



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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Publicity: Margaret Sherwood  
Silent Auction Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Photos/Videos: Sharon Pleus

2023 Dance Club Membership dues –  
only \$0 per person!!!

**Dance admission is \$10 per person!**

Please make checks payable to  
DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

**Welcome to our New Dancers!**



For our DCGH dances, various bands or DJs provide the music for dancing to Cha-Cha, East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Mambo, Merengue, Rumba, Salsa, Samba, Tango, Argentine Tango, Waltz, and West Coast Swing, as well as some line dances like Cowboy ChaCha, Ten-Step, and Tush Push.

## Dances & Dancing

### Dance Club of Grays Harbor

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam  
Dance admission is only \$10 per person

### 2023 DANCE SCHEDULE (no dances until September 2023)

Sept. 23	Oct. 28
Nov. 25	Dec. 23?

**Sat., Aug. 5: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Terry West**; 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org)

**Sat., Aug. 19: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Tango**; **Music: Randy Litch**; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



**Sat., Sept. 9: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Michael Crain Duo**; **Dance: 7-10pm**; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org)

**Sun., Sept. 10: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks** (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Jacob Zimmerman Group**; **Dance: 1-4pm**; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: [charlottedickison@comcast.net](mailto:charlottedickison@comcast.net); (360) 943-9123



**Sat., Sept. 16: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3rd Sat.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Salsa**; **Music: Chris Anderson**; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



**Sat., Sept. 23: Dance Club of Grays Harbor** (now 4th Sat.), at Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **no dance lesson, dance starts at 7:30!**



**Music: DJ Mark Van Hemert; Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.  
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*DCGH would appreciate raffle gift donations at our monthly dance if you would like to "re-gift" something nice. Thanks!*

**Sat., Oct. 7: Olympia Elks,** 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: The Tropics Duo** (from Seattle); **Dance:** 7-10pm; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olyMPIaelks.org](http://www.olyMPIaelks.org)

**Sat., Oct. 28: Dance Club of Grays Harbor** (now 4th Sat.), at Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **combination Hoquiam Elks Halloween Party and DCGH Dance; Music: ???;** **Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction/ Raffle. (Food and refreshments are available through the Elks.) Members: \$10; Guests: \$10.  
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## Other Dancing Events

(Some of these are old sites, so be sure to check on them before you make the trip!)

**Tuesdays: OLY Swing, at Olympia Eagles,** 4th & Plum, Olympia; 6-7pm in-depth lesson; 7-7:30 class; dancing ECS, Blues, Lindy Hop 7:30-10:30pm. \$7 general admission. [www.tuesdayswing.com/](http://www.tuesdayswing.com/) Vaccines and masks required. 360/943-4010



**Wednesdays: Manhattan Club,** at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; **every Wednesday;** free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-9:30pm; \$9 members; \$12 everyone else; membership \$20; [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org) Info: 253/732-6664; 360/357-6152

**Wednesdays (and other days): Pacific Ballroom,** 1604 15<sup>TH</sup> St. SW, Auburn; 30 min. lesson, 90 min. social dancing; light refreshments provided. [www.pacificballroom.com](http://www.pacificballroom.com); Info : 253/939-6524; also other dances on other days: Wed., Thurs., Sat., and Sun. DJ dances (some with live bands). Calendar available at [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org) Look at their website. They have interesting events coming up!

**Thursdays: Randy Litch at the Olympia VFW,** 2902 Martin Way E., Olympia; 1-4pm; need to have a dance partner to attend; \$20 per couple; no mask or vaccination requirements. Water and coffee provided; food and beverages available from the bar; [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net); email [randylitch@comcast.net](mailto:randylitch@comcast.net); cell/text: 253/530-6185.

