

C.D.T.A. NEWS FROM ONTARIO



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Greetings from the President

Janette Lindley

It was with great relief and joy that I welcomed in spring this year. I am happy to resume my outdoor activities and walks. What a challenge it has been this winter to plan meetings, exams and activities around worrisome weather conditions.

There were lots of indoor C.D.T.A. activities to participate in this winter. From the Teachers Tap Intensive held in January, to the Ballroom's "Bridging the Gap." I had the opportunity to participate in the Ballroom workshop, where we were given an introduction to some of the intricacies required for correct technique. The pros always make it look so easy.

The Ontario Dance Challenge Competition was held in March at the Port Credit High School. It was most pleasant to observe our talented young dancers at work. This was such an enriching experience for all involved.

Upcoming events being planned include the 60th Anniversary National Convention (July 9 - 12th, 2009) With Ann Romeril's expert hands on the reigns, this promises to be a most exciting event. I am hopeful that as many members as possible plan to participate. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with dancers and teachers from all across the country.

Additional details of all of these events can be found inside in the Division Reports.

Your Board of Directors continues to be involved in the many decisions and planning projects required in order to keep the organization running smoothly. This also means keeping in step with the changing times and needs of our membership. It is our sincere hope that you make your dance needs and wishes known to us, so that we can continue to work together to build an even stronger organization.

I hope the balance of the season runs smoothly for all, and that we are able to step back and enjoy the moments.

Respectfully Yours
Janette Lindley. President.

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Ballet Division News

Chair: Ann Romeril

Committee: June Lawrence, Janette Lindley,
Cristina Pora, Ava Dalcourt, Marie Ann
Longlade-Link, Susan Romeril

At this time of the year it seems that dance teachers are busier than ever with competitions, the first, our own Ontario Dance Challenge having taken place at the beginning of March, costumes, recital plans, examinations, music choices etc. etc. just to name a few, but despite all that the members of the various CDTA committees are hard at work planning future workshops for all our CDTA members that we hope you will support.

November 9th 2009 is scheduled for the Junior Ballet and Stage workshop with the following suggestions to be shown, Preliminary Enrichment-Primary Grade, Primary Enrichment, Grand 1 and Grade 1 Enrichment and the new Acrobatic Preliminary. As always the AGM will be offering something special most probably the new National Intermediate Syllabus depending on the results of the National Ballet Meetings in July. Senior Day has not yet been decided but if there is anything that you would like us to please, PLEASE let us know.

The date for the 60th Anniversary Branch National Competitions is set for Sunday November 30th. Time and place will be circulated in the very near future. All the Ballet Solos are set choreography with DVD, CD and notes that can be purchased from the CDTA office as soon as they are available. There will be a panel of three adjudicators and the class mark is worth a large part of the final mark. More information soon.

Please remember if you wish to apply for Teachers examinations in either June or November the deadlines are as follows. For June, April 15th and November, September 15th.

New working members in good standing are really needed in order for the Ballet Division to continue presenting information and keeping all members abreast of any changes and upgrades to the National Syllabus and all news we hope is always of interest to you. If you are available and interested please do not hesitate to call me, Ann Romeril, 905-826-3374. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Ontario Dance Challenge

From: *Liz & June*

Thank you to all the member teachers for a great weekend. It was wonderful to see so many dance teachers and watch their talented dancers perform! Everyone brought such great energy to the event and teachers, their students their parents and families demonstrated the true spirit of competition.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year! Have a great finish to the Dance Season.

Professional Exams

All applications and fees must be in the office at least TWO (2) MONTHS prior to the date of the examination. As all membership applications must be reviewed to be accepted by the Executive Board at the monthly meeting which is usually held the last Monday of each month. It is essential that these rules be adhered to. Membership applications MUST include the application form, Code of Ethics and cheques for the full amount. POST DATED cheques are not accepted. This is for Professional examinations only. If an examination is cancelled less than three weeks prior to the examination date, a Doctors certificate must be received BEFORE the examination.

In Remembrance:

It is with deep sadness that we have to announce the passing of Virginia Binko on Monday March 10, 2008 following a courageous battle with cancer. Virginia was a full member in our Stage and Tap Divisions. She was a creative and talented Artistic Director and Choreographer in the Hamilton and Burlington area and was especially well known for her work with the Hamilton Golden Age Variety Show. Virginia will be greatly missed from our membership, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Ken and her family and friends.

Stage Division News

Chair: Sue Romeril

Thank you all for your participation in the fall workshops this year. We had a good turn out for the senior day and look forward to the next season's days. The January Tap Intensive was terrific. I hope that more of you will make it out to the Intensive days. The work is for teachers only and we are able to dance and share ideas in an adult environment. Mark your calendars.

