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Tell us about yourself: I have held a realtor's license since 1972 and a Broker's license since 1980. I am presently the Associate Broker for Realty Executives Ultra at the Kelowna office. I started dancing to reduce the stresses of real estate in 1992 when I first moved to Kelowna. It is something I still do but have had to curtail it due to COVID-19, and the fact that in May 2019 I was diagnosed with Large B cell Lymphoma and it had advanced to stage 4. I spent a year battling for my life and realizing how important our health is! But for the grace of our heavenly Father, who saw that I had the best oncologist and doctors, that today I am in remission.

What year did you dance? The very first year that they offered this blessed event, March 2009.

What was your style of dance and why did you choose that one? Tom Selzler was the pro I danced with, and he had been teaching me Night Club 2 Step, as well as the Hustle! We decided to do a Segway which was to open with the night club and end with ripping off the long skirt and my short hustle costume. My costume was a professional dancer's costume borrowed from Diane Pratt Stringer who had danced professionally.

How did you first learn about Swinging with the Stars? I knew Jim Wannop and Bruce Innes who both sat on the Swinging with the Stars committee, and also took lessons from Tom Selzler. We were all friends and fellow dancers. I believed COHA was such a wonderful worthwhile service to our community.

What is your favourite memory from your performance? When George Cwiklewski, who was one of the judges, gave me a 10! He was also a fellow realtor and friend!

Are you still dancing today? Yes, I take lessons from Warren Eaton, one of the best dance teachers here in Kelowna.

What backstage moments stand out to you today? How nervous we all were and supporting each other with copious glasses of wine, advice, sharing dressing rooms etc.

Has this experience inspired you to do other life changing things? As a seasoned realtor, I had always been a risk taker but had never danced in front of 200 people before. That was just another first I conquered!

Is there anything else you'd like to share? It never ceases to amaze me the generosity of our community, of those who volunteer their valuable time and resources and how much we can achieve when we pull together for such a worthwhile cause!