

SPOTLight on Marilyn Hall She feels the beat

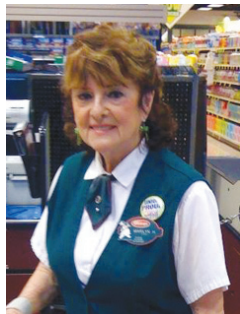
Anyone who works as a cashier knows it's not easy being on your feet all day, but for Marilyn Hall, a 20-year member and cashier at Dierbergs-Mackenzie Point, it's just a warm-up.

Hall, 75, just can't wait to put on her dancing shoes.

Rumba, waltzes, polkas and more, Hall is a dancing machine with enough miles on her dancing shoes to take her back more than 65 years.

"As long as I keep up with my dancing and work as long as I can, that keeps me going," Hall says.

Dancing has become a way of life to Hall, who started dancing at age 7 and at age 18 was a top 10 contender in the Miss Missouri



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And, she says, "There are always new dance techniques to learn."

Hall took ballet lessons for 30 years, figure skating about 10 years, and now takes tap dance lessons.

When she has the chance she dances with Showstoppers, a group that puts on variety shows for various nursing homes and charitable events.

"I love it. We did dancing in the streets recently, in front of the Fox Theater," Hall said. "I was on the tap stage."

Hall also dances with Norma Cobertts Syncopated Seniors, another tap group that keeps her busy.

"I'm a real show biz person," Hall says. "I used to sing Happy Birthday to employees at the store over the Dierbergs public address system, and still sing whenever I get the chance. I'm kind of like the store minstrel."