

The Christmas Present That Went Wild

Seven years ago this month, my husband Robert said, "Put on some shoes without rubber soles and come with me." Annoyed, I asked him repeatedly where we were going - but he refused to tell. After much badgering, he admitted we were going somewhere to get my last Christmas present.

I stayed annoyed with him for the remainder of the trip, and could not imagine why what shoes I wore had to do with anything - until we pulled up to a ballroom dance studio. Although I had wished for years that we could get up on the dance floor with everyone else whenever we went to a wedding or other social event, I didn't know much about ballroom dancing.

Little did I know that this was the beginning of a new passion in our lives. We started out, as many couples do, taking lessons together. It did not take long before we discovered that we each had different needs. I wanted to look good on the floor, and had many questions about styling and technique. As we often danced in social situations, my husband wanted to know about room alignments and floorcraft - how could he adjust the step patterns we knew when dancing on a crowded floor? This led to each of us working individually with our instructors, in addition to the lessons we took together.

Although our primary interest in taking dance lessons was to improve our social life, being the kind of people that work hard at anything we do and do it to the best of our abilities, it didn't take much to succumb to the lure of competition. We were soon competing both Pro-Am and as an amateur couple, and have never looked back!

Our love of dance has allowed us to make many new friends and has led us many places, the most memorable of which was participating in a dance marathon on "Good Morning America". Not only did we last on our feet for 25 hours, but we were probably twice the age of most other dancers.

In retrospect, it seems hard to believe that "just a few dance lessons" has turned into (as my husband is fond of saying) the Christmas present that went wild - but we wouldn't have it any other way...

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