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Hobby: Tap dance

Talk to Lynne Ritter about her job. Loves it. Been there twenty-two years. She's part of the team. One big family. Then, segue to her life in dance.

"Love it, love it, love it," she blurts.

As a child growing up in Oklahoma, Ritter tap danced all the way through high school but left it when she joined the Navy, married and raised a daughter. About four years ago, she saw a notice for adult tap dance classes in Swatara Township.

"I don't care what this is," she remembers saying. "I'm going tap dancing. And my husband Dan said, 'Go for it!'"

Her instructor is Vicki Riordan, founder of the Tap Pups. "She makes you feel like you can do anything," says Ritter. The basics came back quickly. The exercise

firmed up her legs, eased her arthritis and her degenerating knees stopped aching. She came to know all sorts of people through the Tap Pups Program – teachers, doctors, young and old.

"We're all one and the same," she says. "We all have the same love, the same passion."

Riordan picked her to be a member of the Tap Pup All-Stars, a new traveling tap dance troupe performing charity fundraisers and other events.

"I'm walking in the grocery store or sitting at my desk, and I'm dancing. When I walk from my desk to the printer, I dance. At home, we just installed a wooden floor, and my husband said, 'Don't even think about it'... (with a smile)."

