

Innovations

January 2005 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

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Jordan Frisbee

DanceSational Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio

Sunday, January 30th, 2005 4:00 –5:15PM

Intermediate West Coast Swing

with

Jordan Frisbee

Dance 5:30-7:30 pm.

DanceSational Workshop Prices

Includes admission to the Dance

\$10 Annual Members, \$20 for others

Dance Only Prices

\$5 Annual Members, Sister Clubs & Students (with ID)

\$7 for others

Special Guest DJ for Sunday, January 30th Party!

Parker Dearborn will be our special guest DJ at the party following the workshop with **Jordan Frisbee**. Be sure and join us for a great evening of music and dancing with two of Americas top West Coast Swing Dancers and Instructors.

Intermediate Hustle Workshop with Archie Dawson the following Saturday for our February Dancesational workshop. Want to tune up your hustle? Then be sure and make the Saturday, February 5th workshop with Archie Dawson (organizer of the brand new San Diego Hustle Club). For info on Hustle in San Diego visit www.hustlesd.org.

Innovations 2004 Christmas Party

By Wayne Peleti

Saturday December 4th over 150 people attended the Innovations 2004 Christmas Party at Starlight Dance Studio. For \$5 Annual Members were treated to a workshop with Parker Dearborn (filling in for the injured Lauren Baldovi), lots of delicious food and of course, a lot of fun dancing.

Kudos to the decorating team on making the studio look so nice: Martha, Misty, Jim, Linda, Claire, Larry and Julie. Kudos also go to the cooking crew for the great hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and the tasty desserts: Martha, Wayne, Margaret, Julie and Misty.

Although an injury prevented her from teaching the workshop, Lauren Baldovi was there to cheer on the Monday night performance class she and Ronnie had been coaching. The class did an outstanding job. Also providing entertainment were Jim Widdecki and Diane Lynn, performing their US OPEN routine and the youngest couple ever to perform for Innovations, Ester Ching's students Alex and Maria (age 7). Thanks to all the performers for doing a great job.

Special thanks to Parker Dearborn for filling in on short notice and teaching a great workshop as usual. We also want to wish a speedy recovery to Lauren and hope to have her back teaching for Innovations in the upcoming year.

Finally thanks to the over 150 dancers who attended the party and helped to make it a fun and successful event.

Innovations 2004 New Years Eve Party

By Wayne Peleti

Friday, December 31st. New Years Eve. A few minutes before midnight and there are about 20 diehards still dancing at the Innovations New Years Eve Party. The rest of the 90 or so attendees have called it a night and made tracks for home.

It's been a great party. The setup crew, Martha, Misty, Charlene, Jim, Linda, Mark, and Luis have done an awesome job! Decorations from Christmas have all been removed and packed up. The studio furniture has been rearranged to create a nice table section for socializing and the decorations are beautiful.

Club webmaster JT Holland has rigged up a slide show in the corner where the water cooler sits and images from past parties provide a nice backdrop for the party attendees. I can't say I liked the way I looked in some of the pictures but they were only up for 4 seconds so it wasn't so bad. Besides, it was fun to see all the faces from the past.

As usual the food was good and plenty with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and lots of goodies. We had visitors from Orange County, LA, San Jose, and Seattle joining us to welcome in the new Year.

With less than a minute to go, club President Luis counts us down and everyone (that's left) lifts their glass (apple cider) to welcome the New Year. After that I have to admit I put my feet up and relaxed until 1 AM when the few dance addicts that were left were thrown out and told to come back tomorrow for the New Years Day Potluck and party...but that's another story.

Innovations 2005 New Years Day Party

By Wayne Peleti

OK, I have to admit that when I heard the Board wanted to run a New Years Day potluck/dance party, I thought "nobody's going to be in any shape to attend". When I got up the morning of the potluck, after going to bed at 4:00 AM that same morning, I appended the thought with "especially me".

