



# Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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## DCGH Officers

Founder and Instructor: Arlene Hoiland

### Officers

President: Mark Van Hemert  
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Linda Park

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## Dances & Dancing

### Dance Club of Grays Harbor

Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam  
Dance admission is only \$10 per person  
Dance is from 7:30pm to 10pm

### 2024 DANCE SCHEDULE

No Dance in December

### 2025 DANCE SCHEDULE

January 4 February 8 March 22

**Fri., Dec. 6: Aberdeen Elks**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; dancing 7-9pm;  
**Music: Dukes of Swing**; Info: (360) 532-2211



**Sat., Dec. 7: Olympia Elks**, 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Merengue**, 7-8pm; **Music: Tropics Duo**; **Dance: 8-10:30pm**; \$10 entry Elks members; all others \$12; Info: (360) 753-0186;  
[www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org)

**Sun., Dec. 15: Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, at Olympia Elks** (2nd Sun.), 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; **Music: Swing Reunion Orchestra**; **Dance: 1-4pm**; admission \$14, or \$10 for members. Info: Peter Pease @ 360-280-5019 or [sixtyrso@comcast.net](mailto:sixtyrso@comcast.net)



**Fri., Dec. 20: Aberdeen Elks, 593 Singers Sing-a-Long**, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen;; dancing 6:30-??pm; Info (360) 532-2211

**Sat., Dec. 21: ~~NO DANCE~~** - Dance Club of Grays Harbor (**1st Sat.**), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: DJ Dr. Mark**; **Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)  
Note the change in our schedule to the **1st Sat. each month. Next dance is 1/4/2025.**



2025 Dance Club Membership dues – **\$0.00** 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, live 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 Cupid Shuffle, Cowboy ChaCha, and Electric Slide.

**Sat., Dec. 21: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Hustle; Music: C.C.; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600; [lovetodanceclub@gmail.com](mailto:lovetodanceclub@gmail.com)



**Sat., Dec. 21: Aberdeen Elks, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; Dancing 7pm; Music: Randy Band;** Info (360) 532-2211

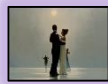
*New Year's Eve!*

**Tues., Dec. 31: Aberdeen Elks, New Year's Eve, 1712 S. Boone St., Aberdeen; Dancing: 7 pm to \_??\_; Music: Randy Band;** Info (360) 532-2211

**Tues., Dec. 31: Olympia Elks, New Year's Eve Party; 1818 4th Ave. E., Olympia; delicious appetizers all evening; prize drawings; party favors; hearty breakfast at 12:15am Music: Andy Burnett; Dance: 8pm-12:15am;** \$45 per person/\$85 per couple; Info: (360) 753-0186; [www.olympiaelks.org](http://www.olympiaelks.org); tickets available through Eventbrite or at the Lodge.



**Sat., Jan. 4, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (1st Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: DJ Dr. Mark; Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10. [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)



**Sat., Jan. 18, 2025: Love to Dance Club Dance, at Olympia Elks** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.), 1818 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Olympia; **Lesson: Hustle; Music: C.C.; Dance: 8-10:30pm;** LTD and Elks Members \$10; guests \$12; Info: (360) 701-0600



**Sat., Feb. 8, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: DJ Dr. Mark or ???; Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food



and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: \$10.

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**Sat., Mar. 22, 2025: Dance Club of Grays Harbor (4th Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; Music: DJ Dr. Mark; Dance: 7:30-10 pm.** Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and 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; \$10 members; \$13 everyone else; membership \$25;** [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/tacomasingdance/>. 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**

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

Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: Aberdeen Elks

Randy Band 2025 Schedule:

Saturdays: 1/25; 2/15, 3/29, 4/26, 5/31, 6/28,

7/26, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/20;

And Wed., 12/31/25 for New Year's Eve

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., Dec. 16, at 6pm**  
at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.



### 11/23/2024 Dance Photos





Steve in his 'tan shoes with pink shoelaces'



## Editor's Notes:

In case you missed our notice, we are **not** hosting a dance in December. There are so many other lovely dancing events, that we just didn't think we'd be able to afford our own. We hope to see you at some of the other dances, and at our dances in 2025!

Hoquiam Elks has the following dates available for our dances for the first 3 months of 2025: 1/4/25 (1<sup>st</sup> Sat.), 2/8/25 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.), and 3/22/25 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat.). We'll let you know when the April and May dances are scheduled.

### Behind the Dance Club Scenes ~~~~~

People – quiet, ordinary people – are who make the Dance Club of Grays Harbor a success. Some stand out more because of the tasks they have volunteered to do. Others work diligently behind the scenes and, like the backdrop that helps to make a humdrum play into an award-winning production, are sometimes taken for granted. Believe me, you are not forgotten!

From the people who get the word out to the public, to the people of just pitch in and help clean up, we thank you. And to past board members and volunteers, without you, without the volunteers, without the people who care, our Dance Club would not still be existence.

The Officers, Board Members and Committee Members are listed on the first page of our newsletters. But here is what actually goes on. Thank you:

- to Arlene (*in absentia*) for planning and teaching the dance lessons and for coordinating every possible aspect of the Dance Club, and though we know you are now giving lessons in Heaven, we still appreciate and acknowledge your gift, your friendship, your love, and we strive to keep alive the lessons you taught us about dance and about life;
- to Mark for getting the live music scheduled, for being DJ Dr Mark for when we don't have live music; for getting our venues scheduled; and for keeping us going;
- to Steve/Rocky for stepping up as VP and helping Mark with those duties; and for your many years of greeting dancers (with Lori) and making sure our liquor license was paid;
- to Jeannie for keeping our minutes and monies together so we can keep going;
- to Maggie who deals with the publicity and gathers donations for our dances;
- to Linda for helping out pretty much wherever needed;
- to Larry who has made sure that the web site is paid every year for these past 12 years;
- to the many individuals who stay around to help put the decorations up and then help put them away, fold up chairs and tables, and put the hall in order;
- and to all the rest of the volunteers and dancers who just keep making sure that the Dance Club keeps going.

Thank you all. You're amazing!

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

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

Sharon Pleus

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**Arlene Hoiland, our founder, instructor,  
inspiration, family, friend,  
and so much more!**



**We miss you so much!**

Every day brings a chance for you  
to draw in a breath, kick off  
your shoes, and dance.

~ Oprah Winfrey ~

