



PRESENTING OUR 2017 DANCING STARS!

Melissa Benenfeld and Alan Saperstein – Melissa Benenfeld is a local chiropractor who specializes in teaching weight loss and nutrition through healthy eating. She is participating in her second *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* and is the reigning first place champion! Alan Saperstein is a local dance instructor in his seventh year with the show. Last year, Alan danced with his daughter, Jillian, and won Most Creative Performance.

Stephanie Cahn and Charles Askegard – Besides serving as Cherry Hill's "First Lady," Stephanie Cahn is an active volunteer for numerous organizations. She is an interior designer and former reading specialist. Charles Askegard is currently Ballet Master with the Pennsylvania Ballet where he works as a teacher and coach.

Larry Cohen and Diane Alcavage – Dr. Larry Cohen is a general surgeon who has treated patients in Camden and Gloucester Counties for the past 37 years. He is currently employed by Kennedy Health Alliance. Diane Alcavage is the owner of Dances by Diane studio in Westville. Larry and Diane were the winners of second *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* in 2009!

Tracey Commack and Bob Commack – Bob and Tracey Commack have been married for almost 12 years. Tracey is the Associate Executive Director of Penn Medicine Cherry Hill. Bob is the Director of IT Project Management at Miles Technologies in Moorestown, NJ.

Stacy Covelli, Anna DeMarco, Ashley King and Joe DeMarco – This group features three former dance partners of the great Joe DeMarco, owner of DeMarco Dance Center in Merchantville! Stacy Covelli partnered with Joe in 2014 to win Best Overall Performance. Anna DeMarco is Site Leader of the Cherry Hill School District's School Age Child Care Program and a member of the CHEF Board of Trustees. Ashley King is a Senior at Cherry Hill High School West and West's student representative to the CHEF Board. Ashley and Joe received Honorable Mention in last year's show.



Jini Errichetti, Dave & Katrina Girgenti, Lee Herrington, Kathy Judge, and Steve & Kim Redfearn – This group is performing a number choreographed by Katie Nanni, owner and artistic director of KN Dance & Entertainment LLC. Jini Errichetti is a retired Cherry Hill teacher who now owns a small business. Jini is dancing in her second show; she and her partner received Best Technical Performance in 2016. Dave Girgenti is the founder of Lifeblink, a technology company where people and companies can preserve their history; he is dancing with his daughter, Katrina, a fifth grader at Thomas Paine Elementary School. Dave and his older daughter, Madison, won Most Creative Performance in the 2013 show. Lee Herrington is Assistant Store Manager at Republic Bank in Cherry Hill. Kathy Judge is in her eighth year as a member of the Cherry Hill Board of Education; she participated in a group dance with her fellow Board members in 2014. Kim Redfearn is a 3rd grade teacher at Russell Knight Elementary School, where she has worked for 13 years. Her husband, Steve, is currently the President of the Cherry Hill Education Association but was a teacher in the district for the previous 13 years. Kim and Steve performed in the 2012 *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*.

Jersey Boys: Matt Cohen, Steve Kantor, Larry Maister & Brad Molotsky – Back by popular demand, the Jersey Boys are four Cherry Hill West alums who have entertained *Dancing* audiences in numerous shows. Matt Cohen is the CEO of Pro World (Pennsauken), which distributes equipment and supplies for businesses that produce personalized products. Steve Kantor is EVP of KEH Insurance Agency in Cherry Hill. Larry Maister is Managing Director for international real estate services firm, JLL. Brad Molotsky is a Partner at Duane Morris, focusing on commercial leasing, acquisitions/divestitures, financing and real estate joint ventures. The Jersey Boys' performance is choreographed once again by Marjie Major, owner/director of Happy Feet Dance Studio. Brad and Marjie were the winners of the very first *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* in 2008!

Brian Kain and Debbie Rider – Brian Kain, a CH West graduate, has been a music teacher at Carusi and Beck Middle Schools for the past 12 years. Debbie Rider is an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist; she has been a faithful participant in *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* for a number of years and won Most Creative Performance in 2012.