**Thursdays: T-Town Swing,** at Urban Grace, 902 Market St., Tacoma; every Thursday; lesson 8pm; dance 8:30-11:30pm; <https://www.facebook.com/tacomaswingdance/>. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

**Thursdays: Tacoma Elks,** at Allenmore Golf & Events Center, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma; every Thursday; \$6 Elks

members; \$8 USA Dance members; \$10 all others; Info: 253-272-1117

**Fridays: Olympia Eagles,** 4<sup>th</sup> & Plum: Salsa Fridays; 7:30 lesson; 9-12 salsa social dance; \$10

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**Tuesday** – Swing at the OLY Eagles  
**Wednesday** – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall in Tacoma [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)  
**Thursday** – T-Town Swing in Tacoma  
**Thursday** – Randy Litch at OLY VFW 1-4pm (check with Randy at [www.randylitch.net](http://www.randylitch.net)) (need to bring a partner)  
**Thursday** – Pacific Ballroom, Auburn [www.pacificballroom.org](http://www.pacificballroom.org)  
**Friday** – Salsa Dance Social in OLY  
**Friday** – Rockin' Horse Dance Barn in Renton  
**Saturday** – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn  
**Sunday** – NW Dancesport Dance in Auburn

### Instructors:

- \* David Lynch – (h) 360/754-6697 or (c) 360/701-4294 [www.olympiadancelessons.com](http://www.olympiadancelessons.com)
- \* Marie Kiser – 360/880-5492, Centralia [mkiser1202@aol.com](mailto:mkiser1202@aol.com)

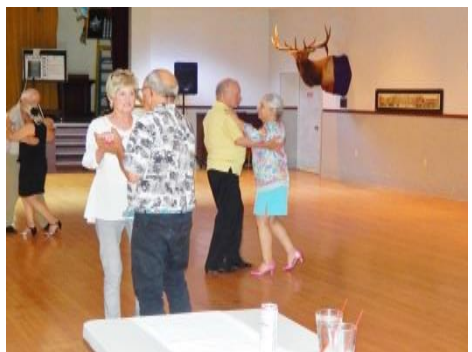
## News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting will be **Mon., August 7, 2023, at 6 p.m.** at Hoquiam Chiropractic (Mark Van Hemert's office), 320 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Hoquiam. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

### 5/13/2023 Dance









*Arlene Hoiland, our founder, instructor,  
inspiration, family, friend,  
And so much more!  
We miss you!*



When you dance, your purpose is not to  
get to a certain place on the floor. It's to  
enjoy each step along the way.

~~ Wayne Dyer

### Editor's Notes:

New, starting in September,  
our dances will be on the **4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday** of the month. As a  
reminder, the dances now are from  
7:30 to 10pm, with no lesson  
beforehand because not many  
people came for them. *(But that's  
subject to change, depending on  
how it goes.)* (Mark did teach some  
lessons at the April dance as a few people were  
interested.)



DJ Dr. Mark Van Hemert will be playing music  
according to the 'theme' of the evening. The 'theme' will  
change each month, so the September dance could be  
anything! Let us know what you think!

It's going to get complicated starting in October.  
The Hoquiam Elks is having their Halloween Party that  
night and they have graciously said we could have our  
dance that night along with them! Wow! That should be  
a hoot! I bet we see lots of costumes, too. I'll let you  
know who will be playing.

November's dance is right after Thanksgiving, so  
we should be able to dance off a lot of that turkey and  
dressing!

December's dance is just before Christmas, so  
we'll have a discussion about the upcoming dances at our  
board meeting on 8/7.

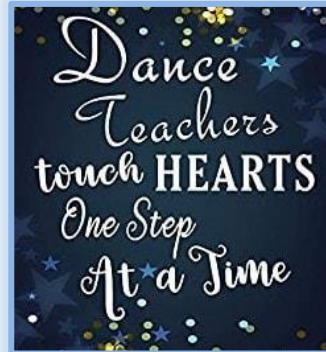
We really appreciate it that you keep coming to  
our dances, and that you keep dancing and keep our  
Dance Club going year after year! What a great bunch of  
people!

***Dance! It's what we do!***

Sharon Pleus

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### Links for DCGH website, and other links to photos and videos

The DCGH website – Check us out at  
[www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com).

Previous Senior Games videos of heats, exhibitions,  
demonstrations and awards ceremonies, posted on  
YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal](http://www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal).

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/).

If you're on Facebook, you can go to our page:  
[www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)

