



Dance Club of Grays Harbor Newsletter

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Dances & Dancing

*“So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen,
GoodBye!”*

“Save the Last Dance for me!”

Editor’s Note:

It’s time. We’ve had a great run since the Dance Club started in February of 2008. Arlene taught us, soothed us, loved us, and gave us many awesome reasons to keep dancing. We miss her.

We’ve had many great times, fantastic demos, super dancers, good competitions, fun lessons, amazing bands, and yet, here we are. People have volunteered their time and efforts and funds to keep us dancing as long as we have been.

Our final dance will be on **March 14, 2026**. Since it’s our final dance, some of us will be dressed semi-formally, possibly even tuxes and long gowns. It’s not mandatory, but for one last dance, it seems like the thing to do.

It’s also just past our anniversary, which would have been in February, so we’re also celebrating that event.

Another thing, this dance is FREE. We have a little bit on money to use (after we pay the band and the Elks), so dancers get in free. Yup, cost

2026 Dance Club Membership dues –
\$0.00 per person!!!

Dance admission is \$0 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 Cha-Cha, and Electric Slide.

to dance with us this last time is nada, zilch, nil, zero-zero, and yes, **free**.

In case you didn't know it, March 14 is also Pi Day (3.14). So, for Pi Day, the silent auction will be, well, pies. If any of you wants to donate a pie to the auction, please bring it to the dance.

Michael Crain Duo will play live music for the dance. (*Randy Litch, who has been with us through thick and thin, had to cancel this dance.*) And because we're expecting a ton of you to show up for our farewell dance, we're starting the dance at **7pm** (instead of 7:30), and ending at 10pm, or whenever we get done saying our goodbyes and taking photos.

Mark has some of Arlene's things to give away, and a bunch of photos from over the years to put on display at the Elks. I will bring what's left of the decorations to anyone who wants them. We'll have silent auction of the pies, which will bring in some more money, so if there's any money left after paying our bills, we're thinking about the possibility of having an annual dance, instead of the monthly ones.

I'll be updating the website in the next few days. I also plan to inundate your email boxes with reminders, which hopefully won't be too annoying, but we really do want you to come to our last dance. The website will stay active until it's time to renew it late in the summer, then Larry Davidson, who owns the website, will be letting it lapse.

Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come join us for this event. **MARCH 14, 2026, at 7pm at the HOQUIAM ELKS.**

It's been my honor to be able to write the Newsletter for all these years, to update the website and publish the photos and videos. It's also been my honor and privilege to get to know so many of you over the years. I'll miss you all and hope to see you at other dance venues.

Dance! It's what we do!

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Sat., March 14, 2026: LAST DANCE FOR Dance Club of Grays Harbor (2nd Sat.), Hoquiam Elks, 624 K St., Hoquiam; **Music: Michael Crain Duo; **Dance:** 7-10 pm. Mixers, Demos, Silent Auction. (Food and refreshments available through the Elks.) Members and Guests: **\$0.**
www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com**



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



We won't forget you!

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/ 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 Info: 253/732-6664; 360/357-6152

Wednesdays (and other days): Pacific Ballroom, 1604 15TH St. SW, Auburn; 30 min. lesson, 90 min. social dancing; light refreshments provided. 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 Look at their website. They have interesting events coming up!

Wednesdays: Olympia Eagles, 4th & Plum: Salsa Fridays; 7:30 lesson; 9-12 salsa social dance; \$10

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; email randylitch@comcast.net; cell/text: 253/530-6185.

Thursdays: T-Town Swing, at Avalon Ballroom in Tacoma; every Thursday; lesson 8pm; dance 8:30-11:30pm; <https://www.facebook.com/tacomaswingdance/>. Masks and proof of vaccination required.



Ballroom dance classes are being offered through the Tenino Parks & Rec; call 808/212-4597 for info.

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- Tuesday – Swing at the OLY Eagles
- Wednesday – Manhattan Dance Club at AmVets Hall in Tacoma [www.manhattanclub.org](http://www.manhattanclub.org)
- Wednesday – Salsa Dance Social in OLY
- 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 – Rockin' Horse Dance Barn in Renton
- Saturday – Pacific Ballroom in Auburn
- Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: **Aberdeen Elks** Randy Band
- 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)



**Dance Club of Grays Harbor**  
 Hoquiam Elks, 624 K Street, Hoquiam  
*Dance admission is only \$0 per person (this last dance only)*  
*Dance is from 7pm to 10pm (note the time change)*

**2026 DANCE SCHEDULE**

**March 14, 2026**

# News & Views

The next DCGH board meeting (to be announced) will be at Mark Van Hemert's office. Anyone interested in ballroom dance is welcome to attend the meetings.

## 11/8/25 Dance Photos (this was our next-to-last-dance)





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

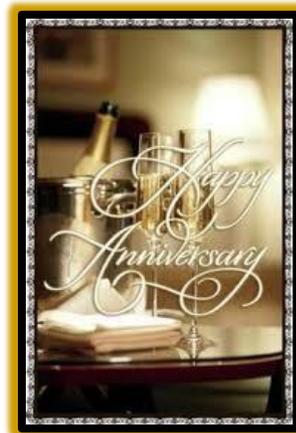
The DCGH website – Check us out at [www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com](http://www.danceclubofgraysharbor.com)

Previous Senior Games videos of heats, exhibitions, demonstrations and awards ceremonies, posted on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal](http://www.youtube.com/user/1AlaskaGal).

Photos of the Senior Games heats posted on Flickr: [www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sjpleusphotos/albums/).

If you're on Facebook, you can go to our page: [www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/danceclubofgraysharbor)



February 2008 to March 2026

***Thanks to all of you who have joined us in our dances over the years since 2008. We hope you all continue to dance, wherever that may be!***

