

quite possibly never be duplicated in their individual lives...all for the sake of charity.

And, the cast didn't disappoint. From Feb 21-Feb 23, 10 teams competed for the recognition of being the night's "Best of Show," "Critic's Choice," and also for the amount of money



Front: Larry and Chris; **Back:** Francine

raised by them during the particular evening. Judging by audience participation and feedback, they kept the bar raised for future years. Dance styles included Salsa, martial arts, ballroom, country, and even some "Magic Mike," while involving elegant displays of lighting, costume arrangements and music accompaniment of all genres.

Clips and highlights from the shows can be located on YouTube, and shows can be purchased on video by contacting Tanya Johnson from Thoughts in Motion at Tanyajo@gmail.com or by clicking on the link at www.thoughtsinmotionvp.com/2019-dancing-with-the-local-stars.



A photo showing the elegance of the setting for Dancing With the Stars

As for this dancer, anticipation lingered as show time approached. It was a totally new experience, certainly unlike dancing in front of live music or at an AC/DC concert (which I am quite capable of, lol). However, led by the calm and intuitive presence of the luring Pro Francine Marie Theresa, and accompanied by fellow Star dancer and Fruitport fire fighter Chris Anderson, practice proved nearly perfect. Our Team - Francine and the Bad Boys - won Saturday's matinee contest for "Best of Show."

Hats off also to Cloverville native Sandy Nolan, a first year pro who promises to take it to the limit next year, and Jenny Locke, owner of Fruitport's Village Inn and member of the Sister's Johnson team which won Saturday night's thrilling contest. Locke and her group engaged the crowd by delivering an encore performance to officially conclude the 4-day extravaganza.



Jenny Locke

It was an honor and privilege to have been asked to participate in such a gala. What started as uncertainty, ended in a lifelong bonding of fellow dancers, a rewarding sense of community involvement, and an appreciation for the arts and the hard work that we all had invested.

Stay tuned for next years DWTLs, themed "Movie Night" and set to entertain Feb 27, 28 and 29. All for charity and the betterment of Muskegon...the place we call home!

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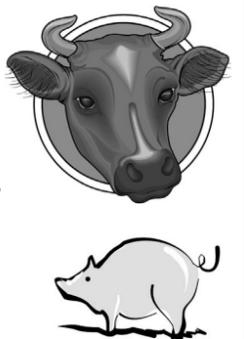
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