

Innovations

October 2005 Newsletter

DanceSational Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

Saturday, October 1st, 2005 6:30 –7:45 PM

Musicality in West Coast Swing

With

Michael John Kielbasa & Jeralynn Brooks

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



Come join us as we welcome Star Instructors

Michael John & Jeralynn

back to Innovations.

Their workshops are always
fun and informative.



No Dance Friday, October 28th

Everyone at

Paradise Country Dance Festival

(Innovation's DJ **Carolyn Washington** will be DJ in the Swing Room)

check their website at <http://Paradise.JDdance.com>

Happy 4th Birthday Innovations!

By Wayne Peleti

Saturday September 17 Innovations celebrated its 4th Anniversary with a Buffet Dinner and Dance at Champion Ballroom in Hillcrest. About 150 people were on hand to enjoy lots of dancing and great food in a beautifully decorated and very festive ballroom.

Officially the dance started at six thirty PM but the doors were open and people were dancing at six PM. By seven, people were enjoying the delicious fruit and chocolate dip bar and preparing to queue up for the delicious dinner buffet. There was lot's of food available all night and many of us made return trips late in the evening to replace calories burned up in the dancing.

A little after nine attendees were treated to some entertainment hosted by our MC Michael Kiehm. A big thank you to **Jim Widdecke & Diane Lynn, Michael & Dawne Kiehm's Night Club 2-Step Performance Class, Andrea Newall & Kurt Dahlvig, Joan Diener & Ron Johnson, Wendy Khentigan & Archie Dawson and Helen Adams & Dave Walkup** for putting on a great show. Also thanks to **Parker Dearborn** and **Jordan Frisbee** for their cameo appearance and a delightful "short" program.

Thanks to everyone who came out to make it such an enjoyable evening. There has been a great deal of positive feedback about all aspects to the event and the many volunteers who helped to provide such a fun, festive, and social atmosphere deserve the credit:

Martha Peleti (Anniversary Party Chairman), **Jamie Lewis** (Anniversary Party Decorations Chairman) and the volunteers who helped them:

Set-up and Decorations: **Jim and Linda Schaeffer Wayne Peleti, Charlene Juszczyk, Julie Rishovd, Kurt Dahlvig, Andrea Newall, Chris Burger, Claire Milner, Carol Palmer, and Tom Jenkins.**

Front Desk: **Larry Armstrong, Jill Curtiss and Margaret Richards.**

The clean up crew was magnificent: **Marc and Carolyn Washington, Mike Cowlishaw, Mark Sheddon, Julie Rishovd, JT and Carol Schwartz-Holland, Luis Leon, Wendy Frieder, Wayne Peleti, Kathy Kelly, Paul Burgio, Archie Dawson, Carol Palmer, Tom Jenkins**
There were so many, I'm sure I missed a few. Thank you for making clean-up quick, easy, and enjoyable!

I hope you didn't miss all the fun. If you did, don't miss the next Dinner/Dance, which I personally would like to see sooner than the 5th anniversary (but the Board will have to evaluate and decide on that request).

Speaking of the Board, a special thanks to the outgoing Board members **Luis Leon** (President), **Carolyn Washington** (acting Vice-President), **Julie Rishovd** (Secretary), and **Martha Peleti** (Membership) for all the hard work they've done for the club. If you see them please take a minute to thank them personally.

Don't forget that this Saturday October 1st the club elections are being held as well as a workshop on "Musicality" by Michael Kielbasa and Jeralynn Brooks. Annual Members will get a ballot at the front desk when they sign-in. The ballots must be returned by 9 PM. The votes will be tallied and results announced as soon as the results are known. Come on out and enjoy a great workshop, special eats and get a chance to know your new Board (if you don't already know them): **Mike Cowlishaw** (President), **Carol Palmer** (Vice-President), **Kurt Dahlvig** (Membership), **Charlene Juszczyk** (Secretary) and **Carol Schwartz** (on going Treasurer).

President's Farewell Message

As you read this newsletter many of you know September is my last month as President of Innovations. Let me tell you three important things close to my heart. These items have been on my mind and I should have said them to you at our 4th Anniversary but I will have to say my piece here in this format.