The truth is, I had a great time. The food was delicious! All the cooks deserve high praise. The tables used to create a social section from the night before were left setup so everyone could sit at a table for a leisurely meal and/or chat. The sixty some people that made the potluck had such a great time we over ran the allotted time (7 to 8 PM).

About 8:20 though, we figured we'd better try and burn some of the calories. After all, dancing is one of the most enjoyable ways to exercise. While we were dancing, eating or chatting we could enjoy the slide show our club Webmaster, JT, had created for the New Years Eve Party. He even added the pictures taken the previous night at the New Years Eve Party!

I ate, and danced, ate and danced, ate and, well you get the idea. Anyway before I knew it the party was over and I was left thinking "What a great idea, we'll have to do that again next year".

Free Classes: 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. Friday's class is free with paid admission to the party. **This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:**

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 Intermediate Hustle with Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszczuk

It's the New Year and I'm sure that your resolutions include something about adding some new moves to your hustle repertoire. Well, you're in luck! On Fridays during the month of January, **Alan Whiteman** (with his assistant **Charlene**) will be presenting some cool hustle moves guaranteed to improve your dancing and attitude. Plus, you will be better prepared for February's Hustle workshop...a two for one deal!

Alan Whiteman is a hustle addict who has spent many hours working on his technique with **Carmen**, the original hustle queen, which is precisely why he is such a pleasure to dance with--as we ladies know! Come and share his enthusiasm and knowledge of this great dance! As for **Charlene**, she will hustle anytime, anywhere!!

Sunday Nights: 5:00- 5:45 West Coast Swing with Jane Hance

Most local WCS dancers are familiar with **Jane Hance**. She's a long time experienced dancer who most recently teaches privates/semi-privates from her home studio and at Startlight. She's also available to teach groups, parties, and special events. Check out her web page at <http://www.wowpromotions.com/dancelessons.html> or contact her at 619-203-1922.

Van McCoy Hustle Contest In February

For you hard-core hustle dancers, don't forget that "Gotta Dance San Diego" is hosting the **Van McCoy Regionals** on February 12th at 8:00 p.m. It will be the first time that a Van McCoy Regional Content has been held in San Diego. Check out their website for details: <http://www.gottadancesd.com/VanMcCoy.htm>.

Innovations Schedule – January 2005

Updated January 5, 2005

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 Introductory Class Sunday						1 New Years Day Recovery & Resolutions Party Potluck 7:00 PM Dance 8:00 – 11:00 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7 Inter. Hustle with Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszcyk (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	8
9 Beg. West Coast Swing with Jane Hance (5:00 – 5:30 PM) Innovations Dance Country Western Theme (5:30 – 7:30 PM)	10	11	12	13	14 Inter. Hustle with Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszcyk (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	15 For More Information Check our Website at innovationsdance.org
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January 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.

	Dan Harrison	14	Darla Allen
6	Amy Lee	17	Chuck Sloan
7	R. H. Dutcher	17	Paula Sloan
8	Jim Hance	21	Glenn Walker
9	Claire Milner	26	Linda Schaeffer
9	Mark Sheddon	27	Richard Lowell
11	Maureen Cassidy	31	David Paris

New Members

Friendly Reminder To New and Current Members: Please don't forget to show your Membership Card at the Front Desk when you check in. Thank You.

Gina Childers
Marjorie Field
Frank Giorgio
Jeff Lowe
Cynthia Lynn

Cheryl Ribley
Sherry Roberts
Chuck Sloan
Paula Sloan

P.S. Innovations prides itself on being a friendly club. We need your help. If you see a newcomer at a Dance, please ask them to dance. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated. After all, we were all new once upon a time Hugs to All

Innovations Board of Directors

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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, January 6th, 7pm, at Marie Calendar's in Clairemont.

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

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No Dances
January 21 or 23
Everyone at
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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2005

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Saturday, February 5th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Archie Dawson	Intermediate Hustle
Saturday, March 5th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Rob “I” Ingenthron	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.