

# Innovations

## November 2005 Newsletter



**Luis Crespo**

### DanceSational Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

**Saturday, November 5th, 2005**

**6:30 –7:45 PM**

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### **Intermediate West Coast Swing**

With

**Luis Crespo**

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

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## **Innovations Going To The US OPEN**

**November 25-27, 2005**

Innovations has GREAT weekend tickets for the 2005 US Open left. The Board decided it would be cool to have the club represented at the event when it returns to Anaheim this November. **Carol Schwartz** is in charge of ticket sales and seating so schmooze up to her a.s.a.p.

# November DanceSational Workshop

## Last Minute Change

There's been a change in our November workshop. Laureen Baldovi will not be able to teach the November workshop for us. Yes, it's a bummer. We will try to reschedule with her.

Instead this Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Innovations is extremely happy to welcome as our Star Instructor, **Luis Crespo**. Luis will be teaching an Intermediate West Coast Swing workshop. Luis is one of the West Coast Swing world's hottest rising stars. If you haven't seen him dance before, you're in for a treat. He will be available to teach private lessons by appointment. Contact Carol Ann Palmer at [Cgaul2@san.rr.com](mailto:Cgaul2@san.rr.com). Below is a bio on Luis for those of us who don't get out on the competition circuit much.

Luis has lived in Southern California for almost four years. He was originally from New York City (born and raised). It was in New York that he first learned traditional Ballroom and Latin from working with the Fred Asitaire Franchise in upper Manhattan.

Luis has been dancing Ballroom and Latin for approximately 7 to 8 years and has been doing West Coast Swing for 5 to 6 years. He got into West Coast Swing dancing shortly after he fell in love with the Argentine Tango. Luis says, "I realize that this may seem awkward and misplaced, but the truth is, when I was learning how to "really" understand the nature of Argentine Tango, I realized that the dance was more about the musicality and connection between partners than successfully executing "patterns" and moves. After going to an actual West Coast Swing dance, I realized that the people who were dancing it really well, actually were "dancing" to the music and not dancing through "patterns" as much. This was what attracted me the most to the dance, the fact that you are actually able to "dance" as opposed to just move through patterns. Don't get me wrong, though, I still love and continue to dance the Waltz and Foxtrot as well as Salsa, cha-cha, etc. I just feel that I am most expressive when I'm dancing West Coast style swing."

Luis has been competing in dancing now for almost 7 years and has been competing in West Coast Swing for a little over 5 years. He has earned several placements, trophies and honors within the West Coast Swing community: "To date, I have been dancing at the Champion/Invitational level and continue to get invited to dance events such as The Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Convention, Summer Dance Camp, New Years Dance Extravaganza, The Reno Dance Sensation, Jack and Jill O'rama and several others. I earned a US Open Strictly Swing Champion title in 2002, which has assisted in paving the way for the swing success."

In 2006, Luis will be competing in the Classic division again. He has competed, performed and prepared with Giovanna Dottore, Laureen Baldovi and others. He continues to teach and help others in achieving their own personal goals with their dancing styles and accomplishments.

His current calendar includes:

December 30-Jan. 1, New Years Dance Camp, Palm Springs, CA  
January 13-16, Monterey Swingfest, Monterey, CA  
January 27-29, Swing Diego, San Diego, CA  
February 10-12, Capital Swing Convention, Sacramento, CA  
March 17-19, Reno Dance Sensation, Reno, NV

# INNOVATIONS & Starlight Dance Studio

## Christmas Party



Innovations & Starlight Dance Studio join forces  
to bring you the most exciting Party of the season.



### Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Bonus Workshop! Intermediate West Coast Swing Featuring



## Parker Dearborn



**Free To Annual Members with Admission to Dance**

### Join Us For A Fun Filled Evening

At Starlight Dance Studio

- Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres, Refreshments & Desserts
  - Free Workshop For Annual Members (with paid admission)
  - Great SHOWS (Including Michael & Dawne's Performance Class)
    - Music by DJ, Parker Dearborn
    - Tons of Dancing
  - Ballroom Music Played in the 2nd Ballroom
    - Holiday Dance Attire



#### Workshop 6:30 –7:45 PM

Annual Members \$5 (Includes Dance)

Others \$20 (Includes Dance)

#### Dance Only 8:00 – 11:30 PM

Annual Members \$5

Others \$10 (No Discounts for this special event)



# This Month's Schedule

## All Dances Run from 8:00 – 11:00 P.M.

<b>Friday, November 4</b> 7:15 - 8:00 PM	<b>Mike Cowlshaw</b>	<b>Intermediate Waltz</b>
<b>Saturday, November 5</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Luis Crespo</b>	<b>Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>
<b>Friday, November 11</b> 7:15 - 8:00 PM	<b>Mike Cowlshaw</b>	<b>Intermediate Waltz</b>
<b>Friday, November 18</b> 7:15 - 8:00 PM	<b>Mike Cowlshaw</b>	<b>Intermediate Waltz</b>
<b>Friday, November 25</b>	<b>No Dance</b>	<b>No Dance</b>

## Studio Decoration Party!

**Come on out and have some fun at our Annual Decorating of the Studio for the Christmas Holidays and our Christmas Party.**

**What:** Decorate, Eat Pizza, Drink Soda, then Dance it Off.

**When:** Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM

**Where:** Starlight Dance Studio

**How:** Decorations and Directions Provided

**Why:** To Get the Studio Ready for the Big Christmas Party on Saturday

Come out early before the dance and help us decorate the studio. Pizza and sodas will be provided so you won't go into the dance hungry. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

# 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 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	Ronnie DeBenedetta	11	Margaret Richards
5	Margaret Kerns	12	Jane Hance
5	Julie Rishovd	22	Rick Frey
9	Daphne Higa	25	James E. Junio
10	Jamie Lewis	28	Darin G. Dwyer
10	Patty Sage	29	David Huhn

## New Members

Paula Fialkoff

Maria Seltzer

Cheryl Thompson

**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 Elections Results

### Congratulations to our new Board Members:

Mike Cowlshaw – President

Carol Ann Palmer – Vice President

Kurt Dahlvig – Membership Director

Charlene Juszcyk – Secretary

## Board of Directors

President.....	Mike Cowlshaw
Vice President.....	Carol Ann Palmer
Secretary.....	Charlene Juszcyk
Treasurer.....	Carol Schwartz
Membership.....	Kurt Dahlvig
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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM.  
The meeting will be at Starlight Dance Studio.



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## **INNOVATIONS**

### **2005 – 2006 DanceSational Workshop/Event Schedule**

Saturday, November 5th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Luis Crespo</b>	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday, December 3rd 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Parker Dearborn</b>	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday, December 3rd 8:00 – 11:00 PM	<b>Innovations/Starlight Christmas Party</b>	Great Show Fun, Food and Dancing
Saturday, January 7th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Archie &amp; Melanie Dawson</b>	Intermediate Hustle
Saturday, February 4th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Michael &amp; Dawne Kiehm</b>	Intermediate Night Club 2-Step

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.