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## MISSION

To promote the quantity and quality of ballroom dance  
in The United States



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## USA Dance Chapter 6049 Newsletter; April, 2013 *"The Dancers Edge"*

Dear Don,

March was good in the dance community. The Foxtrot and the Hustle are at the half-way point, attendance has leveled off as we're seeing some of our "Snowbirds" rushing north for the last of the winter storms BRRRRR.



The Performance Team from the Training Program we've initiated at **AKI'S Dance Studio** for Chapter members is doing well and you can expect to see a rousing Foxtrot performance at our "Gatsby Tea Dance" on April 28th the 4th Sunday "Down By The Riverside". If you weren't able to join this group, the next session will be "Team Tango" during May and June. Watch for specific dates.



We're hosting a special pilot ballroom dance program at the Cypress Lake Middle School during April and May. You'll see more on this soon.

Look at some of the articles below that will keep you up to date on the activities coming up, there's plenty for everyone!

Thanks for your support.



Sincerely,

Don Davenport, President  
USA Dance Chapter 6049  
239-368-8423

Happy Feet

Happy Feet Dance  
Team!

Have you heard about  
the joy this team is  
spreading throughout  
the community?

This team is visiting  
retirement homes,  
assisted living  
facilities, rest homes,  
community churches  
and other venues to  
bring the joy of dance  
to those that can't  
attend other  
functions.

WHAT A WONDERFUL  
GROUP!

Contact Kathy Dep at  
765-437-7675 for  
more information.

### **Chapter Board of Directors-2013**

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The "Riverside Ladies".

4th Sunday of each month is our Social Dance from  
4 to 7 PM. March 24th was our "Introduction To  
The Silver Waltz" with Guest Instructor Bruce  
Akioka of AKI's Dance Studio. Enjoyed by all!

During our fabulous Potluck Dining time we enjoyed  
"Ballroom Fashions By Belke". The models were our  
Riverside Ladies who also had the opportunity to try  
these lovely gowns as they danced with their  
favorite partners.

For the rest of the afternoon it was dancing to our  
favorite ballroom tunes, enjoying the comradery of  
our fellow dancers and the views of the riverside  
and nature from this lovely venue.

**[CLICK HERE TO SEE VIDEO AND PICS ON](#)**

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### **Purpose and Goals**

The basic purpose of each chapter of USA Dance is to promote the growth of ballroom dancing as both a

### **WEBSITE**



NEXT MONTH IT'S "THE GREAT GATSBY TEA PARTY" on April 28th from 4 to 7 PM.

We'll start this off with a truly FUN Charleston Lesson with Cindy Lee of 1st DANZ Studio as our Guest Instructor. There is no better dance to set the theme of this "ERA" Dance Party!

This theme is so popular it has become an annual event. Gloria Baker and Linda Crosbie will host this event and when they do things they do things well. So, Ladies get out your best "Flapper" outfits, guys you know how the gents from the Roarin' 20's dressed.

While Gloria and Linda will make sure all the makin's of a real TEA PARTY are there, they can always use some help.



### **"DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE"**



lifetime recreational activity and as a sport. Chapters serve as the leader and focal point of ballroom dancing in their community and strive to educate the public regarding the physical, mental and social benefits of ballroom dancing.

The basic goal is for everyone to ballroom dance. In support of that goal, chapters provide affordable opportunities for all ages to participate in ballroom dancing. They welcome beginner dancers and help them get started as ballroom dancers. Talented dancers are encouraged to become DanceSport Athletes. Chapters seek to bring the joy and benefits of ballroom dance to as many people as possible.

Nuff Said,  
COME DANCE WITH  
US!

**Support Our  
Affiliated Studios!**  
These local studios are members of the local chapter and participate in our functions by providing guest instructors, co-hosting events and providing professional expertise



We've talked about the Performance Team!

The next session will open on May 7th at AKI'S Dance Studio on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9 PM. The TANGO will be the featured dance though June!

This is a USA Dance members only program.

The purpose is to provide training to those who wish to perform both in group and individual exhibitions or performances, as well as sharpen their competitive skills.

