

2008 – 2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS and ACHIEVEMENTS



"Changing Lives Through Dance!"

Wheelchair Dancers Organization

a non-profit 501(c)3 company ID# 27-1829176

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Community and Awards

Sharp Grossmont Hospital receives the Best Practice Award for the ongoing Ballroom & Latin Ballroom Dance Classes, California Hospital Association, 2009

Alisa Shuman, wheelchair dancer, receives award for performing a Waltz Solo Exhibition at San Diego's DanceSport competition, 2009

Alisa Shuman, wheelchair dancer, takes first place in rumba, cha-cha, Fox trot and waltz at the Hawaii Star Ball Competition, 2009

Rosie Cardenas, wheelchair dancer, takes first place in all ballroom dances at the Las Vegas Holiday Classic Premier Ballroom Dance Competition, 2009

Beverly Weurding,

1. Founder of Wheelchair Dancers Organization, August 2008
2. Award: Women Changing the World, from the Women's Leadership Institute, 2010
3. Personal Achievement Award from Muscular Dystrophy Association, for 2011
4. Interviewed at the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, KUSI, 2009, 2010
5. Awarded 2nd Runner Up at the Ms. Senior San Diego Pageant, 2011
6. Feature story, Jan.2012 Muscular Dystrophy Magazine, distribution: 400,000
7. Feature Article in January 2012, Stein Institute Newsletter, and San Diego
8. Honorary Chair, Sharp Women's Health Conference, October 2012
9. Volunteer of the Year, North County Philanthropic Council, 2012
10. Feature Article in San Diego Woman Magazine, 2013
11. Finalist in the Advance San Diego 2013, "fast pitch" competition
12. Recipient of *prestigious "Eagle Spirit Award"* from Sharp Healthcare and Sharp Memorial Rehab Center, for Community Outreach & Achievements, 2014
13. Received award from KUSI & Torrey Pines Bank for "*Over and Beyond Community outreach with the disabled community,*" 2015
14. "One-On-One" Full Page Q& A Union-Tribune Article, 2017

WHEELCHAIR DANCERS ORGANIZATION

Set a Record of 40 wheelchair users and able-bodied partners dancing a synchronized Latin dance routine, 2013

Set a Record of having 85 wheelchair users and able-bodied volunteers performing a dance routine to Thriller song, November 8, 2014

Flash Mob dance of 400 people, many of them wheelchair users, 2015

Selected one of 10 Dance Groups, by Jean Isaacs Dance Theater, to perform at yearly Live Arts Fest, April 17, 2016

Mondragon (7) and Angelo Sanchez (6), both born with Spinal Bifida danced with professional dancers: 12 year old Gonzalo and Aitana Perez. Performed at several venues 2016-17

DOCUMENTARY, SPECIAL DONATION, MEDIA

DOCUMENTARY (2009)

Produced by Sharp HealthCare Hospital, San Diego, CA. Tells the story about wheelchair users enjoying the physical and mental benefits of wheelchair dancing.

\$27,000 FROM CHRISTOPHER REEVE and CRAID H. NEILSEN FOUNDATIONS

Received by Sharp Grossmont Foundation to expand the wheelchair dancing programs held in San Diego

MEDIA (2008-2017)

1. CH 8 News, "The Zevely Zone" Story and interviews of rollers and walkers. Promotes WDO Annual Fundraiser & Dance Ability Showcase
2. KPBS San Diego Week, 5 minute video on featuring *Wheelchair Dancing in San Diego*
3. North County Times San Diego Union Tribune, articles about Ballroom Wheelchair Dancing, 2015, 2016
4. FOX 5 filmed onset, aired am and pm news, KUSI filmed on set aired on Local News
5. CH 4, NBC, CH 6 News
6. SIGN ON San Diego
7. Major TV/media coverage during and after setting a World Dance Record
8. Union Tribune San Diego, articles on-going about ballroom & Latin wheelchair dancing in SD
9. Oceanside Spectrum TV, March 2017
10. CH 8 News: Demonstrating social dancing and PR for Showcase Fundraiser, 2016-2017
11. KUSI News: Promoting wheelchair dancing and 2017 Annual Showcase and Fundraiser; filmed on location
12. CH 6 News: Promotion of 2017 Annual Fundraiser
13. Wheel:Life Magazine – Feature story about our 2017 Showcase and Benefits of Wheelchair Dancing
14. City Beats WDO Article 2017

EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES (2008-2017)

Sharp Memorial & Sharp Grossmont Rehabilitation Centers

Toby Wells YMCA

Southwestern College and Grossmont Community College, Disability Awareness Week

Encinitas Hospital, Rehabilitation Center

MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Assn.) Christmas Party

Spinal Bifida Association Christmas Event

California Hospital Association Awards Event

Yearly Los Angeles Abilities Expo, Wheelchair Exhibition: 2010 - 2017

La Jolla Festival of the Arts, Kiwanis Club fundraiser for disabled organization

Dance for 2, Dance Studio, showcased in Waltz and Rumba, contemporary, 2014, 2017

San Diego County Jobtoberfest, 2014-2017

San Diego Senior Olympics, Wheelchair Dancing Component, Solana Vista and Skyline Elementary Schools, Disability Awareness Month, Movement to Music Class for the Acquired Brain Injury Program, Mesa College Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, Salvation Joan Kroc Center

San Diego's Got Talent, Park & Recreation Department

ACCESS Gala Fundraiser and CAL-DIEGO Fundraiser

Sharp Grossmont Hospital Gala Fundraiser

El Cajon 100th Anniversary Celebration

Lindbergh Elementary Christmas Party and Performance

Nice Guys Christmas Party, QUALCOMM Stadium, 2013-2015

Soldiers Who Salsa Dance Program, weekly, Balboa VA Hospital, 2015

EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES (2008-2017) Cont'd

Riverside Exposition, 2014

Rady Children's Hospital ASRA & CAF Access Ability Fair, 2014 to present

VITAL AGING CONFERENCE, Escondido Performance Arts Center, 2015, 2017

VA Hospital, La Jolla, Disability Awareness Performance, 2017

Special Needs Awards Ceremony, special performance, 2017

FREE Ballroom, Latin, Contemporary and Hip Hop Wheelchair Dance Classes, 8 weeks long and each dance session is 1 to 2 hours in duration.

- On-Going Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes: 2017 classes ended in November: Start again in January. See website for dance schedules
- Adaptive Fitness & Hip Hop Dance Classes and Adaptive Dance It Out Classes
- Fitness Dance Classes are held for all ages and abilities throughout year

Dates and locations are listed on our website www.wheelchairdancers.org

LOCATIONS:

Dance For 2 Dance Studio, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, SD, 92111

San Diego Park & Recreation Dept, 8-week dance program, War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

Sharp Grossmont Rehabilitation Center, 5555 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa 91942

Municipal Gymnasium, Balboa Park

Workshops/Seminars/Club Presentations/School Programs, 2008 - 2017

Recreational Therapists

The Council of Long Term Care Nurses of CA

Sunrise Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club

La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club,

CA Children's Services Workshop

Del Mar Rotary Club

Coastal Rotary Club

Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club

Santee/Lakeside Rotary Club

El Cajon Rotary Club

Adaptive Education Teachers Conference YMCA Program "Teens in Motion."
Clairemont High School. AIM (Amputees in Motion)

La Jolla Kiwanis Club, Grant

Whitman Elementary School Assembly featuring accessible sports,

Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club, received grant in 2015, Club donations, (3 Years)

Innovation Middle School, Clairemont (6 week hip hop dance class, inclusive

Lindbergh Elementary School, Inclusive Fitness & Hip Hop Dance Class

CPMA Middle School, Inclusive Hip Hop & Jazz Dance Class