



# Central Coast Follies

## Dancing For A Cure

### Becky Robinson: Attitude is Everything!

If you were born with a so-called "disability," would it negatively shape your life or would it motivate you? Rebecca Robinson is an inspiration to her Central Coast Follies family, not only because of her singing and dancing talent but also because of her "can-do" attitude and upbeat personality. Born without a left forearm, Becky learned at an early age to focus on how to make her prosthetic arm do what she needed it to do rather than on why something couldn't be done. This principle has guided the way she lives her life.

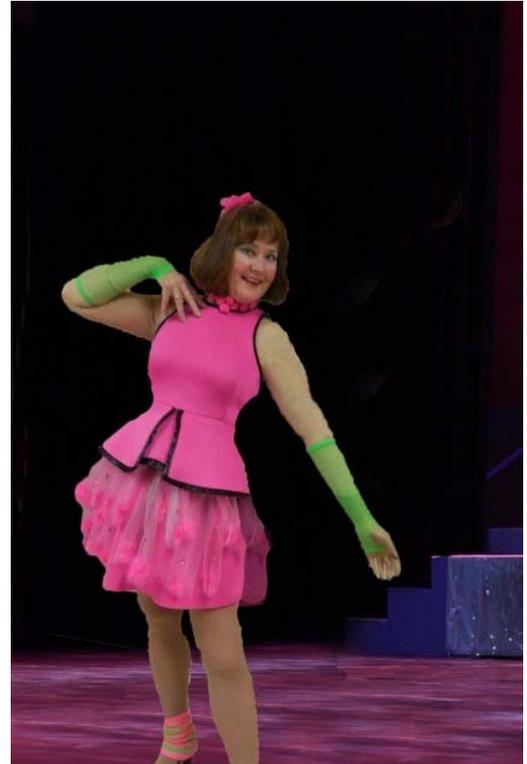
At age six, Becky started singing in her church "Cherub Choir." A standout, she was encouraged and supported by her choir director and parents to pursue singing. In high school she auditioned for The Young Americans and spent three years singing and dancing her way throughout the world. She subsequently performed with the Kids of the Kingdom at Disney World in Orlando, Florida and with the Kids Next Door at Disneyland while completing a degree in American Studies. She has been a featured soloist on

albums and jingles and in Civic Light Opera productions and musical variety television programs. During her career, Becky learned to appear for interviews and auditions wearing her prosthetic hand to demonstrate her capabilities - if and when job offers and entertainment contracts wanted to be rescinded after her amazed employers discovered her "uniqueness." For this reason Becky has always held herself to a higher performance standard to allay any potential concerns.

Two and a half years ago, when Becky retired from her "day job," she and her husband moved to our beautiful Central Coast. Fate stepped in one day when Becky was visiting Diablo Canyon and overheard the tour guide, Ellie Ripley, mention this fabulous group called the Central Coast Follies. The rest is history. Becky and Ellie discovered, too, that they had grown up in the same Southern California town, taken class from the same dance teacher, and even performed in some of the same cancer benefit productions.

Becky focuses on giving back and paying forward. To honor her parents who died of cancer, she produced and performed in several fundraisers in Southern California. Most recently she has formed the "In Time Trio" with Follies singers Kit Johnson and Judy Philbin, whose goal is to "partner with charities, non-profits and veterans' groups by performing fun, retro and patriotic music for fundraisers, events and ceremonies." And, of course, she's lent her talents to the Follies as singer, dancer and choreographer, supporting the mission of "Dancing for a Cure" for Parkinson's Disease.

Becky's deep faith and her sense of humor are reflected in her motto: "The only real disability in life is a bad attitude."



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