



# The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

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## Dear Wednesday Dancers:

### Can You Believe... It's Almost Been A Full Year!!

It is hard for us to imagine that it has almost been a full year since we took over Wednesday Night from Mickey and Clara Marshall on May 15, 2002.

We have had a great time and hope you have too. These may be "just" Wednesdays, but we want each one to be a fun experience for you.

Looking back over the year, remember the first annual county fair bake-off? Barbara Johnson won that one. We'll do it again in July when the Orange County Fair comes around, so get your recipes ready.

Halloween was a Fifth Wednesday party night, with almost everyone in costume.



Halloween 2002

Brian and Alice Scanlon were voted as having the best costumes at the Halloween Party, with their Elvis and Cleopatra outfits, pictured left.



Marion and Ken Scholtz came in second as the clown and pirate lady, pictured right.



During the year, we celebrated the departure of Hua Mei, the San Diego Zoo-born panda who went to China last August. We had a night to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Teddy Bear.

And, we brought in the Chinese Year of the Ram with a dragon parade (thanks to Russ and Stella LaRose and Fran Rowitz, above), to name a few of the occasions.



At Christmas, your Toys for Tots donations filled a box big enough for Daniel to climb in.



Only one of our group did well at predicting the Oscars this year. As a group, in our pre-Oscar poll of the top eight categories, we only got 3 right. Paul Stottlemeyer however won the prize for the most correct individual predictions—in 5 of the 8 categories.



### Days of Our Lives

#### Birthdays:

Bob Mahrt	5/5
Alice Scanlon	5/8
Bob DuFault	5/14
John Hooten	5/16
Pat Lane	5/17
Paul Stottlemeyer	5/17
Howard Davis	5/22
Ed Johnson	5/31
Eddie Span	6/2
Betty Stottlemeyer	6/5
Harold Peyton	7/11
John Michaelson	7/14
Lynn Brewer	7/15
Nancy DuFault	7/18
John Franz	7/22
Dee Myers	7/25
Don Miller	7/29

#### Anniversaries:

Rick & Jean	5/2
Fred & Gloria	5/17
Ed & Barbara	5/21
Mas & Aiko	6/4
Bob & Nancy	6/22
John & Ethel	7/14

## WWW.SANDANCE.US Is Opening

We will have our web site up and running May 1, and we hope you will visit it.

You can download copies of dances we have choreographed, check out the themes for coming Wednesday nights and get a list of dances we program.

We even have some of the recipes used for Wednesday night dance parties.

Please take a look at [www.sandance.us](http://www.sandance.us), and let us know what you would like to see on the web site in the future.

# Ramblings:

Fred and Gloria Lesh are due home from two months in the South Seas. They motored through New Zealand for 10 days, took a turn at teaching dancing aboard the Regal Princess cruise ship, and toured the east coast of Australia for 34 days. Fred found some 2000-year-old Kauri trees that would have made beautiful pens, but they wouldn't let him have the wood.



Carol Rhyne and Ken Scholtz brought a cake one Wednesday night to celebrate their spouses' February birthdays. The cake was inscribed: "Happy Birthday to Larry, who is 60, and to Marion, who is not."



Don and Jan Russell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January with a cruise around South America. Russ and Stella LaRose just returned from a week in England for their daughter's wedding in a Scottish castle. They took face masks for the flight to avoid SARS. Ken and Marion Scholtz were gone at the same time, teaching dancing on another Princess cruise ship.



Sally Davis has started teaching with John Michaelson on Monday nights in the Valley. Bob Benjamin (BJ) taught with Sandi on Thursday nights while Dan was recuperating, and Tim Todd, Don Miller and Mickey Marshall each had a turn teaching with Sandi on Wednesday nights while Dan was ill. Dan says a heartfelt "thanks" to all who helped while he was out.

Mas and Aiko Nabata have not been able to get back to California after their bad accident in December driving through Oregon. Their car had to be replaced and Aiko has been in therapy in Canada for her back ever since. We sincerely hope to see them down here again soon.



Wendell Ebling was diagnosed with cancer in March, and since then has undergone radiation for tumors in his brain and had one kidney removed. He is home recovering and his doctors have given him a positive prognosis. He has ridden it out with typical Wendell humor. In referring to his new baldness, he said he was told his new hair "do" looks good on him but he needs to part it on the opposite side! He and Lynn Easton decided during his illness that life is too unpredictable to delay, so before his surgery, they did their own commitment ceremony, complete with rings.



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