



# The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

## A Night Out at the Regency

The new year started off with a special night out for our Southern California dancers.

About 35 of us helped open the new Regency Ballroom in Lomita in January with an exhibition of round dancing. Dancers from all three of our classes, including the intro to advanced class, showed those ballroom people how beautiful it is dancing to good choreography—with an exhibition of “Sam’s Song” and “Send Her Roses.”

The Regency Ballroom is owned by Tom & Lori Hicks, former national champion Latin dancers and members of the world champion BYU Latin formation team. (Tom is also the choreographer of “Jesse,” originally written as a tribute to his father for exhibition at the Easterday’s Round-A-Rama, not as a round dance.)

Tom grew up with round dancing, attending classes taught by his parents and weekends and clinics where he began dancing at age 6 with Betty Easterday and Audrey Palmquist. His mother still teaches an advanced class back East.

He identified Audrey Palmquist as one of his early mentors, and to show his appreciation, he invited her to dance an exhibition with him at the opening to “Wyoming Lullabye,” cued of course. She got a standing ovation when she walked onto the floor, and again when the dance was finished.

The Regency is home to our new 3rd Saturday Night Dance. The next party night is April 16.

## 3rd Annual Oscar Night

Wednesday Night dancers did better this year at predicting the Oscar winners, missing only the Best Movie.

(Last year, as a group we only got three of the seven



categories right.)

The choices were either easier this year—or we’re seeing more movies—because three of you won with perfect scores: *Sally Davis*, *Marion Scholtz* and *Patricia Michaud*.



## Days of Our Lives

### Birthdays:

#### April

Wendell Ebling	April 3
Malcolm Wong	April 9
Andy Lin	April 11
Alice Nackard	April 15
Max Martel	April 17
Anne Lane	April 21
Ken Zieg	April 22
Tim Todd	April 28

#### May

Bob Mahrt	May 5
Alice Scanlon	May 8
Jim Throgmorton	May 12
Bob DuFault	May 14
John Hooton	May 16
Pat Lane	May 17
Paul Stottlemeyer	May 17
Howard Davis	May 22

#### June

Eddie Span	June 2
Betty Stottlemeyer	June 5
Sara D’Aquila	June 14
Emerson Beckstead	June 21
Sun Bae	June 29

### Anniversaries:

Rick & Jean De La Torre	May 2
Mas & Aiko Nabata	June 4
Bob & Nancy DuFault	June 22
Don & Jean Miller	June 27

## More Ramblings

**Comings & Goings:** *Jim & Ginny Kiseda* have gone back to their Hudson River Valley home in New York for the summer. *Bev Hardie* has been visiting on Wednesdays, filling in for *Sheba Faust* who was off working in San Francisco. *Dee Luna* has joined us on Tuesdays, with *John Hooton*.

We welcome to Thursdays *Bill & Millie Murff*, *Kris Millard & David Hoover*, and *Jack O’Connor & Gina Danza*.

*Ken & Eva Zieg* took two of their grandsons for a “wild west” vacation, hitting Carlsbad Caverns and Tombstone in a week last month.



*Camie Bolduc* took a week off from dancing to head for Florida for cheerleader’s camp—to watch her granddaughter in action.



*Madeline Ruge’s* 80th birthday surprise party turned out to be more of a surprise for the hosts than for Madeline. Her birthday was in March. Her family thought they could surprise her with a party on April 10, but Madeline was already booked that day to dance in the annual spring showcase at the Imperial Ballroom. The kids had to tell all, and reschedule the party for the day before the show.

# Ramblings:

*Patricia Michaud* and *Audrey Palmquist* are still recovering from the winter of record rainfall. Each had damage to her house from water leaks. Their houses are currently under reconstruction from the studs out. Audrey celebrated her annual Remembering Eddie dinner at *Dan & Sandi's* because her house was “under the weather.”



On a brighter note, all the winter rain meant a beautiful crop of desert wildflowers this year. *Marv & Shirley Blair* made a trip to Lancaster to see the poppies. *Bob & Nancy DuFault* saw the fields around Temecula. *Fred & Gloria Lesh* ventured to Death Valley to see the flowers.



The coming of spring gave birth to a travel bug. *Cheryl Sullivan* is just back from two weeks in Central America with her son. *Marilyn Marsino & Bert Moriel* are just back from a three-week trip to Greece. *Joe & Dee Myers* traveled to New York City for their anniversary to see “The Gates,” the bright orange fabric artwork decorating Central Park. *Larry & Carol Rhyne* went to the Northern California wine country for their 10th anniversary. *Lynn Brewer* did a group tour to Australia with the Easterdays. *Bob & Nancy DuFault* took a cruise down the coast of Mexico with the Mahrts, Russells and Migliorinis; *Al Smith & Vicki Momo* took the same cruise a week earlier. *Rick & Jeanie de la Torre* are trying to win a scuba diving trip; his picture of a hammerhead is one of 12 finalists (out of 700 entries) in a photo contest to win the trip. You can go online to see it, and vote for it to help them win the trip, at [www.waterexplorer.com/il\\_phdcontest2004.htm](http://www.waterexplorer.com/il_phdcontest2004.htm).



*Larry & Ellie Miquelon* recently had their family for dinner to say good-bye to their Marine grandson-in-law Shawn who was leaving for his third (!) tour of duty in Iraq.



*Tae & Sun Bae* are permanent California residents now. They went back to Oklahoma in February and sold their home there—in one week—and now reside in Santa Monica. *Al Smith* will be leaving us permanently soon; he sold his Carson house and is moving to Mesa, AZ.



*Bud Hanson* is just home from several weeks in the hospital. He would love to receive cards. *Alice Nackard* is back dancing after recuperating from her second knee replacement.



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Mark Your Calendars:  
Next  
3rd Saturday Night Dance,  
April 16