

# Spring Newsletter 2017



# Happy Spring Everyone!!

The only constant is change. This phrase is very truthful and in this case, it is also joyful! The Juice Newton Fan Club website has been completely redesigned and the reviews have been wonderful! **Check out the all new fan gallery!!** 

The new site is informative and intuitive and easy to navigate. What's available there now? News and A Fans and Juice page, the "O" Award and newsletters available for download.

You may quickly access the Fan Club's Facebook page or Juice's You Tube Channel and send her a note on Twitter and catch up with what's new on Spotify.

Logon to juicenewtonfanclub.com today and see what's new !!





Don't forget to log on to Juice's official site juicenewton.net!

The site is features exciting updates including tour dates and biography and videos of performances.

You may quickly access Juice's Band Facebook page and send Juice a message on Twitter and access her YouTube Channel and see what is new on Spotify.



## Juice In Texas

Juice recently performed in Abilene, Texas for a Valentine's Day show. Below is the article written by Janet Van Vleet of the 'Abilene Reporter News.' <u>Abilene Reporter News</u>

## 'Singer' Juice Newton to play Valentine's Day in Abilene

When singer/songwriter Juice Newton plays at the Taylor County Expo Center on Valentine's Day, she won't be playing in the coliseum.

Instead, "An Evening With Juice Newton" will be an acoustic concert in the Display Building. It's a real sweethearts' deal — a dinner show.

Newton, known for hits such as "Angel of the Morning," "Queen of Hearts" and "The Sweetest Thing (I've Ever Known)," grew up in Virginia but has called San Diego home for some 25 years.

She took a break from the road from 1989 to about 1998. She had two children and wanted to spend more time with them. She continued writing songs and performing, just not as much.

Singing fan favorites like "Queen of Hearts" years after they climbed the charts doesn't bother Newton.

"One of the reasons that keep it interesting is that each place I work is different. The feel under your feet is different," she said in a phone interview from San Diego. "The feeling is heightened — that very fact alone keeps it interesting."

She averages about three shows a month, traveling to various venues across the country. She'll be taking March and April off because of her daughter's wedding. But she'll be back on stage in May.

Sometimes her shows include her full band, while others, like the Abilene concert, feature a trio.

She said she enjoys the shows with the full band in part because of the high energy. But that doesn't mean she doesn't like the acoustic performances.

"I do — it's calmer, quieter; there's more interaction with the audience," Newton said. She said the energy in those shows are something else. "It's not that it's low, it's just a very different presentation of the songs."

Though many people think of her as a country singer, that's not how she began.

"You have to go back and look at the history," she said . "When I started, the first three or four albums were all pop and adult contemporary. I didn't change, radio changed."

This wasn't in the last 15 years, but long before that.

Other pop artists, including the Eagles and Linda Ronstadt, also found their music played on country music stations as their audiences on pop radio shrank, Newton said.

"Grunge came along and changed radio even more," she said, adding that rock did the same thing, creating more changes. "Now it's moving back to pop."

But commercial radio doesn't really impact her or her music, she said. Those radio stations have become corporate entities, with the focus on making money.

"You get tired of the ads," she said. "You hear two songs, then big long ads. It's not conducive to real listening."

Many artists have turned away from that option, but have found other ways to get their music out there.

She said that streaming is especially productive for artists who have enjoyed long careers and for new musicians who can't work their way into the playlists on commercial radio.

# The 2017 "O" Award

The "O" Award is given to any person or group and/or company that makes their community better in any aspect. The award is in honor of Otha Young. Otha was a huge part of Juice Newton's career until his death in 2009. Otha will always be remembered as a very positive person who saw the best in everyone.

The 2017 "O" Award goes to Ernie Castro & Mike J. Goupill of San Diego California!! See their story and photo below.



In 1987, they were shocked at the devastation that the HIV/AIDS epidemic did and the tragic loss of lives that was happening to all those around them. It was then that they vowed to do all in their power to help the affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

For their work with the AIDS Community in San Diego, they were bestowed the honor of receiving the AIDS Warrior Award. December 1st. (World AIDS Day) 2012.

They have been working long and tirelessly over the years in California (since 1990). Mike Goupill and Ernie Castro established a historic relationship with Professional Community Groups like Being Alive and were very active in the community.

