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 <b>Sundays Joe Macera</b>	Sunday - Two Step Lessons at 7:00 with Joe Macera Wednesday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Debbie Bliss Friday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna Cat Country Dance Party Night Every Friday Saturday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Joe Shutt		 <b>Sunday Nights Be A Star Jim Blaze Carello Country Karoke Night</b>			



## SIDE - BAR COMMENTS

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Quick Quick... Slow Slow



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## Winter Doldrums

Winters come and go but this winter is really getting on my nerves. I keep saying to myself, what is keeping me here during this dreadful weather and I come up with the same answer-FAMILY. We have cold weather that won't quit, snow that won't leave and runny noses that drive us out of our minds.

I know all you skiers are happy with the snow but we could use snow machines for that purpose. They say really cold weather gets rid of germs but I have my doubts about that being a fact. After you make one or two snowmen even that gets boring. You can just get hit with or throw so many snowballs



**Rita and Ralph  
Polce**

and then you've had it. Your back aches from shoveling walkways and driveways so where's all the fun in the snow?

Even though I'm complaining I still like the changes of the seasons, maybe not such a drastic change but, none the less, it never gets boring. Another thing that makes our winters more bearable is the Diamond Rodeo. We manage to get there no matter what the weather. We certainly don't need to wear warm sweaters dancing because the high energy of moving to the music keeps us warm, sometimes too warm. Paul knows that because we're always bothering him to turn the fans on. Inside the Diamond Rodeo life goes on as usual, full of fun, music, and dancing. Everyone gives you a warm welcome and this warms the heart. After reading March's newsletter about how love bloomed at the club even in the month of February it just goes to show you that maybe the cold weather even helps relationships to develop (a big welcome to Hunter Edwards and congratulations to Mom and Dad). I certainly agree Joe King is a special person and a very generous one. He always makes us feel special with his gifts from time to time and the smile he has for everyone who greets him. He certainly is a woman's morale builder.

Well now that I've contradicted myself about my feel-

ings about winter, I'll close my article by saying the winter months are great as long as you have the Diamond Rodeo to dance at, and the nice people who patronize it. The fact that spring isn't far away helps too.

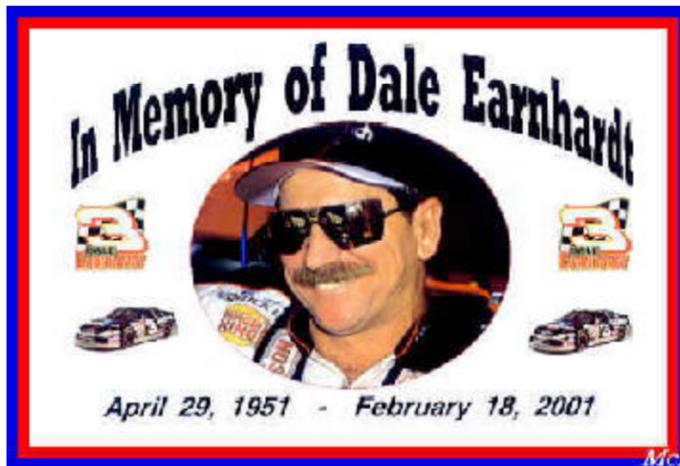
Rita Polce  
 March 2001



**Harry Pratt**  
 Hello from Nashville.. Yep! I'm still here and still lovin' every minute of it! As I said before, the Grand Ole Opry has been playing at the Ryman Auditorium here in Nashville over the past couple of months..In that time, there has been a pot-pourri of country music stars serving appetizers of their music every weekend; just enough to wet your appetite for the main courses when they come to town on tour...For example, the show I attended included Kenny Chesney, Darryl Worley, Alan Jackson, Martina McBride, and a host of other country performers. Overall, the show was genuinely entertaining-a menagerie of country music stars for less than the price of a single concert ticket!! Now on a more personal note I'm still busy working. And, of course, dancing at The Wildhorse Saloon. I've also started a business venture called "In Other Words." Personalized poems, stories, etc. as unique gifts for that

special someone or even for that "unspecial" someone... As all of you may know by now, I like to write. So as I've said in one of my poems, "I'm living to make my dreams come true". Somebody once told me that the average person lives to be 75 years old..Take a pile of marbles amounting to each Saturday left in my life if I were to live to 75, and every Saturday, throw one marble away. I figure I have 2000 marbles left. I now have the opportunity to make some of my dreams come true before I lose all my marbles...hehehehe!! I'm also working on a few projects with some established musicians and song writers here who are interested in some of my work. I've filed for copyrights for a collection of some of my work. In collaboration with the people I've met, we're working on projects that may very well become songs recorded by some well established musicians. Now THAT is really going to be a dream come true! Who knows?! Maybe sometime soon we'll be dancing to a song I wrote.. If you're ever in Nashville, c'mon down to the Wildhorse. I'll be there. two tables away from the right side bar or out on the dance floor (I'm on the dance floor more than at the table). I'd like to say hello to my favorite bartender. Hi Cheryl. You're still the best bartender I know, not to mention the best looking. And hi to everyone I danced with, and to those I didn't get a chance to dance with. Someday we'll dance! Until next time. Keep On Dancin' Everyone!!

