They are two of the most exciting and passionate competitive dancers ever to grace the dance floor. They have appeared on numerous national television programs including ESPN, NBC DanceSport Series, Good Life TV Network and PBS Championship Ballroom Dancing. They also appeared in the Hollywood movie production "Dance with Me" starring Vanessa Williams.

Their outstanding talent and unique entertaining style, along with their ability to teach what they know, has helped create a demand worldwide for their professional instruction. For more information on James and Jaana check their website at <http://www.kunitz.com/bio.html>

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

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

**Sunday Nights:** 5:00- 5:45 **Beginning WCS:** with **Alex Seguritan & Misty Frank**

**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.

# The Ideal Election

By Andrea Newall

## Election Day 2004

For many non-profit groups, including The United States of America, Afghanistan, Apple Computers, and Innovations, this is an election year. Our readers will no doubt be gratified at our choice to cover the Innovations elections, which are both local and chad-free. Also, we were bribed.

Misty Frank and Carol Schwartz ran unopposed for vice-president and treasurer, respectively. However, in a last-minute ditch for fame and questionable political power, Alex Seguritan added his name as a write-in candidate for both offices. He received 0.0142857 percent of the vote, which is another way of saying “1 vote,” except that it looks smaller, which serves him right.

Voter turnout for the elections was 25%; similar to typical voter turnout for the other organizations mentioned above. Voters received edible reinforcement for their attendance (brownies were most popular), as well as raffle tickets for free dance admittance, free workshops, and other prizes. An informal poll revealed that brownies are preferred over “I voted” stickers by everyone except Wayne, who is sick of brownies because he makes 1.5 million of them every week for our dances. (This information was received from an outside source and cannot be confirmed, which means I guessed. Also, the “1.5 million” statistic may not be entirely accurate, though it’s probably about as accurate as some of the numbers we’ve been hearing on the debates recently – whoops, who said that?)

As ballots were being collected and (accurately) counted, voters were treated to a terrific two-step workshop led by Tiffany and Aaron Lorenzen. The workshop was followed by a dance, with election results announced just after 9 p.m. by cable TV networks and newspapers throughout the ballroom.

Misty and Carol won their offices by a landslide, which occurred just in time to cover all of the other candidates in dirt so that they couldn’t be seen. Congratulations to our new board members; and many thanks to our entire board, who put much time and effort into running this dance club:

- Luis Leon – President
- Misty Frank – Vice President
- Martha Peleti – Membership Director
- Bill Martin – Hospitality
- Carol Schwartz – Treasurer
- Julie Rishovd – Secretary
- Outgoing board members: Kurt Dahlvig, Wayne Peleti

Thanks also to you, our members, for taking the time to join us and support your dance club on the one day at Starlight when you avoid the poles but look for the polls . . .

# Innovation's Christmas Party

**Save the Date: Saturday December 4**

Start your holiday season with Innovations Christmas Party! **Lauren Baldovi** will teach a DanceSational **Intermediate West Coast Swing Workshop** (6:30 - 7:45PM). As a Special Gift To Annual Members, **the workshop will be free with paid admission (\$5)** to the dance. For Annual Members who do not want to attend the workshop, the dance admission will be \$5. We will have a performance by Ronnie and Lauren's Monday night performance class, Vendors and Special Holiday Treats. What a great way to start your holiday season, welcome Lauren to San Diego and get a jump on you holiday shopping.

## New Year's Eve Party Time



Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one.....2005!  
Innovations will be Celebrating Big Time on New Year's Eve.  
Balloons, Noise Makers, Hats and Lots and Lots of Fun and Dancing.  
Complete With A Special Toast At Midnight. Come and Join Us.

Annual Members Cost: \$5.00, All Others: \$10.00

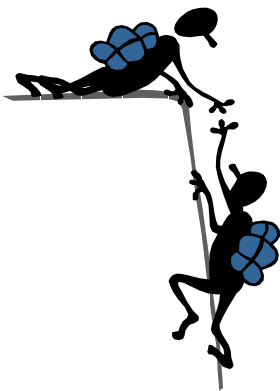
Place: Starlight Dance Studio

Date: Friday, December 31, 2004

Time: 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM

## Attention Innovations Members!

Would you like to be a vendor at our Christmas Party on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you sell crafts or other items you think would be of interest to our members, please contact Julie Harper at (619) 203-4746. There are a limited number of spaces available.



