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Arlene Hoiland dances with her student that is local to Grays Harbor, Mark Van Hemert.

## 8th Anniversary Grays Harbor Dance Club

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The Dance Club of Grays Harbor will be holding its 8th Anniversary dance on Saturday, February 20 at the Hoquiam Masonic Hall starting at 7pm. There will be free dance lessons from 7pm to 8pm, and the dance will be held from 8pm to 10:30pm, and the free lessons will be Latin dancing for the 8th Anniversary Dance. The dances held during the dance portion of the night will be mixers as well as the Grand March. Refreshments will be served and there will be live music. "You don't have to dance professionally," said Dance Club President

Arlene Hoiland, "use your own steps." Hoiland sites that you do not even need a partner to attend the dance, they have people readily available to partner up.

Guests at the dance will pay \$12 for admittance and members will pay \$9. Dance demonstrations will be held and Hoiland's personal students will be demonstrating their skills during the demonstrations.

Hoiland came to the area forty years ago, and began her dancing influence on the harbor around the same time. Hoiland hails from an Irish family of dancers, and originates from California. "My dad

lived in Grays Harbor, I visited on vacation and met somebody here," said Hoiland. It wasn't six months later that she was married and moved into the harbor area. Hoiland told of how she came to teach dance lessons at the Grays Harbor College: "State Representative Bob Bastich taught at the college, and he heard I was professional dance teacher. So he called and asked if I wanted to teach dance classes at the Grays Harbor College since he was leaving," said Hoiland. By the time Hoiland had come to the harbor area, she had multiple dance studios

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Hoiland's medal winning 2015 Dance Club. Left to right, Standing: Mark Van Hemert, Kristine Tecco, Mark Swanson, Margaret Sherwood, Ted Kelly and Scott Weyer. Left to right, Seated: Mary Anne Bagwell, Arlene Hoiland, and Sharon Pleus.

under her belt and a plethora of experience in the industry. She had taught at an Arthur Murray Studio in Portland, Ore., as well as a Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Hoiland has received many awards for ballroom dancing, including: the West Coast Grand Ballroom Champion, the All American Analyst, the Washington Senior Games Top Teacher in 2013, as well as the Top Solo Dance for 2014. It was eight years ago that Hoiland was approached to do the Dance Club of Grays Harbor.

The dance will be a semi-formal dance, and it is not recommended for children, if you have additional questions you can call 360-533-1412. The Dance Club is always looking for new members, you don't have to know how to dance, and you don't have to have a dance partner. "If you've always wanted to learn how to dance this is your chance," said Hoiland.