Harry Pratt :o)



**A Tribute to Dale Earnhardt**

I was never a big racing fan, but as I was sitting at home Sunday, February 18th "channel surfing" I stopped to the sound of my 5 year old son yelling, "Mommy, look at all the cool cars. They look like my Hotwheels." After watching The Daytona 500, I knew that I would always remember the tragedy that all of America had witnessed. While Dale Earnhardt was rounding the final lap of the Daytona 500, he slammed into the concrete wall after making contact with Sterling Marlin at the head of a tight pack of five cars fighting for position. Earnhardt died on impact as his car hit the wall going 180 MPH. It is suspected that his left lap seat belt came apart, which could have caused his body to be thrown forward and to the right, thrusting him into the steering wheel. Known as the Intimidator, Dale Earnhardt has won seven N A S C A R Winston Cup championships, which earned him over \$41.5 million dollars in American motor



Renee Vargas

sports. In his 26 career years, he holds the record for 34 victories in all forms of racing at Daytona speedway. Three days after his death, Dale Earnhardt was laid to rest in his hometown of Kannapolis, NC. It was a private ceremony with only immediate family members attending. For the fans who wished they could attend Earnhardt's invitation-only memorial service, FOX Sports Net and TBS televised the 22 minute ceremony. For the rest of the racing season, Kevin Harvick will drive in Dale Earnhardt's place. NASCAR doesn't retire numbers, but never again will anyone race Earnhardt's number 3 black and silver scheme that was his trademark. However Harvick's white number 29 car will carry the same Goodwrench sponsorship. Dale Earnhardt will be missed by all, and more importantly by his racing competitors. That is why every time I hear the Dale Earnhardt tribute song "One More Day" by Diamond Rio, tears come to my eyes and my heart goes out to the family, friends and fans of Dale Earnhardt knowing how it feels to want just one more day with a loved one you lost. Immortalized in that song, there is a popular saying among drivers, "That there was no worst sight than seeing Dale Earnhardt in your

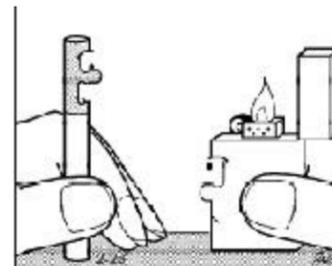
rear view mirror, sadly, there is something worse, not seeing Earnhardt at all anymore."

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IN MEMORY OF DALE EARNHARDT.....1951-2001

Coming down the home-stretch, You didn't cross the finish line, The Lord came down and told You, Dale, It's Your time; You've run so many races, And won so many, too, Along with them You won our hearts, If only, Dale, You knew; Racing fans and non fans, All know of number three, It's a number that will long be remembered, You've left such a legacy; But it's not just the number, It's the man behind the wheel, In life You were a winner, And You're a winner, still; That checkered flag is waving, You're a winner in all our eyes, The Angels took You, oh, so soon, It's hard to say good-bye, We may always have some questions, We'll keep asking Why? or How?, But,Dale, one sure thing is, You're in the winners'circle now; Dale, We'll all miss You, You'll be always in our hearts, And we know You'll be there with us, Every time those engines start..

Harry Pratt 2-19-01



"I had to drop that little match girl. She was always scratching herself in public."

**If dogs were your teacher, you would learn stuff like this.**



- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride. Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest-practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close, and nuzzle them gently.

**GUILTY OR INNOCENT?**

1. When you step onto the dance floor are you aware of other dancers around you?
  2. Do you make sure there is room for the dancer that gets on the floor late?
- Dance floor etiquette is just as important as learning a new dance. Being courteous will allow everyone to have a good time. Another area of etiquette is to remember that we were all beginners at one time, take the time to help and encourage the beginner and never say discouraging remarks to those trying to master the art of country dancing. During the time you are on the dance floor, you accidentally bump into another dancer or visa versa, always say I'm sorry even if is not your fault. Saying I'm sorry will 99% of the time put a smile on the other dancers face and relieve tension, this way everyone still has a good time. Remember the general dance floor pattern, line dancers gather in the center of the floor, slower progressive couples in the inside outer edge, and faster progressive couples are on the far outside of the dance floor. In country dance we all move in a counterclockwise direction. Finally and possibly the most important lesson is something most of us learned from our parents. The Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If we all remember this lesson and each do our part, everyone will have a enjoyable experience in dancing.

Thanks, Kathy Brown - Gone Dancin..





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