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## Royal Wedding strikes emotion around the world

by Michelle Moore

The last few months almost everybody has been talking about the royal wedding of Prince William, now Duke of Cambridge and Kate Middleton. The couple met at St. Andrews College in Scotland where they both were students in the 2001 fall term. The couple started off as friends but by the spring of 2004 the couple began dating after he saw her in a charity fashion show. A few years, a public breakup and public speculation on them dating found the couple announcing their engagement on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 with a public press conference at Clarence House with Kate receiving William's late mother, Prince Diana of Wales, sapphire and diamond engagement ring. They were married in the Church of England on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 am Greenwich Mean Time at the Westminster Abbey in London, England, which is also known as The Collegiate Church of St. Peter. The couple was joined in matrimony by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the ceremony itself was conducted by The Dean of Westminster, John Hall.

Many people have wondered how Prince William's and Kate's wedding would size up in comparison to the grandiose wedding of William's parents' Diana and Charles. While Princess Diana and Charles' wedding drew 14.2 million American viewers over the television, the recent royal wedding drew even more with 18.5 million American viewers. In

addition, while Kate stunned the crown in an elegant Sarah Burton by McQueen lace and silk gown, Princess Diana's gown was a trendsetting, record-breaking Elizabeth Emmanuel taffeta gown with a 25 foot train, extending of the entire set of stairs in St. Peter's Basilica.

There were pivotal guests in attendance of the wedding of the year.



Photo by Mrs. Shirley Thomas

Even at Parkland, the teachers were struck with wedding fever!

Nearly 1,900 people were invited to attend the service, with 600 people in attendance of the lunchtime reception hosted by Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. Almost 300 guests attended the dinner hosted by Prince Charles, father of the groom at Buckingham Palace on the wedding day. Among those big

names in attendance at the service were members of the British royal family such as Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip or The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Henry of Wales, Prince Andrew or The Duke of York and many other members of the royal family. Famous celebrities in attendance include David and Victoria Beckham, Elton John and Kanye West were also at the wedding. Also in attendance of the wedding were members of foreign royal families, dignitaries, members of government and parliament, representatives of the church, members of national defense services and many others who have inspired and influenced Prince William and Kate throughout their lives also received a cordial invite.

The British Armed Forces played a big

part in the formal pomp and circumstance in the wedding in April. Among the roles were those of Queen's Guard, The Guard of Honour, street liners, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force alongside others of the Armed Forces. The military members wore their service ceremonial uniforms and were in attendance of all aspects of the wedding.

While many weddings produce mind-blowing price tags, most cannot hold a candle to the cost of the recent royal wedding, clocking in with a price tag of \$34 million dollars. Most of the cost went towards security; this took \$32 million of the \$34 million spent total. Other major expenses were Kate's wedding ring, the multiple receptions, the gown, the cake, flowers and after-party cleaning. After security, flowers wound up being the second most costly with a price tag of \$800,000 U.S. dollars. Even the cake itself cost over \$80,000! These estimates do not even include the price of invitations, wedding party apparel and hotels for the night before, among other items.

In order to help celebrate their wedding with those less fortunate, Prince William and Kate set up a charitable gift fund. These funds will help the five types of charities the couple has chosen to focus on. Some of these charities are The Zoological Society of London, Ocean Youth Trust UK and Venture Trust, among over 20 other charities. They ask that anyone wishing to give them a gift do so by supporting the

aforementioned charities.

The Royal Family was extremely welcoming to those who wanted to help celebrate the wedding. While spectators could not actually get into the wedding itself, the ceremony was shown on two large screens in London one at Hyde Park and one at Trafalgar Square for spectators. The wedding was also broadcast live on television for those outside of London to be able to view the ceremony.

All in all, the wedding was a huge success, all of England was happy to see their future King and his wife and share a special day which will be remembered forever. Now, everybody knows how the old adage goes; first comes love, then

comes marriage, the n comes the royal heir or heiress in a baby carriage. All one can hope for is best wishes and a happy life for Prince William and his new bride.



## 'Latin Dance Craze' Zumba takes over Lehigh Valley

By Dolly Malik

Recently, the Latin dance craze, Zumba, has been taking over gyms, dance studios and homes all over the world. Besides being a fun dance style, Zumba is also an intense workout. Created in the mid 90's in Cali, Colombia, fitness instructor Beto brought to Miami, Florida in 2001, Zumba classes now have over 12 million students, not including Zumba videos and games.

Today, there are many different Zumba classes ranging from those for children to aquatic classes, but the more typical classes are held in a either dance studios or gyms. Classes are generally an hour long of nearly non-stop music set to Latin beats. The instructor leads the class in different dance steps, while incorporating various stretches and other body movement to help tone the body and turn a simple dance class into an

invigorating workout. Each class ends with a "cool-down" song, which involves light stretching. Nobody has been seen leaving a Zumba class without breaking a sweat.

Zumba instructors are usually dancers or dance instructors. In order to become a Zumba instructor, since the dance style is under rights, they must apply with the Zumba company and go through a series of training classes before being certified. "My instructor is full of energy! I love it because you sweat a lot yet have so much fun and the time really flies.," said sophomore Madison Donchez.

Some of the songs featured in a Zumba workout include Shakira's *Waka-Waka*, *Papa Americano*, Cosculluela's *Prrrum*, and Pitbull's *Krazy* and *Calle Ocho*. Besides Latin beats, Zumba classes also tend to feature other foreign music. Some teachers incorporate African and Bollywood beats, adding an interesting feel to the class.

Zumba fanatics can be seen around donning their Zumba apparel and frequently posting statuses about classes or conversing with others about their latest Zumba adventures.

"I just love Zumba. It's definitely the best!" said senior Angela Krustick.

This new workout dance has been called a "fitness-party" and it tends to be just that. There are over 500 classes just in the Lehigh Valley. Most gyms, dance studios and many churches like Bethany offer these classes. For more information and to find a Zumba class near you, visit [www.Zumba.com](http://www.Zumba.com).



ZUMBA FITNESS

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Zumba lessons are everywhere including the Curves gym at Tilghman Square even for non-members.