



Jody Gainey, pictured here with Walt Teike, is Dancer of the Month for March 2009

DANCER OF THE MONTH

Last month, a picture of this month's dancer of the month was featured. Did you guess who it was? Several people thought they knew who it was. Well, here she is--Grace Jody Gainey.

Jody, as we all know her, was born in London, England. Some think she has a slight accent. Wrong--it is a speech impediment. Jody defends herself with, "It is you Yanks who have the accent." At the age of four, Jody began her dancing by doing the minuet. The minuet was very popular at that time. (This in no way is to reflect on her age). The picture last month was Jody at age four dressed to dance. At age 11, she went to children's ballroom dances. Her mother and dad, being proficient dancers, taught her ballroom dance routines.

This served her well on Friday nights at the Royal Dance Hall. All through her teen years, she danced and danced. She loved it.

In 1953, she met her love, Robert Gainey. He was a career soldier; they married and had three children. They remained married until Col. Bob Gainey died in 1999. Now on her own, Jody moved to Mesa, Arizona and took up dancing on an almost nightly basis. If she can't dance, she must be dead. She has a manner about her that allows her to follow the best of dancers. She can even follow her current life partner. It is because of Jody, Walt Teike can now dance.

If you stop in at a dance, look for her and say "Hi."