



**Kim Wagner**

Here's what Kim has to say....

My story begins with my first time at Jazzercise. About ten years ago I was invited to try Jazzercise at the church with my former boss Lynn Rodgers. Unfortunately, after about a month I was unable to retain my membership. Approximately a year and a half later, shortly after my divorce, I was able to do what I wanted and rejoin! Sometimes life works in mysterious ways.

During that first month I remember how scared I was because I did not know anyone! In addition, I thought that I would make a mistake and people would laugh. But alas, I did not experience anything like that. When I rejoined I was a little nervous because I thought different people means different reactions. Again, this was unfounded. Instead, Patt (the instructor) befriended me and eventually asked me to become class manager. Again, life works in mysterious ways!

After a few years as class manager, Patt and I found a new recruit to fill the former position. Margi was there for about 5 months before we asked her to help out by working the desk. It has been a truly wonderful experience! Many days I have come into class with a frown upon my face just to have it turned upside-down by the smiling faces that come through the doors! Maybe I am being sentimental, but I feel that I have become the most fortunate person in Bloomington since I joined Jazzercise!

Friends are wonderful! When I first started Jazzercise I moved around the gym and was as quiet as a mouse! Throughout the years my shyness has all but disappeared, you may come to the church and hear a "yip", "yee-haw" or "Okay"! Believe it or not, it does not all come from me!

Another thing you hear is Margi and I laughing at each other or an "Oops!" The good thing about being in Jazzercise is that we have good friends to share the whole experience.

Thinking of the past, the one song I remember was sung by Shania Twain called "Whose Bed have your Boots been under?" Of course ever year I find more songs that I love; for example, the ketchup song, beach boys medley and "Switchfoot." As you can see I do not remember the name of all the songs, but I do know that I love the music and routines used to help keep me in shape. A few years ago on my birthday Patt put together a wonderful surprise set of my favorite songs, included in this set was a song I call the Scottish song. I may not know the name, but it has a couple taps, a couple pendulums, heal-toe and chasse. Feel free to ask me about it sometime!

Although I go to Jazzercise to workout, tone my body and become physically fit it is not the only reason! I go because of Patt, Margi, Anne, Janet, Sue, both Lucy's and all of my other friends! These people have become a large part of my life, for that I would like to thank them for caring and just for being themselves! Jazzercise people are the most wonderful people in the world!

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