They were both members of the Board of Directors of Fraternity House Inc. that includes a second residence, Michaelle House. They continue to volunteer regularly to help with the residents' needs. Fraternity House Inc. is a hospice-type environment for men and women living with AIDS. They are also involved in an annual fundraiser to benefit Fraternity House Inc. called "Sharing by Moonlight" in which all proceeds go to Fraternity House Inc.

They both facilitated support groups for folks infected and affected with AIDS and also a group for family, friends, and significant others in Escondido at the Escondido Community Clinic.

Most of the work Mr. Castro performed was in education and prevention geared to staff and patients at the VA Hospital with emphasis and involvement with the AIDS Community.

Mr. Goupill's expertise was more involved with management and residents support. He was also a liaison between Fraternity House Inc. and the AIDS Community.

Mr. Goupill and Mr. Castro Continue to volunteer regularly with Fraternity House Inc. Mr. Goupill takes the residents to shopping, medical appointments, and personal appointments. Mr. Castro helps to provide meals, medical supervision, and additional tasks as needed.

#### **Tour Schedule**

Juice is currently taken a couple months off from touring but will be back on the road Soon. Visit the official site juicenewton.net for the up to date concert information.

#### A Trip and A Show

This past February was very memorable for a long time fan and fan club member. His name is Dale Cox. Dale flew from Missouri to Ft. Myers Florida to see Juice in concert. Below is Dale's account of this wonderful evening...

"The concert was awesome. The crowd really got into her musicMy friend Tamar Porras was able to attend with me. She was very impressed with her music!!!

Juice came back out and signed all the posters I took down. There were about 20 posters and she actually wore out the marker she was using. The last few took a while for the marker to refresh.

Thank you very much for all the help in making this happen.

Can't wait to see her again. Here's hoping she can make it Kansas City, Mo. sometime in the future."

Dale Cox

Wonderful to hear this experience from a show and a fan who is so loyal and true. I happy to say that Dale's friend Tamar has now become a member of the JNFC!!

Friends, family, it really doesn't matter who you are with. If you are at the show enjoy it. Live music is a true gift not to be taken for granted.

Thank you for the write up Dale!!

#### Happy Birthday Juice!!

I want to thank you everyone on behalf of Juice for not forgetting her on her day! All the Facebook posts and emails were so much appreciated, it would be impossible to put into words what they all meant to Juice.

**Dale Cox:** Happy birthday Juice. Was great seeing you on my birthday Feb 4th in Ft. Myers, Fl. Thanks for signing all of my posters. I know you was tired and took the time to do it.

Ronnie Long: Love you Juice. I hope you have a great Birthday. And I wish you many more.

#### **Fan Club Anniversary**

Very few people get to do what they truly love and enjoy. I am speaking of not only employment but personal lives too.

In 1998, Otha Young approached me with the idea of taking over the Juice Newton Fan Club. Maxine Young, his mother, was the original President and due to declining health was no longer able to commit to the duties the JNFC demanded.

Otha had handed off something that was so near and dear to Maxine and I was and still am so honored he asked me. I met Maxine and we had lunch in the early 90's. We instantly clicked and she was the sweetest and kind person and Otha was just like his mother in how he treated people.

Before her passing, she would read the newsletters and she wrote me and told me she was honored. "No, Maxine I was by knowing you."

Since then, the JNFC has grown into a mega club!! Juice's fan base has grown tremendously and the loyalty and appreciation of not only her music but Juice the "lady" is even more astounding.

As a longtime fan, myself, I have to share with you how I feel about the JNFC. I have been President of the JNFC for now **19 years**! Time has never passed so quickly as it has here.

One of the happiest moments was taking over the daily functions of the club and one of the saddest was losing Otha in 2009 as he left this earth and provided all that knew him and his music with irreplaceable memories and lasting impressions.

Juice and I have become good friends and she always informs and shows me how much she appreciates every one of her fans.

So, as I strive to continually bring the JNFC fresh looks and news and the "human touch" to each one of you, I want to inform you all of how much I **appreciate** all of you!

Thank you to Juice for allowing me to be part of her career via the JNFC for the past 19 years and for a lifetime of music and friendship.

Thanks to all of you who make "the daily tasks" so fun.

With much love and gratitude,

Paul Fowler - President Juice Newton Fan Club

#### **Enjoy Summer**

I hope everyone has a fabulous spring and that your summer adventures are fun and safe!! Don't forgot to check out the official site juicenewton.net for the latest tour dates and other information and "Like" the fan club page on Facebook. Visit the all new fan club website at juicenewtonfanclub.com.

Until next time take care!!

Paul & Juice