Annual General Meeting is Sunday, September 21st; Senior Day is Sunday, October 19th and Junior Day, November 9th. All of the workshops will be held in the Mississauga area.

There will be another Teachers Intensive day in January. The schedules will be forthcoming.

Don't forget the Ontario Qualifying Competition for the National Convention Competition will be Sunday, November 30th! Watch your mail for your competition package. Let's make sure that we get a great group of Ontario dancers to represent us in the National Convention Competition, July 2009.

The National Jazz syllabus has almost been completed. To date, you must be using the National syllabus from Preliminary through and including Grade 4. The new Elementary which has been shown at the AGM and will be shown again in fall 2008 will be mandatory as of January 2009. Don't miss the workshop so you can get the notes.

The Acrobatic syllabus is in the process of being reviewed. We have plans to present sections of the syllabus this coming season and hope that all of you will support the workshops for Acro. I'd like to thank the acrobatic examiners for all of their hard work on this project

The stage division is always looking for new volunteers for our committee. If you are interested please contact the office and we will get back to you right away!

We hope everyone has a great competition season and a super end of year recital.

Ballroom Division News

Chair: Jan Allenbeck

THE SPRING 2008 REPORT'

At the last ballroom hosted workshop ..."it was fun"... "when is the next one".... The next one will be at the same time as the AGM (September 21st) so mark your calendars. Entitled: "How to become a professional teacher" it will encompass ballroom & another division. It would be of benefit to all who want to further their training and refresh their ideas. Much groundwork can be done on your own time by way of DVD's etc. but this workshop gives you a chance to ask questions of the examiners.

The whole dance world is at your fingertips - become an active participant. We learn from each other and have a multitude of resources.... ethnic, tap, jazz, ballet, musical theatre, stage, hip hop.... the possibilities are endless.

Membership is a privilege. Our fees are low it's your organization.

If you have ideas of how we could better serve our membership, we could use your help. Volunteer to become a part of our team and help us help you.

The CDTA at 60 is not old - she's just out of adolescence. Celebrations in July 2009. Formation team, demonstrations, fashion show - don't miss out on the special awards and events.

At the writing of this report we mourn the loss of Bill Irvine in the U.K. Truly an inspirational human being apart from all his accomplishments as a ballroom dancer.

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Diamond Anniversary

July 9-10-11-12 2009

Meadowvale Delta Inn

Mississauga, Ontario

Report by: Ann Romeril

We hope everyone has already put the date on their calendar as we look forward to welcoming students and members from across this vast country of ours. Time to make friends from all Branches and enjoy the work of the great guest Teachers, the B.B.Q. and swim on Friday night, Banquet and Showcase on Saturday, which will include some wonderful demonstrations of Ballroom Dancing both couple and, my personal favourite, Formation Dancing, also some of the National competition and scholarship winners will also be invited to be part of this fantastic showcase.

The Ontario Branch National Competitions will take place on Sunday November 30th. This will consist of a one hour class and a solo to be adjudicated by a panel of three judges. Time and place to be announced later, but in the GTA area. The winner will be expected to attend the entire conventions and be ready to perform in the Showcase if invited. The prize at Branch level will most likely be fees to all the convention workshops paid. Scholarships will be judged by the guest teachers during regular classes, plus a special scholarship classes. Which scholarships will be offered depends on donations, so if you feel you would like to give a scholarship please let me know.

The Stage division dances will be expected to contain a number of compulsory steps and all choreography must be presented with the application form. The entire package for Ballet, Tap and Jazz will be available shortly and can be obtained from the CDTA office, at a cost of \$50.00.

More news will be coming to all members at regular intervals so please make sure to read your mail. Posters are be prepared and will be sent out to members in the hope that you will circulate them, libraries, schools, shopping centres, dancewear stores. The more we advertise the better the convention, your convention.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call either myself or Susan Romeril, the competition chairman.

Looking Ahead

September 21/08 – Annual General Meeting

October 19/08 – Senior Day Dance

November 9/08 – Junior Day Dance

November 16/08 – Teacher's Entrance Exam

November 30/08 – National Competition

July 9-12/09 – Diamond Convention

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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Federal Fitness Tax Credit

Some of you have been asking about the federal tax credit and what you need to do for your clients. The answer is that the client must keep the receipts you give them for their fees and use these when they apply for the credit. We do fit the guidelines which are available on the federal website. We suggest you direct your clients to the web site



