

Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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2021 Dance Club Membership dues – Still only \$0 per person!!! That's right - \$0.00 for 2021!

Dance admission is \$10 per person!

Please make checks payable to DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR

Welcome to our New Members!

<u>Dance Club of Grays Harbor</u> 2021 TENTATIVE DANCE SCHEDULE

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

October 16

November 20

December 18

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It was with bittersweet pleasure that the Dance Club of Grays Harbor Board members got together for the first board meeting since early Covid. Some of us, and/or our members' families, have been 'touched' by Covid. Most of us are running more than a little scared still, whether or not we have been vaccinated. And as of last night's Board meeting, each of us will be on the honor system for the dances and events as to whether we are masked or unmasked, whether or not we have been vaccinated.

Venues are gradually opening up to dancing and other activities, and the Board voted to tentatively schedule dances for the fall. We all want to get dancing again. We miss each other, the camaraderie, the music, the dance. We are all trying to figure out how we will go forward without our center, our heart, our Arlene.

We will have another Board meeting in August to figure out more. We hope by then that we will have less Covid issues so that we can make better (and healthier) plans for the rest of our dances this fall. The first dance will be on **October 16** and tentatively will be a DJ dance, most likely with our music provided by Mark Van Hemert.

One of the dances (again tentatively), the November 20 dance, will be dedicated to Arlene. We hope we

will be able to have a huge turn-out for that dance. Please make plans early to come help celebrate our amazing Arlene with us.





Steve Fisher reports that most of the other venues that are starting to hold dances are requiring proof of vaccination, and some are not, but check with the venue as places and rules are opening up.

Manhattan Club at AmVets Hall, 5717 S Tyler St., Tacoma; <u>every Wednesday</u>; free lesson 6:30; dance: 7:30-10pm; \$7 members; \$10 everyone else; membership \$20; Info: 253/732-6664; <u>www.manhattanclub.org</u>

Pacific Ballroom, 1604 – 15th St. SW #109, Auburn; <u>Sat., Sun., and Wed</u>. DJ dances (some with live bands). Info: 253/939-6524; calendar available at <u>www.pacificballroom.org</u>

No word yet from the Love To Dance Club, Olympia Elks, Tacoma Elks, Absolutely Ballroom, SRC, USA Dance Tacoma, Aberdeen Elks, or any of the casinos.

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The next DCGH board meeting will be **Thurs.**, **Aug. 19**, **2021**, **at 6 p.m.** at the Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam. All dance club members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Editor's Notes:

Arlene and Mark made a whole bunch of teaching videos last summer and posted them to Facebook. I was able to get most of those videos downloaded to my computer so that I can post them to YouTube. I will send a link to all of you when I have them all uploaded.

The videos they made are Foxtrot, Merengue, East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha, Samba, Tush Push, Tango, West Coast Swing, Ten-Step, Salsa, American Waltz, and Rumba. When I get them uploaded, anyone will be able to access them, and you won't have to have a Facebook account to do that.

On our website, on the Photos page, I also posted a spreadsheet in PDF format so that any of you can access the videos that have been posted to YouTube

by Ron Eckardt and by me. Just click on the links (or copy and past them to the YouTube website) and it should go right to the dance. Ron has posted hundreds of videos from our dances, from general dancing to events to an awards ceremony, and there are many more demonstration dances than are listed on the website. I hope you enjoy all of these.

Our DCGH website needs updating, as the info on there right now is so out of date. Please check it periodically to see what's new!

Dance! It's what we do!

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

The DCGH website – Check us out at

www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com.

Videos of the previous Senior Games heats, exhibition, demonstrations and awards ceremonies, posted on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal.

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr: www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/.

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a real thing. We ask you to consider your choices of scents (perfumes, colognes, lotions, etc.) when coming to our dances.