Should you wish to join this session it's open enrollment for the first two weeks, but we can not slow the group down for late



**and advice.  
They Support Us,  
Let Us Return The  
Favor!**

#### **IN FORT MYERS**

**AKI'S Dance Studio  
239-275-9252**

**1st DANZ Studio  
239-931-3269**

#### **IN CAPE CORAL**

**Rhythm In Motion  
239-542-3500**

The studio web-sites are  
on ours in the "Local  
Resources"  
drop down menu;  
go to  
[www.usadance6049.org](http://www.usadance6049.org)

enrollees. So make your plans now!

Fees: \$5.00 each session, members only. Membership applications  
will be available at the door. Annual membership is \$25.00

Don't miss this opportunity to upgrade your dance and performing  
skills! Instruction and choreography by Bruce Akioka, owner of  
the studio and a World Class Dance Athlete!



#### **OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTERS**

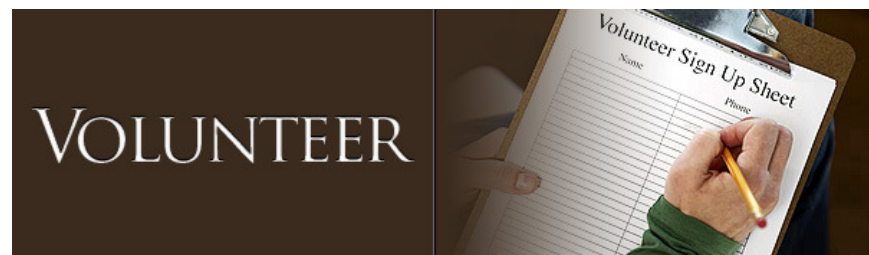
##### **The Paradise Chapter of Naples, Florida**

Holds Social Dances at  
various locations in the  
Naples area monthly  
Check with Mary Anne  
for schedule

##### **The White Sands Chapter of Sarasota, Florida**

Holds a Weekly Social  
Dance at  
The Sara Dance Club  
In  
Sarasota  
Every MONDAY NIGHT  
From 7 to 10 PM

##### **The Treasure Coast**



**IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE  
PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL! All of our Special Events  
such as the Black-Tie Ball, National Ballroom Dance**

**Chapter of St.  
Pete/Clearwater,  
Florida**

Holds a Monthly Social  
Dance at The Gulfport  
Casino in  
Saint Petersburg  
The Fourth Monday of  
Every Month  
From 7 to 11 PM

**USADance Inc., a 501c3  
nonprofit organization,  
is the National  
Governing Body of  
DanceSport in the  
United States and with  
174 chapters, represents  
both social and  
competitive dancers  
throughout the USA.  
USADance is the United  
States multi-sports  
members of the US  
Olympic Committee  
and the World  
DanceSport Federation.**



FOR  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT  
SPECIAL  
POPULATIONS  
ENCLAVE  
PROGRAM  
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Week etc for the past three years have been  
planned by Gloria Baker. After the Great Gatsby  
Tea Dance on April 28th she is stepping down due  
to other commitments.



Yoshie and Gloria.

This obviously leaves a huge vacuum for our  
special events and 4th Sunday Social Dances. We'd  
like to form a "Social Dance Committee" to manage  
these dances. Maybe YOU can make a commitment  
of once a month to make these events successful!  
Call Don at 239-368-8423.



Gerald Wilkinson

Gerald is the Vice President of our Chapter. While  
new to the ballroom dance scene, he gives it his all  
and fills the vacant spots whenever it's necessary.  
He sets up and takes down the ballroom on  
Monday nights, Thursday afternoons and our 4th  
Sunday Social Dances. Wayne Manning has been  
his Monday night "Main Man" so except for the 1st



Monday Gerald gets a little break. YOU might want to help in this area.



Barbara Wilson



Barbara's volunteer work is remarkable! She assists our instructor Ron at all of the Monday and Wednesday lessons, coaches at our Thursday Practice Dances, gives her total support to the new Performance Team, even to designing and making the ladies costumes for the team and designing the men's outfits for the team

You may recall that Barbara was our 2012 "Chapter Volunteer of the Year"

**Didn't slow her down a bit!**

**A new face at the Welcome Table is Louanne Thompson, she's filling the void in Michelle's absence and also working as a chapter representative at the Cypress Lake Middle School pilot program.**

**Marilyn Boyer is a main cog in this program also!**

**Dorothy Sauerbrei and Joe Martel have hit the floor running again, with Yoshie's absence they have made "refreshment time" continue without a hitch. Kitty Dwight and Tony Vincent have taken up the torch on the last Monday of every month to give them a reprieve.**

## When You See Them Say "Thank You"

Think about the people who make all the things happen to realize we are a group of community volunteers! We will be mustering and scheduling those of you that wish to make our programs/events successful.