## Help Needed – Volunteers Please

If you have been thinking about volunteering, now would be an excellent time! It is a great way to meet people and help out your club. We are asking for volunteers who are willing to give ½ hour to 1 hour of time to help run the dances in exchange for **Free Admission** to the dance. It is going to take a team effort to continue to make Innovations a success. If you are interested, please e-mail [membership@innovationsdance.org](mailto:membership@innovationsdance.org) or inquire at the sign-in desk. .

# Innovations Schedule – November 2004

Updated October 28, 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
<b>FREE</b> <b>Sunday Class</b> Dance Admission not required.	1	2	3	4	5 <b>Intermediate Cha Cha</b> with <b>David Walkup</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	6 DanceSational Workshop Int. Cha Cha Inst.: <b>James &amp; Jaana Kunitz</b> (6:30 PM -7:45 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 PM - 11:30 PM)
7 <b>No Dance</b>	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Int. Cha Cha</b> with <b>David Walkup</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	13
14 <b>Beg. West Coast Swing</b> with <b>Alex &amp; Misty</b> (5:00 – 5:45 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> Country Western Theme (5:30 – 7:30 PM)	15	16	17	18	19 <b>Int. Cha Cha</b> with <b>David Walkup</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	20
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28 <b>Beg. West Coast Swing</b> with <b>Alex &amp; Misty</b> (5:00 – 5:45 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> Country Western Theme (5:30 – 7:30 PM)	29				<b>Friday's Intermediate Class</b> Free with Paid Admission to Dance	For More Information Check our Website at <b>innovationsdance.org</b>

# November 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.

5	Ronnie DeBenedetta	10	Patty Sage	28	Darin G. Dwyer
5	Margaret Kerns	11	Margaret Richards	29	David Huhn
5	Julie Rishovd	12	Oswaldo Campos	30	Howard Heilbrunn
10	Marjorie Heilbrunn	12	Jane Hance		
10	Jamie Lewis	22	Rick Frey		
10	Carolyn Mein	25	Ronald D. Horak		

## New Members

Marlys Benital

Dawn Gaeke

Mercedes Ramirez

## Innovations Board of Directors

President.....	Luis Leon	Treasurer.....	Carol Schwartz
Vice President.....	Misty Frank	Membership.....	Martha Peleti
Secretary.....	Julie Rishovd	Hospitality.....	Bill Martin

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, November 4th, 7pm, at Filippi's on Friars Road.

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

## !!!!Attention Members!!!!

*Effective November 1, 2004 - Please start bringing your membership cards to the dance!!*

In the past, we have not required our Annual Members to produce their membership cards as they checked in at the front desk. Now, we have some great new volunteers who may or may not know you. Also, we have so many members renewing their memberships, that we have trouble keeping up with who is current and who is not. As of November 1, 2004, Innovations will require our Annual Members, as well as members of Sister Clubs and Students, to show their membership cards/student IDs as they check in. If members of Sister Clubs or Students do not have their membership cards/student IDs, they will not receive the courtesy discount for the dance. We apologize for any potential inconvenience this may pose but feel it is necessary for the efficiency of our club organization. This will also give our front desk volunteers an opportunity to better remember your names. For Annual Members who forget their cards (or have not received them yet) there is a list of current Annual Members at the front desk. Our Board members thank you for your cooperation and hope that we see you soon!

Sincerely,  
Misty Frank  
Vice President

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## DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004/2005

Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>James &amp; Jaana Kunitz</b>	Intermediate Cha Cha
Saturday, December 4th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Laureen Baldovi Bonus Workshop</b>	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Sunday, January 4:00 – 5:15 PM	<b>Jordan Frisbee</b>	Intermediate West Coast Swing
April 29 – May 1	<b>Super Mario Weekend Mario Robau</b>	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
Saturday, August 6th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Wayne &amp; Sharlot Bott</b>	Intermediate West Coast Swing

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.