

August 31, 2013

Dear Dancers and Parents and Friends -

It is not always easy to stop doing what you love and although this may not be a "Good" time, it is the "Best" for me to admit that I am going to Retire from teaching Dance as of September 2013.

I had planned to "RETIRE" in June of 2010 (my 50 years of Teaching Dance anniversary) and was planning to announce it at our "Dining With The Stars" Gala event at the JAHC in February 2010. It was quite a Dinner Party with an Italian theme, a strolling musician throughout the dinner, beautiful Samoan Dancers, and everyone was dancing and having a great time! It was a great to see everyone all dressed up... a real Red Carpet affair but... by the end of the evening when I was going to make the "announcement" everyone was having such a good time I didn't want to spoil the evening, so I thought I would just announce it a little later!

Well, that was the last week of February and as life is full of surprises, three weeks later (March 10th 2010), the morning after teaching five classes, I woke up and had a "Stroke"! After 7-8 weeks in Seattle, I returned to Juneau to find that... "Thanks to my daughter Mindy and Dawn along with my Senior Dancers and the tremendous love of my students and their parents, I still had all my classes going strong!" I know that continuing to teach the past three years definitely helped me with my recovery and I loved every minute of it but, it really is time for me to "TURN IN MY TUTU!"

Thank you all for the great memories and especially my husband Butch, who has always been here for me! (I KNOW "Mr. Butch" is going to miss driving and teasing the Dancers of all ages and spending time talking to the parents after classes!!

What will I be doing??! I plan to write a book about "The Grumpsicle" (35 shows & behind the scenes) and also write about our son Cajé and his courageous battle against cancer with the proceeds going to Cancer Research. I would sure appreciate anyone who would send me an e-mail about their memories of Cajé and/or The Grumpsicle! I'm really looking forward to spending time with Butch and our family!!

Just remember...There's No Biz Like Show Biz", and "The Show Must Go On" and I will always be...

Dancingly yours,

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P.S. If you need any supplies from the Studio, give me a call because I'll be there with Valleri & others who are going to organize an event to help me close the Studio... Everything has to go... Mirrors,etc.etc. Feel free to call me if you have any ideas or would like to help... I never RETIRED before!!