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The Real Meaning Of Social Dancing

By Thelma Korpman, Chapter President

As the president of the Inland Chapter of USA Dance, I've written a President's Message in each issue of the Newsletter. I've written about "Dancing With the Stars", "So You Think You Can Dance" and showcased our local dancing "stars". I shared with you my "humiliation" of losing a dance competition on an Alaskan cruise and as humbling an experience as that was I really wasn't speaking from the heart. In this President's Message, I will be speaking from my heart about the real meaning of dancing in my life. And I would not be the least bit surprised if many among you share the same thoughts about dancing in your lives.

The idea for my President's Message came to me in the middle of January when Martin Smaha (who I met dancing) and I were meeting my good friends Bobby & Joe Mays and Marlene & Les Baumann for dinner at Lotus Garden Restaurant in San Bernardino to celebrate Marlene's birthday. On the way to our table I saw none other than Sheila & Rusty Richardson, the owners of the Redlands Arthur Murray studio who were finishing up their dinner. Sheila & Rusty joined our group for awhile as we reminisced about the "good old days" when we all danced at the Arthur Murray Studio on Highland Avenue in San Bernardino before they moved the studio to Redlands. The warmth of those memories encouraged me to pause and think about the meaning of dancing in my life. Even though I don't see Sheila and Rusty very often, we just picked up where we left off and laughed about things we shared (me learning how to spin and hug as dancers tend to do) and remembered people that have come in and out of lives because of dancing. Since 1987 where we met at the San Bernardino Arthur Murray Studio I have shared a friendship with the Mays and the Baumans that bring us to restaurants and other locations to celebrate the milestones of our lives and the

☞ 2008 Events at a Glance ☜

Feb 10, Inland Chapter Valentines Ball, Patton
Apr 12, Orange Blossom Ball, UCR Riverside
Apr 26, Inland Chapter Carousel Ball, Redlands

joys of the seasons. Our friendship is not dependent on dancing although we talk about it a lot. Dancing brought us together and friendship took over. I met my dear friends Lavaun Sutton and Cassie MacDuff at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio around 20 years ago. When Cassie and I go to visit Lavaun at her home where she is cared for after removal of a brain tumor, we tell her about all the dancing in the Inland Empire and what's going on with "Dancing With the Stars" and I believe this contact with the warmth of the past brings a smile to her face.

When I think about other people with whom I have shared my life because of dancing. I think about my instructors Kipp Duran, Elvia Gomez and the deceased John Schick - I realize that, while dancing is important, love, respect and friendship take over at some point. Sure I won lots of gold medals and even scholarship money while I was competing with Kipp in the 1990's. But the money is spent and the medals are tarnished. However, none of my friendships have tarnished and while I don't have the flexibility and agility to dance as I did 15 years ago (not that I have stopped trying), I have much more.

A board meeting of the Inland Chapter of USA dance is every bit a social gathering as it is a board meeting. Greg Brittain and Carolyn Hays share their current competing experience which excites me because they are my friends and I care and because I have already lived the competitive dream. Ann Capella shares with us her passion for promoting dancing in the Inland Empire for college students, amateurs and professionals and wants to support every studio and every event

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Inland Chapter at Arthur Murray, Upland



Photos by Thelma Korpman



Inland Chapter of USA Dance Public Dances and Events

Date	Event	Studio	Time/Admission
Feb 10 th Sunday	Inland Chapter Valentine's Dance	Patton Auditorium 3102 E Highland Ave, Highland	1:00-2:00 pm Lesson (Included) 2:00-5:00 Dance \$15 at door
Apr. 12 th Saturday	Orange Blossom Ball DanceSport Competition	University of California, Riverside www.orangeblossomball.com	Contacts: Fook Tham (951) 827-4645 E-mail: fook.tham@ucr.edu
Apr. 26 th Saturday	Inland Chapter Carousel Ball	University of Redlands University Hall	12-2pm Beginners Workshop \$5 2:30-4:30 Advanced Workshop \$10 7-8 Group Lesson and 8-11 Dance \$15
Fridays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	D & D Dance Center 1445 Spruce Street , Riverside (951) 248-0599	
Saturdays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	Shake It Up Dance Studio 14 E State Street , Redlands (909) 335-5959 www.shakeitupdance.com	
Saturdays	Public Dance (call to confirm)	Steppin' Out with Cindy Roberts 9506 Magnolia Ave., #210, Riv. (951) 785-1674 www.steppinoutwithcindy.com	8:00 to 12:00 pm Dance \$10 8:30 to 9:30 pm Lesson (Included)
1st Saturday	Public Dance	Loma Linda Senior Center 25571 Barton Rd, Loma Linda (909) 799-2820	7-11:00 pm \$5
1st 3rd 5th Sunday	Public Dance	Billy Reed's 1800 N Palm Canyon, Palm Springs (951) 640-7267 Elvia Gomez	2:00-3:00 pm Lesson \$5 3:00-6:00 pm Dance \$5 Both for \$8
2nd 4th Saturday	Public Dance (call to confirm) (SE corner of Pierce & Magnolia, east of 91 Fwy.)	Ballroom Blitz 3751 Merced Dr., Suites F & G Riverside, CA 92503 951-751-0957	7:00 - 8:00 pm Lesson, 8:00 - 11:00 pm Dance \$8 for lesson & dance
3rd Saturday	Public Dance Child care available on site Call Marian (909)238-4601	The Talent Factory 13613-A 12th St, Chino (909) 591-1212 www.talentfactory.org	6:00-7:00 pm Lesson \$10single \$15couple 7:00-9:00 pm Dance \$5 Dance only

Note: Prices are set by the studios and subject to change. USA Dance members may receive a discount on dance nights.

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possible. Martin Smaha has the passion but reminds us of our budget and the need to think big but to be fiscally responsible. I am in awe of this small group of friends with whom I share a lot more than a new cha cha step.

Dancing is fun, aerobic and social. It teaches good posture, flexibility, stamina and is a cardiovascular workout (taken from the Arthur Murray web site) which is much more fun (in my opinion) than running on a treadmill or jogging. I do not think that my situation is unique and I'm sure each of you has your story to tell of friendship because of dancing.

Keep dancing and making friends as you view all the upcoming USA dance events in this issue of the newsletter. And Happy New Year.

USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR INLAND CHAPTER #4012

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Signature: _____
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 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone:[h] (____) _____ - _____ [w] (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Membership Category (Annual cost per person) Renewal: Y N Member # _____
 Adult Athlete (19, over) _____ x\$60=\$_____ Are you willing to help USADance? Y N How? _____
 Student Athlete (College to 34) _____ x\$20=\$_____ Social Dancer? __ Competitor? __ Pro/Am? __ American? __
 Minor Athlete (18, under) _____ x\$15=\$_____ International? __ Occupation _____
 Social Ballroom Dancer _____ x\$35=\$_____ Hobbies: _____
 Social Adult Dancer (most people) _____ x\$25=\$_____ Return application and check (payable to **USADance**) to:
Plus Local Chapter Dues _____ x\$10=\$_____ USADance c/o Martin Smaha Questions? (909) 825-1695
 Total Check Enclosed \$ _____ 823 Elmwood St., Colton CA 92324



Birthday Wishes

Yachiyo Dean
 Mary Blickenderfer
 Lillian Torres
 Nadine Fahlbusch
 Valerie Radu

James McReynolds



New Members

Ricardo Tomboc

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