



## Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association

### Eve Duque Reigns as Telemark Queen

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The spotlight shines and radiates brightly on Eve Duque tonight. She reigns as the 2009 Telemarks Queen. Her husband, Maury, holds the honor of being her comely escort.

Eve is a fiscal officer for Kamehameha Middle School Campus. She manages the school budget. Her escort and husband, Maury, is a "retired" printer and former owner of Fine Line Graphics but continues to do prep work for Hawaii Hochi. Both work together as the official publisher



wonder that two who loved dancing and met at a school dance and later developed a four year relationship leading to marriage. This year, May third will be their 40th wedding anniversary!

The Duque's have three daughters who attended three different schools: Iolani, Kamehameha, and Sacred Hearts. The girls gifted athleticism, in turn, led to the Bowling Club Traveling Team, and the Elite Volleyball Team at the Junior Olympics. Traveling opportunities opened for the family to visit a different state in the continental U.S. every summer. Thus, an abundance of medals and

and printer of HBDA newsletters, student/membership cards, event tickets, and programs.

The Duque's planted their roots in Kalihi Chapter in 1992 along with four other couples who were their friends. In 1997, under the wings of Abe and Sally Forges, they were chosen, trained, and mentored to join the rank of Rotating Instructors.

Along the way, professional dance instructor Peggy Freeman became an inspiration to them with her teaching techniques, knowledge, and poise; she more importantly became a friend as well. Ms. Freeman, who won several competitive titles herself, choreographed the waltz Eve will dance with Maury tonight.

Both cite their first choreography, an East Coast Swing for Manoa Chapter, performed at the Sheraton Hotel as their special achievement in HBDA. When the routine was done, founder Eugene Ichinose threw his hat to the floor to show how proud and impressed he was of their dance formation. As a result, Eugene gave them a double assignment the next quarter!

A peek into the couples young personal lives revealed that Eve always went to dances on the weekends as a teen; it was something she never wanted to miss. Maury, on the other hand was a selected dancer on the Tom Moffat Show that televised every Saturday. It is, therefore, no

trophies filled their shelves. During Spring Breaks and long weekends, it was traveling to the Neighbor Islands to watch their children participate in school/club events.

Among this flurry of activity, Eve and Maury relished going to their own "secret runaway" for peace and quiet at Koele Lodge on Lanai to relax in front of the fireplace, stroll through the town, dialogue, and reflect about their children. They made this their time.

The couple were also volleyball coaches at their neighborhood high school and held several OIA/State championship titles under their belts. Coaching was an enjoyment; it helped them adapt to ethnic diversity and tolerance.

Today, their hobby is obviously ballroom dancing. A great deal of time is spent learning, teaching, and choreographing dance exhibitions with excitement and pleasure. The challenge of inspiring the students is their best reward.

This evening, Eve's Royal Court proudly boasts and reflects their strong family values, pride, and ties with their five grandchildren whom they call their blessings: six year old Paliku Winchester, battling lymphoma and their biggest hero, is carrying the Telemark Queen's flag along with nine year old hip hopping cousin Kamaile Maeda. Mischievous three year old Waipehe Winchester is the royal scepter bearer; hip hopping ten year old Laakea Maeda is the flower girl; thirteen year old slugger Pikai Winchester, MVP and holder of the highest batting average in the last Little League World Series representing Waipio, is the crown bearer.

Tonight, let us enjoy and applaud Queen Eve and her handsome escort, Maury, as they waltz elegantly to the music, "Sam."