

Camel Tracks

Jan/Feb 2009

Group Outing

The Belly Dance Superstars will be in Detroit on March 29, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

Cheryl Johnson is organizing a group trip and lunch prior to the show at Pegasus, a Greek restaurant approximately five minutes from the Music Center. The group will leave Toledo at 11 am, have lunch at noon and browse Greektown as time allows. Cheryl will be have a sign up sheet in the studio and would like to order tickets by March 1st. Ticket prices range from \$65 to \$19. Please call 419-280-7275 or email her at CJohnson@metrotoledahomes.com for more details.

Congrats Camel Tracks!

Camel Tracks won a merit award for overall newsletter design!

Every year, the local chapter of the Association of Women in Communication puts on the Crystal Awards to honor the area's best work in tv/radio, publishing, design and writing.

Congrats Camel Tracks and Editor, Racheal Wallace, Publisher Aegela and to everyone who has made every issue of Camel Tracks a success!

Spring Is.....

not in the air, according to the groundhog, but "spring production" is. In twelve short weeks, the Aegela Dance Company will again take the stage of the Maumee Indoor Theatre. That's Sunday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m. so put out the word to family and friends to save the date for "Mirage...A Presentation by the Aegela Centers for Middle Eastern Dance."

This year, we have taken over the entire theatre, all three auditoriums. The smaller theatre will be set up for catering so the performers can have lunch between rehearsal, beginning at 1 p.m., and curtain at 5 p.m. The third auditorium is downstairs, and will be allocated for hair, makeup, costuming. A professional make up artist will be available, and likely someone to assist with hair. This auditorium has a make up table with proper lighting, private restrooms, a large area for hanging costumes and tables/chairs for performers to relax, if that's possible. There is an elevator that takes the performers right up to the stage door. Sound from the stage will be fed into the auditorium so those waiting to go on-stage will know where we are in the program. That we are not sharing the facility with other groups this year should make parking much easier for our guests.

Since the production is occurring earlier this year, we have to make some decisions and commitments promptly. If you wish to perform a selection in addition to, or in lieu of, one of the studio choreographies being taught in classes, you must notify me via e mail or written note of your intent by **FEBRUARY 28**...even if you have already spoken with me about your idea, write it down and send it to me stating whether it is a group number or a solo performance and the type of dance (folkloric, sword, beanie propellers and sparklers...). At that time, I do not need to know the music unless you have already made a selection.

Also by **FEBRUARY 28**, I need to know who is interested in dancing the various studio choreographies. Sign up sheets will be available in the studio. For the coming session beginning the first week of March, we will be rehearsing the various pieces during choreography classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and I will publish which pieces will be reviewed on respective class nights. Hopefully, this will minimize the number of rehearsals required outside regularly scheduled class times. The studio can be made available to those wishing to schedule practice times individually or for their group, just contact me.

As last year, group or solo pieces should be approximately 5 minutes or less, and each dancer may participate in up to three numbers. Certain studio pieces may have a limited number of performance slots due to stage requirements, but I will try to accommodate everyone's choice. This is no small task, so I ask your patience in this process.

I'm looking forward to again dancing with Toledo's BEST!

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Keep our Dancers out of Jail!

Dawn Humphrey, Ashley Lawton and Cheryl Johnson are going to jail! Don't worry, it's for a good cause.

On March 26th, the ladies will be arrested be put in jail for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Lock-up. The ladies need to make bond before the lockup and they need our help. Tax-deductible donations will help MDA continue research and the possible cure of the 43 neuromuscular diseases they cover. The support of the MDA Lock-Up will also help provide medical equipment, clinic visits, support groups and a magical week of MDA Summer Camp for the families served by the Association in our local area.

Please contact Cheryl at 419-280-7275 or email her at CJohnson@metrotoledohomes.com.

Beware, as we have reports that the suspects are heavily armed with kindness - and they can be contagious!

Have You Heard?

Julie Diver's Michigan-based business, AM Fight Club, was featured on Toledo's Channel 11 news.

Brooke Fasnaugh graduated with honors from Owens Community College with a BS degree in nursing.

Ashley Smith graduated with an LPN degree and passed her state boards already.

Ashley Lawton is now teaching for us at Wildwood Athletic Club.

Racheal Wallace has been conducting monthly introductions to belly dance at Ahava Spa.

Sara Smith won a sales award for her company, Simply Fun, and a trip to Tampa to attend a leadership conference. She also qualified as a Team Leader, directing five consultants. Simply Fun makes family entertainment products and games for all ages.

Check out the first installment of a series by Aegela in Zaghareet Magazine's Jan./Feb. 2009 issue. The article is entitled "From Crawdads to Cairo."

Catherine Gray is spearheading a Project Egypt adventure for swans and monsters interested in traveling to Egypt in January 2010. To be added to the list, contact Catherine at Catherine_Gray@mhsnr.org. The next meeting will be Friday, March 20, at 5:45 pm in the studio.

Tina Heebsh's auto was rear ended in an accident, keeping our charming Tina out of commission until next session. Get well soon!

Camel Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Winter Session Begins	20	21	22	23 Brooke at Mano's	24	25 Aegela in Akron
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Performance at Mano's	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20 Mystic Lotus Tribal Fusion Class	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Performance at Mano's	28 Aegela in Cincinnati	

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