



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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With Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Arlene Hoiland

There are no words to describe our sadness. Arlene Hoiland, our beloved teacher, friend, mentor, and family, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at home in Aberdeen.

Arlene made such a positive impact on us, and our lives are all the better for having known her. We all send our condolences to her family and friends.



2020 Dance Club Membership dues –
Still only \$0 per person!!!
That's right - \$0.00 for 2020!

Dance admission is \$10 per person!

*Please make checks payable to
DANCE CLUB OF GRAYS HARBOR*

Welcome to our New Members!

Dance Club of Grays Harbor 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE

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

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Sorry, we don't have a schedule right now.

Mike Hughes (Arlene's son) wished to have this message sent to the Dance Club list:

To all ..... my family and I are very touched by all your kind words and the out-pouring of love you're showing for our dear Mother/Gamma/Wife Arlene. She was such a lovely soul, we were all blessed to have known her. It will be a huge loss to our

family, not to mention her friends and the community. She never let her October stroke get her down. I never heard her once complain about being confined to a wheelchair, she would always tell me "I'm just dandy, like sugar candy" and she said it with a sincere smile. She lived her life doing what she loved, DANCING. She told me many times "As early as I can remember, all I ever wanted to do was dance".

Last night, I ran across a sticky note in her hand writing, randomly placed in a box of old photos. It read "Life may not be the party you hoped for, but since we're all here, we may as well dance".

Thank you, thank you, thank you, all of you, for loving my mother and recognizing that she was "one-in-a-million".

With love,  
Mike Hughes

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USA DANCE TACOMA is sponsoring a memorial dance for Arlene.

Arlene Hoiland Memorial Dance
April 10, 2020 6:30pm - 10pm at the
Lakewood Elks, 6313 75th St W, Lakewood, WA
\$25.00 entry, dinner is included in entry
Social distancing and mask wearing will be encouraged

Reservations are required as the Elks is required to be at 25% occupancy. Please text or email Marge Bailey at the Lakewood Elks
Mbailey53@msn.com or text 253*439-7143
Questions to Bill Barber 253-224-8244

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**A gravesite service is being planned for April 16 at Fern Hill in Aberdeen. We will send an email with that information when we have it.**

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Editor's Note:

The last two weeks were spent organizing videos and photos of the Dance Club dances and dances at other organizations. Mark Van Hemert provided several DVDs to add to the performances to review. Today, I posted about 15 videos to the website with various dancers from our Dance Club performing different dances with Arlene. Having hundreds of videos to choose from made it a bittersweet task, in that each and every one of these has Arlene dancing, all grace and smiles and flair. It is simply heartbreaking.

I also posted a spreadsheet in PDF format so that all 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 hundreds of videos from our dances, from general dancing to events to an awards ceremony, and many more demonstration dances than are listed on the website. I hope you enjoy all of these.

Dance! It's what we do!
(I hope we can do that soon.)

Sharon Pleus

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

The DCGH website has been updated. Check us out at www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com.
Videos of the 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/.