### If YOU WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER!!

Just let us know what fits your schedule and we'll make it work!! **Sign UP at the front desk** after the lessons if you are interested in helping.



**OF COURSE NO EVENT IS SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE PARTICIPANTS!  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

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## *The Membership Corner*



**We'll be discontinuing the monthly listing of new members and renewing members until the new membership software program at National is fully implemented and all information is available at the chapter level.**

Until that time we ask that you do your own renewals as we don't have the ability to handle these at the chapter level at present.

**SO ... Check your cards and re-new, if it's time. You may go to**  
**[www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org)**



**Thanks,**

**Don**

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## Birthday Corner



**This column will also be discontinued until this information is available at the chapter level from the National data base.**

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## DanceSport Corner

The Royal Palm Chapters Competition is on April 13th . TIME IS FLYING! This fun event at the Gold Coast Ballroom in Coconut Creek Florida will be here before you know it so.....



Last Years Dancers from Chapter 6049

So far our chapter has Carol Davis and Kevin Carrol, Chris and Susan LeMay dancing in this years competition. Always room for more!

Let us get organized and take advantage of this opportunity to represent Chapter 6049!  
Many of you could enter the Newcomer Category and several SHOULD dance the Bronze Category. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER! Go to.....

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[www.usadance-royalpalm.org](http://www.usadance-royalpalm.org)

## USA Dance Bermuda Cruise

<http://www.dancecruiseusadance.com/>

This is the web-site to visit for information on this cruise!

## What you need to know about USA Dance

### **Educational and Charitable Mission:**

In furtherance of its educational and charitable purposes, USA DANCE promotes ballroom dancing as a recognized sport and a recreational activity, providing opportunities to all Americans. Objectives include:

1. Educating the general public on how ballroom dancing, as a sport or activity, can greatly enhance the physical and mental well-being and health of its participants, regardless of age, ability or interest level;
2. Also educating the general public-- from pre-school to seniors -- about the social benefits of participating in organized dance activities;
3. Fostering and promoting a willingness and spirit of universal cooperation among co-existing dance, sports and social organizations, both for-profit and non-profit, businesses, teaching and competing professionals and amateurs, and other interest groups to sustain a high level of interest and participation in ballroom and latin dancing;
4. Providing a means of information exchange between the various dance related organizations and promoting a healthy and productive interaction between dancers of all organizations;
5. Eliminating restrictive conditions and policies that would prohibit or discourage participation in dance;
6. Promoting, guiding and supporting social and competitive ballroom dance programs at the collegiate and K-12 levels throughout the nation; and,
7. Fostering and helping sustain purposeful USA Dance chapters throughout the United States in all 50 states.

### **Chapter Social & Community Activities**

USA DANCE chapters create dance opportunities for local citizens by organizing affordable social dances, dance lessons and workshops. Chapter members often present dance education and live demonstrations in nursing homes, retirement homes, hospitals, schools, shopping malls, and other public places, while striving to educate the public regarding the health and social benefits of ballroom dancing. The goal of each chapter is to serve the national mission on a grassroots level, as a leader and a motivation for ballroom dance activities in the community colleges and schools. A significant portion of USA Dance's resources is devoted to promoting, organizing and supporting ballroom dancing programs for youth and collegiate dancers.

### **DanceSport Activities**

USA DANCE organizes and promotes local dance competitions, regional dancesport

### **That's a lot of stuff!**

We do most of our share here in Southwest Florida! We could do more with a larger corps of volunteers!

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

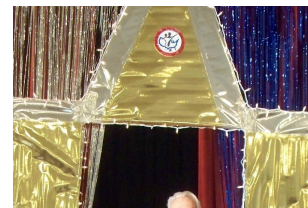


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### **Closing Comments**

Yoshie and I wish to thank the many of you that have expressed you kind thoughts, concerning her recovery from knee surgery. She misses you all and hopefully she'll be back in action in time





for the "Gatsby Tea Dance"

Your support for all of our chapter programs is awesome! Keep *"Dancing for America"*!

Thank You!

Don Davenport, President  
SW Florida Chapter 6049  
USA Dance



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