



# The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

## Dear Wednesday Dancer:

### Happy New Year!!

Wednesday Nights with Dan & Sandi got off to a late start this year. New Year's Day fell on our dance night so our first Wednesday Night of 2003 was January 8. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and got rested up.

We started our long-planned transition class on January 2, with the new Imperial Ballroom in Fullerton finally open after a year of renovation. 47 dancers from all dancing levels came the first night, and the numbers have remained about 40 each week.

We are pleased so many want to learn some classic dances, brush up on their technique or learn the Phase V and VI figures. The class started off working the figures from (and learning) *Wyoming Lullabye* and *And I Love You So*. The plan is to work on one smooth and one Latin dance each class.

We taught our *White Christmas rumba* for the holidays, along with *Adagio waltz* and *All Kinds of Everything*. During January, the Wednesday Night dancers got a review of *Leroy Swing*, the

most requested oldie in the Dance Popularity Poll they answered last summer, and a teach on the Sechrists' *Beautiful Tango*. We wanted to be ready for the great dance coming out of the Stottlemeyer's Winterfest, and we will start that one, *True Love*, a West Coast Swing by the Gosses, beginning in February.

Many have heard that Daniel has been out with a virus, the same one that causes chickenpox in children. That coincided with Howard and Sally's being away, and we are ever so grateful that Larry and Carol Rhyne could help with registration. They also helped demonstrate on Thursdays with Sandi. Mickey Marshall and Tim Todd helped her teach on Wednesdays and Bob Benjamin was her partner one Thursday.

Good friend Ginny Hammond came by to lend a hand to Patricia Michaud in the kitchen.

We appreciate all of you so much.

Next 5th Wednesday Letter? Due out April 30.

## Days of our Lives

### Birthdays:

Marion Scholtz	2/9
Bliss Hill	2/9
Larry Rhyne	2/12
Ethel Franz	2/16
Gloria Lesh	2/22
Sally Davis	3/1
Fred Lesh	3/5
Madeline Ruge	3/14
Fran Rowtiz	3/20
Ken Scholtz	3/24
Chuck Rowitz	3/20
Mas Nabata	3/29
Wendell Ebling	4/3
Jack Friend	4/11
Alice Nackard	4/15
Max Martel	4/17
Ann Lane	4/21
Ken Zieg	4/22
Tim Todd	4/28

### Anniversaries:

Ken & Eva	2/2
Joe & Dee	2/6
Ed & Dianne	2/25
Larry & Carol	3/12

## Spring Into Spring Dance

### March 2, 2003

We are planning a Spring Into Spring Dance Party on Sunday, March 2, 2003, at the new Imperial Ballroom in Fullerton. It will be a potluck with continuous finger food buffet. See you there! Watch for details.

## UPCOMING WEDNESDAY THEME NIGHTS



2/5

CHINESE NEW YEAR

2/12



VALENTIN'S DAY

2/19



PRESIDENT'S DAY

2/26



MARDI GRAS

# Ramblings:

Jean Magro is back on the active list at home after her work assignment in Europe for two months. Tough work! She sent back pictures from Pompeii, Zurich, London, East and West Berlin, the Roman Forum and the little town in Germany that spawned the Pied Piper legend. Don Miller got to spend the Christmas holiday traveling a bit with her. They went to the Vatican on New Year's; she swears the Pope made an appearance on his balcony as they were there and blessed them in English.



Harold Peyton and Marie Marlow came away from the California Star Ball with arms-loads of awards. Dancing with his professional partner, Harold won a \$500 dance scholarship. Marie Marlow won 11 first place awards in pro-am competition events. The Star Ball is one of the oldest annual ballroom competitions in Southern California, held Thanksgiving weekend.



Margaret Shirley was out for eight weeks in the fall for eye surgery. The first three weeks of post-op time she had to remain horizontal. We are glad to see her back—and glad she can see us better than before! Bernie Pensaw was hospitalized during the fall with an infection. Just as he was ready to come back to dancing, he fell and fractured a wrist but he's back on the floor again now.



Round dancing lost two more of its wonderful friends locally already this year. Mal Avants died after being hospitalized in October for pneumonia. When he and his wife Marge stopped round dancing a few years ago, Marge took up tap dancing and has continued to appear in tap exhibitions with Louise Pewsey and her senior tappers. Olivia Fazio also died this month. She and her husband Gil danced with the Palmquists for many years and were on their formation team.



Russ and Stella LaRose literally missed the boat on their fall vacation. It was supposed to be a fall color cruise in the Northeast, but because they were "going" to Canada, they needed visas, which they didn't know until they got there. They drove the route instead, got to see lots more sites than they had planned, and then caught up with the boat to finish the cruise too.



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