

Rockin' Horse Tales

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Rhonda's Writin'

It is with great strength and sadness that I write you this quarter, as this is my final edition of "Rhonda's Writin'."

Dave and I have been dancing together for the past 12 years. In that time, Dave had always wanted to have a dance place of his own. In August of 1999 we were given an incredible opportunity and one that we could not pass up. That was to purchase the then 40-year-old "Hagen's Square Dance Barn." We sold our home and decided to take a then 3 1/2 year old Daniel, and a 1 1/2 year old Madelynn on the journey of a lifetime. The "adventure" as we call it, had begun -- Self Employed Business Owners!

This adventure has been awesome and one I have been proud to be a part of. We have been blessed in so many ways: from opportunities that have taken us to lots of different places, on several wonderful cruises, to incidences that have made us grow in ways that we never had imagined. But the BIGGEST BLESSING, which I had never in my life encountered before all this, was all the wonderful people I have met and who have had an impact on me as a person. I have made lifelong friends, friends for reasons and friends for seasons. I am who I am now because of you.

Dave and I also hit many stumbling blocks on this adventure that, in the end, have taken its toll on us as a couple and family. We have been struggling together for quite sometime and have decided that this adventure was just too much for our marriage to endure. With six+ years of therapy behind us, it is clear that we are to take the fork that has been put in our path and go our separate ways. Our children are the main concern for us right now. With lots of love and support, they are doing remarkably well! They both love Dave and I very much and they just want us to be happy, however that is to happen. I truly am saddened by this outcome, as we had so many possibilities, but for us this is the answer.

The kids and I are going to start a new adventure as of June 25th. We three will be moving to Covington to live with my parents so I can further my education. I will be attending Green River Community College in the fall, working towards a Legal Assistant degree, and I hope to follow that up with a paralegal degree. We have a fun vacation planned in California, staying at my Auntie's beach house, visiting Disneyland, Lego land, and friends this coming summer. I am looking forward to exciting opportunities again someday and can't wait to see what the future has in store.

I wrote Dave a poem when we bought the barn and a line in it read:

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Thank you

I want to thank all of you who came out for the 2 work parties we had on May 17 & 18. We did get a lot done. The wedding was getting out of hand and the cobwebs were terrible. There will always be more to do but, I am grateful for what we did accomplish. If anyone is interested in helping again PLEASE let me know. (dave@learn2dance4fun.com or 425-255-9211)

Bill & Gloria Tozer

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Steve & Sandy Bartlett

Jackie Jackson

Sally Wright

Ken Baker

Gaye Turner

Dr. Debbie Thompson

Myrt Penthany

Liz Goddard

I know there were more so if I missed you please let me know. I am sorry but I am going by memory only.

"If you build it they will come. Arnie Hagen's turn is over, and yours has just begun."

We have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this little barn of ours and I know that Dave will continue to provide you with the fun dance facility that we have both worked so hard to build and nurture. It is my hope and prayer that the Barn will continue to flourish and that you will continue to show your love for him, and for dance, by supporting him in any way you can. We have both worked very hard to get the Barn where it is now and I am eternally grateful for the time I have spent here. Martha Stewart has nothing on this hostess! With all my love and gratitude,



Rhonda

"Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened."

RECIPE:

This is the easiest waffle/pancake recipe ever, and one of our favorites:

2 cups Bisquick

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1 egg

1-1/3 cup club soda

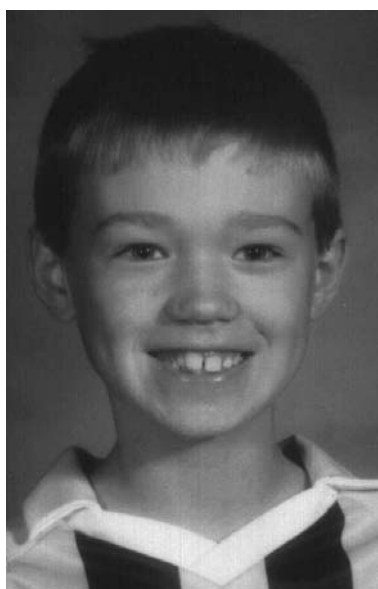
Mix it together and make waffle/pancakes as usual.

Fun toppings: Butter, Powdered sugar, and Whipped cream out of the can. ~Submitted by Donna Moore, Thanks Donna

Please notify me if your address or any information changes. It is very expensive when we get your mail returned because the Postal Service couldn't deliver it.

Survivor contestant?

I just wanted to thank the 120+ people who helped me make, what I thought to be, the winning video audition tape for the Survivor show. Unfortunately, I never got a call back. You screamed and cheered and supported me better than I ever could have asked for. Oh well, better luck next time.
~Rhonda



Daniel age 7½

I found this and wanted to share it with you.
~Rhonda

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong doing on your part or an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and it is now time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real, but only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (anyway); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of my life. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and Angels watch over you.



Madelynn age 5½

The war is over...

Now that things seem to be returning to normal we need to bring our Friday night admission price back up to \$8.00/person. The lesson and dance combo will still be \$10.00/person. This will begin on the first Friday of July.

HALL FOR RENT!

Do you have an event coming and need a hall? Call The Rockin' Horse Dance Barn 425-255-9211.

Help, I've fallen and I can't...
Hey, nice carpet!