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Meet Camp's Administrative Management Team

It takes a dedicated team to bring you the magic of All Star Dance Camp each year. Beyond our incredible instructors, an entire staff works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure your week is seamless and enjoyable.

Leading the administrative team are Rubye Del Harden, Camp Director; Jill Austin, Registration Manager; and Rosa Lee Harden, Camp Producer.

In today's newsletter, we're excited to spotlight Jill and Rosa Lee, giving you a chance to learn more about two of the amazing people who help make All Star Dance Camp unforgettable.



Jill Austin, Registration Manager

Jill Austin: A Friend to All Campers

Jill Austin is the welcoming voice on the phone when you register for camp and the friendly face often seen at the camp desk in the convention center, your central headquarters during camp week. Her genuine love for All Star Dance Camp and its campers shines through in everything she does. To call her a friend to all who attend would be no exaggeration.

Since 2010, Jill has served as Registration Manager for All Star Dance Camp, a role she embraces wholeheartedly. Her journey with camp began in 2008, working behind the scenes at camp's year-round headquarters in Tupelo, Mississippi. During her first two years, she also served as Business Manager for the Dance Studio of Tupelo, where she discovered her passion for dance.

Eager to immerse herself in the dance world, Jill took private lessons and participated in showcases—experiences she cherishes to this day. Though arthritis eventually sidelined her from dancing, her love for the art remains steadfast. Now, Jill channels her enthusiasm into ensuring that every dancer's experience at All Star is positive, seamless and unforgettable.

Jill credits her longtime friend, Camp Director, Rubye Del Harden, for introducing her to the world of dance. In 2008, Rubye Del invited Jill to join the All Star team, a decision that forever changed her life. While Jill admired Rubye Del's leadership and was excited to be involved, she never expected to fall in love with the enchanting world of dance.

Before joining All Star, Jill built an impressive career in corporate training. She spent eight years at Tenneco Packaging as Total Quality Management Coordinator, traveling across the U.S. to assess training needs, develop programs, and deliver workshops. Inspired by this work, she launched her own consulting company, providing similar services to various facilities. However, the economic downturn led her to pivot her career. Rubye Del's call came at just the right time, opening the door to a new, fulfilling chapter.

Reflecting on her journey, Jill says: "I'm grateful beyond measure to be part of this beautiful world. Even if I'm no longer on the dance floor, I'll always be on the sidelines, cheering for our dancers and offering all the support I can."



Above, Rosa Lee Harden performing with Andrew Davis, dance professional from The Dance Studio of Tupelo. They were competing in the show dance competition at Dancing With The King soon after she started dancing!

Meet Rosa Lee Harden: Event Producer Extraordinaire

The Rev. Canon Rosa Lee Harden is a self-described serial-entrepreneur. Her vocational life has included being publisher of weekly newspapers, trade journals, a business journal and CEO of a 'Silicon Valley' start-up. She was ordained as an Episcopal Priest in 2000 and served as Vicar of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in San Francisco for ten years during which time its adult membership doubled and the number of children younger than 12 went from two to more than 50.

In 2008, she and her husband, Kevin Jones, launched the global SOCAP (Social Capital Markets) conference, described as 'the conference at the intersection of money and meaning.' In its 11th year, SOCAP18 brought more than 3,000 people from more than 60 countries to San Francisco to talk about how to accelerate the good economy.

They sold SOCAP in 2018 but continue to produce a related event, Neighborhood Economics, that brings together people of faith, city officials, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and anyone else who is interested in building an economy that works for EVERYONE in their city, not just serving folks at the top of the economic spectrum. Their next event will be held in April, in Asheville, North Carolina, where they live, and will focus on how to build a resilient entrepreneurial ecosystem that can thrive even after disaster strikes.

For several years, Rosa Lee also produced the Wild Goose Festival, an annual gathering of progressive Christians focusing on spirituality, justice, music and the arts. She has also served as Canon for Money and Meaning at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, where her ministry worked toward bringing into consciousness how money impacts and guides life's decisions.

As you can see, producing events is in her blood, and after she became involved in the dance community - through the consistent urging of her sister, Rubye Del, she began to get more and more involved in helping All Star Dance Camp be able to take advantage of some of the tricks of the trade of event production. So in addition to taking classes and dancing with her current pro partner, John King, you can catch Rosa Lee working with the A/V staff, the floors, the food, and decor, and ALL the things, all around the resort. If you have any requests, or needs, from the property, or are aware of anything that needs to be fixed, she's your go-to person!

She and her husband Kevin recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and are the parents of two adult children, Bradley Jones and B.J. Harden Jones, and grandparents to Logan and Asher. In addition to ballroom dance, bringing music and movement together through the drum corps activity is another of Rosa Lee's 'extracurricular' passions! As a long time board member and board president of BD Performing Arts, Rosa Lee is particularly proud of the Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps who are 21-time DCI world champions.

Have You Completed Your Camp Checklist?

Make sure you have registered for camp, made your hotel reservations and let Rubye Del know what private lessons you'd like to schedule.

It is easy to let things go until the last minute. Don't delay, get your checklist done today!



Get Ready for
DANCE CAMP!

Checklist



- Call **Jill** to register for camp & pay deposit by **February 14th**
- Make hotel reservations using group code **S6ASD25**
- Email **Rubye Del** to schedule your private lessons

Don't Miss Out!

Phone (Jill) : (662) 213-0504
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Comments? Questions?

Email our camp director, Rubye Del Harden at rubyedel@allstardancecamp.net.

About All Star Dance Camp



All Star Dance Camp is the best ballroom dance vacation! Dancers of all ages and abilities gather in Philadelphia, MS at [Pearl River Resort](#).

In addition to a welcome party on Sunday evening, camp features four full days of classes with dinner and dance parties every evening. As always, National Champions Jim & Jenell Maranto will be headlining camp. All Star Dance Camp offers seven or more classes daily and opportunities to take private coaching

with all our great camp staff members. Campers can choose their own classes and class levels. Class levels include Beginning, Intermediate and Full Bronze as well as Silver levels.

Camp tuition includes classes, dinner Monday - Thursday and dance parties each evening. Call Jill at (662) 213-0504 to register.

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