

Innovations

June 2005 Newsletter



Carrie Kloss

DanceSational Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

Saturday, June 4th, 2005 6:30 –7:45 PM

Intermediate American Waltz

with

Carrie Kloss

Dance 8:00-11:00 pm.

DanceSational Workshop Prices - Includes Dance Admission

\$10 Annual Members, \$20 for All Others

Dance Only Prices

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

\$7 for All Others

Join us for a workshop with former US Ballroom Champion Carrie Kloss. Don't miss the opportunity to improve your waltz technique and style with one of the nation's most recognized dancers and respected coaches. Carrie's workshops are always informative and fun.

Kick off summer with Innovations:

Friday June 24th dance is **free** to annual members

I Was There, Where Were You?

By Wayne Peleti

Mario Robau Jr., is arguably the best West Coast Swing instructor in the nation. The Board was extremely pleased to be able to bring him to San Diego for Super Mario Weekend (April 29 – May 1). Members were once again offered the opportunity of taking 6 workshops and attend 3 dances for the very reasonable price of \$50. The weekend was a lot of fun. The volunteers, who helped to make it so, deserve a big thank you from those who attended.

Attendance was light however; so light that the club didn't quite break even on the event. This means Innovations will probably not be bringing Mario back. (Although I am currently organizing a small select group to bring him back for an "Intensive Weekend Workshop", that will be completely independent of the club.)

There are of course a variety of good reasons people can't or don't attend workshops (or dances for that matter). They're out of town. They're too busy. They're ill. There are reasons that amuse me as well. My favorite is "I already know everything he/she teaches". What really matters though, is the one reason people do or should attend workshops or dances: because they enjoy themselves. After all that's what dancing is really about, isn't it?

I'm not on the Board of Directors for Innovations anymore, so trying to figure out what the members will enjoy is no longer a concern of mine. I can tell you that the current Board, like past Boards, tries to create a dance environment where members can enjoy themselves.

If you want to help, you can help with the volunteer jobs, or if you have some constructive suggestions the Board is always looking for feedback. The best thing you can do is to have a proactive attitude about making the club a fun place. The Board will do everything it can to provide the essentials, but ultimately, the members make the club what it is (which is as it should be, since it's their club).

For me, the phrase "having a good time dancing" is redundant. I always have a good time when I go dancing because I love dancing. If you're particular about whom you dance with (one idiot I know carries this to the extreme of saying no one in San Diego knows how to dance) or if you just want to share the experience with friends, you can always arrange to go in a group.

Our next workshop is Saturday June 4th and features former US Ballroom Champion Carrie Kloss. Carrie is an awesome coach. If you want to get some pointers on American Style Waltz, and have some fun, join us.

President's Message

Was the end of April great? Yes it was wonderful! Did we start off this month of May on a good note? Again, we hit the high note. We brought you one of the best dancers in the nation, we got Mario Robau Jr. here for you. If you didn't know, Mario lives in Texas but we made him an offer he couldn't refuse. He couldn't say no to coming out to California, beautiful San Diego, and especially being with you. Did you enjoy yourselves? All we heard was how wonderful Mario is with all his workshops. We are glad to have him come to us and happy to see all of you there for the nights of dancing. Before I forget, thank you to everyone who made it to our Potluck, another success story. If you came hungry, good. There was a lot of food for you. Before I ramble on let me give a big hand to our board, especially Wayne and Martha who made everything possible. Another bravo to our people who cleaned up, set up, decorated, DJed, where at the front desk and brought the food for everyone. You made this event a memorable one.

Now, a short note about Michael Eads. Michael was our guest teacher and I spoke with him about you. He said he can't remember a time when the dancers were waiting for him to get in the door to teach. He was impressed with you and your sprit to learn. He was very happy to come to Innovations and be your teacher. What can we say, "We love to learn and we love to dance."

Your membership cards: We're asking you to please show us your current membership card so we know who is a current member. Thank you to many of you who come in with your card in hand.

Free Night of dancing: That's right, come to dance on June 24, a Friday night, for free on us. Why? Summer is coming soon and we would like to bring in Summer in with all of you, on us. So come and enjoy the food, the dancing and seeing all your friends on a Friday night.

Finally: Save the first Saturday night of June to see Carrie Kloss for a lesson in American Waltz. Well, that's it from me to you.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and we'll see you on the dance floor,

Luis León
Your President

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June, 2005 Schedule

Friday, June 3 7:15 - 8:00	Jeralynn Brooks	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday, June 4 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Carrie Kloss	Intermediate American Waltz
Friday, June 10 7:15 - 8:00	Jeralynn Brooks	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Friday, June 17 7:15 - 8:00	Jeralynn Brooks	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Friday, June 24 7:15 - 8:00	Jeralynn Brooks	Intermediate West Coast Swing

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.

All dances run from 8:00 – 11:00 P.M.

Free Classes

Friday's class is free with paid admission to the party.

This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 Intermediate West Coast Swing with Jeralynn Brooks

July prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 TBA

If you are interested in volunteering to teach, please talk to or send an email to Martha Peleti at membership@innovationsdance.org.

June 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 driver's 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	Earl Davis	20	Gene Gage
5	Rob Graddy	22	David Walkup
5	Alex Seguritan	23	Cynthia O. Lynn
7	Harry S. Miller	25	Raymond J. Espinoza
7	Dale Pontow	25	Sylvia Salapski
9	Mickey Jones	25	Ann Vutisaksatit
9	Wayne D. Peleti	26	Joe W. Leonard
11	Kathy Kelly	29	Shannon Pullaro
13	Melanie Dawson	30	Debbie Cohen
16	Jill Curtiss		

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.

Gary Delos Reyes
Jane Diener

Ron Dunsmore
Marsue Evans

James Junio
Ann Vutisaksatit

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 on Sunday, June 10 at 10:00 p.m..
The meeting will be at Starlight Dance Studio.

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New Format for Anniversary Party???

YUP!!!!

Something New

Something Great

Keep your eyes and ears peeled to this newsletter