

Summer Seattle Center House Dance

July 2010

I have had people ask me for a report from the Seattle Center House demo dances as well as one from the "Hellacious" Community Square Dance once it is done. So here is a report from the July Center House Dance.

We had at least 15 squares in attendance which is almost unheard of for demo dances. Only our Christmas Seattle Center House Dance is usually known for big numbers and we usually get 20+ squares for that one.

There must have been at least 6 squares of teens in attendance for this dance. You don't usually get that many teens in one place at one time with the exception of the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival.

The callers called a high energy dance right from the beginning and it was that way all night. You couldn't help but feel the buzz in the room and even though it was a hot summer night the dancers stayed for the entire dance.

I have often said if you bring your "A" game when you get on stage the dancers can tell. The dancers want high energy. They want great music. They want to dance. They want to have fun. If they know that is what they are going to get the will come. **If you build it they will come.**

These entertainers brought their "A" game and I would like to thank each and every one of them for donating their time for such a wonderful cause.

My list of thanks (in no particular order)

- 1) The callers: Mike DeSisto, Kevin Thomaier, Wayne Easton
The Cuer: Randy Preskitt
The National Anthem: Amanda Markus & Kayla Wohlers
- 2) Seattle Center Productions, the Central Puget Sound Council and the Mount Baker Council for co-sponsoring these dances every year so that we get to dance to them for free.
- 3) To each and every dancer who came out to support this wonderful event I don't believe we have had this big of a summer Center House dance in quite some time, next year I will try to get it on a Saturday and earlier in the day.
- 4) To each and every teen that came out to dance because you guys really are the future of square dancing.
- 5) To all my sweet peeps that helped watch my little missy she loves this activity and if it weren't for all of you I couldn't bring her. To me this is one of the great reasons square dancing is so fabulous. It is all about family and friends.
- 6) If you are responsible for putting on shows like this you know the pressures you could be under as the promoter. I would also like to thank all my peeps who helped to keep me calm even when the pressure was on.

Hope to see you somewhere in a square soon. Remember to live life & go crazy.

Hugs
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