First, let me thank all of the performers at our Anniversary Party. We had a showcase that was outstanding. Some were new acts, some were veterans and some just decided to express themselves, yes, the two male dancers. In all, they all left us smiling and wanting more. Everyone I spoke with thought the performers were a delight, they made the night even more special because of their performances. Thank you from Innovations to all the performers, especially Michael and Dawne Kiehm's group who learned of their performance four days prior to the big night.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Sir Michael Kiehm for allowing Innovations to call Starlight its home. Thank you Michael for all your support these past few years.

Second, to the board of Innovations. It has been a pleasure to have worked with you these past two years. You stood by me as I recovered from my accident in San Jose. It has been my honor working beside people like Chalene Juszczyk, JT Holland, Martha Peleti, Carol Schwartz, Julie Rishovd, and our Vice President Carloyn Washington. I believe the new board will also be a success because a foundation has been built to grown upon.

People have asked me what I shall do in my retirement? Well....I wish to return to ballroom, lindy hop, and of course, salsa dancing. I will miss west coast swing, but I know there's always a place for me here at Innovations if ever I get the itch to dance the night away with some great dancers.

Finally, to our members. You are so special in so many ways. We had over 150 dancers show up for our Anniversary Party. WOW!!!! What makes Innovations special? Yes, the board. Yes, our location at

Starlight. Yet, without you, the members, Innovations would have closed long ago. Without you there would be no Innovation. I have enjoyed being your President these past two years and getting to know many of you.

One last note, I took many pictures at our Anniversary Party and you will see these pictures on the next 2 pages. If you're in one of the pictures and wish for a hard copy then let me know so I will make you a hard copy for your own records.

Now, I have said my peace so I may now say, "Adios". May the rest of the year bring you joy and happiness.

Peace,
Luis León, Innovation's President



Luis Leon & Charlene Juszczyk



Roi Mower
and
Mark Sheddon

John Jordan and
Joanie Fuller



Julie Rishovd,
Charlene
Juszczuk,
Alan
Whiteman
and
Debbie Dyar



Jim Widdecke and Mike Cowlshaw

Innovations Elections for Board of Directors

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday October 1st**. Innovations is holding elections for Board of Directors. We will be electing a new President (running unopposed is **Mike Cowlshaw**), Vice President (running unopposed is **Carol Palmer**), Secretary (running unopposed is **Charlene Juszczy**), and a new Membership Director (running unopposed is **Kurt Dahlvig**). 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 **Luis Leon** (President), **Carolyn Washington** (Vice President), **Julie Rishovd** (Secretary) and **Martha Peleti** (Membership), for all their work.

This Month's Schedule

All dances run from 8:00 – 11:00 P.M.

Friday, September 30 7:15 - 8:00 PM	Robert & Vickie Palladino	Intermediate Int. West Coast Swing
Saturday, October 1 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Michael John Kielbasa & Jeralynn Brooks	Musicality in West Coast Swing
Friday, October 7 7:15 - 8:00 PM	Erica Lyons	Intermediate Int. West Coast Swing
Friday, October 14 7:15 - 8:00 PM	Erica Lyons	Intermediate Int. West Coast Swing
Friday, October 21 7:15 - 8:15 PM	Erica Lyons	Intermediate Int. West Coast Swing

Next Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:
Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 Int. Waltz with Mike Cowlshaw

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 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.

4	Iris R. Bentz	19	Peter K. Murphy
8	Robyn Greer	20	Wendy Khentigan
8	David A. Searl	23	Terry Daniels
11	Brandi Tobias	23	Glenda Williams
15	Carol Ann Palmer	26	Marlys Benitah
17	Michael Kiehm	26	Deborah A. Dyar
17	Luis Leon	27	B Nuno
18	Jeff Coon	28	Royal Mungie
18	Pennie Davis	29	Risa Goldberg

New Members

Kathy Aaron
Tim Beazley
Falene Darby

Eric Duff
Tom Ford
Patrica Lovick

Carole McNichols
Linda Moran
Tovah Petri

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

President.....	Luis Leon	Membership...	Martha Peleti
Vice President..	Carolyn Washington	Webmaster.....	JT Holland
Secretary.....	Julie Rishovd	Newsletter.....	Charlene Juszczuk
Treasurer.....	Carol Schwartz		

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, October 7 at 10:00 p.m..
The meeting will be at Starlight Dance Studio.

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

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Saturday, November 5th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Laureen Baldovi	She can Teach So Many Dances, We haven't Decided Yet!
Saturday, January 7th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Archie & Melanie Dawson	Intermediate Hustle
Saturday, February 4th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Michael & Dawne Kiehm	Intermediate Night Club 2-Step

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.