Patti Maltese and Paul Grande – Patti Maltese is co-owner of TLC Homecare Services in Moorestown; she danced in the 2011 show. Paul Grande is returning for his third show; a Test Methods Engineer at Lockheed Martin RMS, Paul and his wife compete in Country and Western dancing throughout the United States.

Justin Moya and Jessica Rodriguez – Justin Moya attended Cherry Hill Public Schools and today is co-owner of Le Reve Salon & Barbershop. Jessica Rodriguez is a Latin Dance Instructor; she and her husband, Noel, own AlgoRhythm Dance Studio in Mt. Laurel. Jessica is performing in her second *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*.

Johnny Pearson and Sarah DuVall Pearson – Johnny Pearson is a Junior at Cherry Hill West where is plays on the Varsity Lacrosse team; he is also an ice hockey player and recently won the SJ Ice Hockey Champs with the CH East Ice Hockey club. He is dancing with his mom, Sarah DuVall Pearson, owner and artistic director of the Cherry Hill Performing Arts Center. A CH West alum, Sarah has performed professionally in numerous shows, most recently at the Walnut Street Theatre.



Adam Pollack and Laci DeLuca – Adam Pollack works in Human Resources for TD Bank and has two children in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. Laci DeLuca works at Happy Feet Dance Studio where she teaches, serves as co-director, and directs the studio dance team, SPARKS. Laci has competed in several *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*; she received the Best Technical Performance award in 2014.

RJ Portella and Sarah DuVall Pearson – A graduate of Cherry Hill East, RJ Portella is returning for his second year at *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*; in 2016, he won Best Technical Performance. He works as a math, English, and standardized test tutor both privately and for Rutgers Camden. Sarah DuVall Pearson (see above) was one of the original singing waitresses at Ellen’s Stardust Diner and is performing for the fourth year in *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*. She won Most Creative Performance in 2014.

Jenny Ryan, Sandi Kelly and Joe DeMarco – Sandi Kelly is the owner of SLK Partners, a marketing and public relations firm that focuses on community outreach for governments, non-profits, and businesses looking to expand or increase their profile in local and regional markets. Jenny Ryan is the owner of SNJ Business People and founding member of the Delaware Valley Business Leaders’ Alliance. Jenny is a former First Place winner of *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* (2013) and Sandi is a former Honorable Mention (2013). They are teaming up with Joe DeMarco, who won First Place in 2012, received Best Technical Performance titles in 2013 and 2015, Best Overall Performance in 2014, and Honorable Mention in 2016.

Brooke Schostak and Noel Rodriguez – Brooke Schostak is Director of Development for Hillel at Drexel University and serves on the board of the Cherry Hill Education Foundation. Noel Rodriguez performed in the 2015 *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*. He and his wife, Jessica, own AlgoRhythm Dance Studio in Mt. Laurel, offering weekly classes in Salsa, Cha-Cha, Bachata, and Hip-Hop.

Karen Sheerin and Lauren DeRitis Vaccaro – Karen Sheerin grew up in Cherry Hill and graduated from Cherry Hill East. She lives with her husband, Michael, and their son in Marlton and works as a substitute teacher in Evesham Twp. Lauren Vaccaro works part-time in the Marketing Department at Rothman Institute and is the mother of two children under the age of two. Karen and Lauren wowed the crowd at the 2013 *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars* when they won First Place AND Best Overall Performance trophies!

Lisa Balfour Silver and Jon Cohen – Lisa Silver, a graduate of Cherry Hill West, is the owner and lead instructor of Jazzercise Cherry Hill, a dance fitness franchise. A former public school teacher, Lisa is also a professor in the School of Education at The College of New Jersey. Jon Cohen, also a West graduate, is a licensed realtor in NJ and PA and founder of The Jon Cohen Team at Keller Williams. This is Jon’s second year competing in *Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars*. Both Lisa and Jon serve on the board of the Cherry Hill Education Foundation.

