Local

Remembering September 11, 2001

Submitted by Rep. Greg Barreto

Many of us can remember the day, where we were at when we received the news, our first glimpses of video on the media of planes being flown into the world trade centers and then praying for all those directly affected by this horrible act of terrorism.

We remember watching the towers fall, our vulnerability, and our first realization that America would be changed forever. We heard the news of other planes, one hitting the Pentagon and another that crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, thwarted from hitting its target because of brave Americans who rose up to prevent a greater tragedy.

In the days afterward, suddenly, after years of suppression of public prayer, it was acceptable to pray in schools and other public arenas.

We as a nation were calling out to God for mercy, protection for the rescuers, for the lives of the injured, comfort for the families of the fallen, for courage and for answers.

It was now apparent that the United States of America would no longer be immune to the same level of terror that other nations received at the hands of this enemy.

No longer would we enjoy that privileged state.

Fifteen years later, the evil people in this world that fall under the category of extremist Muslims are alive and well in their quest to control nations through fear and terror created from senseless bombings.

The war that was brought to these shores has changed us forever, but it has also taught us that we are not exempt from evil men and their hatred for those who disagree with their perverted religion. Their destructive offensive tactics will continue until we and the rest of the western world can put a stop to their madness.

War is an ugly thing, but we are now engaged in a world war unlike any previous conventional war. This war has no designated boundaries or rules.

It sucked us in full force on September 11, 2001 and will be around a long time.

The resiliency of this nation is and has been an amazing thing.

I hope that we all realize that we are not invincible, and to remain a force to be reckoned with must not forsake the values that made us the greatest nation that this earth has ever experienced.

We need our moral compass restored if we are to weather this storm.

The continual threat and damage from the religion of the Muslim extremist is made even more dangerous in our weakened state as our nations foundation crumbles from the religion of liberalism and of political correctness.

May God have mercy on us and may we never forget 9/11.

Submitted Photos

The World Trade Center towers under attack.

Crossroads Art Center kids dance schedule

Beginning Classical Ballet 1 (Ages 6-7-8)
(Never had ballet or only a class or two)

Instructor: Debbie Friedman
Start date: September 20th
Time: Tuesday 4:15 PM-5:15 PM
Location: Upstairs Ballet Studio
Cost: $60.00 member/$75.00 nonmember for 8 weeks
Dress Code: Each class has a required set of clothes. Crossroads has set up an account with Discount Dance Supply at http://www.discountdance.com/teacher_convert.php Please put in Debbie Friedman's name or her teacher id number TP71256. Her dress code list will come up. Please purchase the sizes that best fit your child but the required colors are listed.

Course Description:
In beginning Classical Ballet 1 students will learn all the ballet position and all barre movements. Students will perform small jumps. They will move across the floor in big traveling movements and work in short classical combinations. Student will learn allegro and adagio.
Students with parental assistance can review common ballet terminology at the American Ballet Theatre website at http://www.abt.org/education/dictionary/index.html

Please note depending on enrollment of this class and the advanced ballet this class maybe divided to place more experienced dancer in a separate classes. Parents are encouraged to call and enroll and a decision will be closer to start date.

Hip Hop Dancing (Ages 3-5)
Instructor: Emma Mahon

Start date: Sept 21st for 6 weeks
Time: Wednesday 4:00 Pm to 4:45 PM
Location: Upstairs Ballet Studio
Cost: $80.00 member/$95.00 nonmember

Minimum: 5 Students Maximum: 8-10 Students

Dress Code: Clean tennis shoes and no jeans. Clothing that is easy to move in.

Course Description:
Like to dance to fun pop music? Try the new Hip Hop dance class, fun, easy, and it'll get your kids moving. Basic Hip-Hop dance moves for beginners. We will learn a routine and perform it at the end of the course. Boys and Girls are welcome! No Break dancing allowed due to the floors at Crossroads.

Tiny Tots Ballet (Ages 4 & 5)
Instructor: Emma Mahon

Start date: September 21st for 6 weeks
Time: Wednesdays 4;45 PM-5:30 PM
Location: Upstairs Ballet Studio
Cost: $80.00 member/$95.00 nonmember
Minimum: 3 Students
Maximum: 8-10 Students

Dress Code: Tights, leotards and simple ballet slippers.

Course Description: This class will focus on getting kids moving to music and getting to know basic ballet steps. We will play games based on dancing and finding a rhythm. I know at such a young age it is hard to keep attention, so I will do my best to keep them active and above all to find fun in dance.

Note to parents: In the past, Emma has allowed parents to sit in the dance studio. This has created distractions in the class and due to the very small size of our classroom this cannot continue. Parents are invited to sit outside the classroom, wait in the gallery, or take small children and go to the downstairs studio and play (if available.)

Hi, my name is Emma Mahon and I have a love of all types of dancing. I actually started ballet older than most, but quickly caught on and found a passion. My ballet company was lucky enough to get to study in Cannes, France. I currently substitute Zumba at the YMCA and have taught preschool in the past. I am very excited to work with the little ones and hope they will absorb some of the ballet terms while having fun.

Advanced Classical Ballet 1 (Ages 8 and Above)
(Must have had prior ballet training)

Instructor: Debbie Friedman
Start date: September 22nd
Time: Thursday 4:15 PM-5:30PM
Location: Upstairs Ballet Studio
Cost: $75.00 member/$90.00 nonmember for 8 weeks
Dress Code: Each class has a required set of clothes. Crossroads has set up an account with Discount Dance Supply at http://www.discountdance.com/teacher_convert.php Please put in Debbie Friedman's name or her teacher id number TP71256. Her dress code list will come up. Please purchase the sizes that best fit your child but the required colors are listed.

Course Description:
In Advanced Classical Ballet 2 Students will start with a solid foundation of good technique and as they mature as dancers jumps, floor work and combinations will get progressively more difficult.
Students with parental assistance can review common ballet terminology at the American Ballet Theatre website at http://www.abt.org/education/dictionary/index.html