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FLORIDA'S CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2010



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USA Dance Chapter 6049 Newsletter; December, 2012 *"The Dancers Edge"*

Dear Don,

November was a pretty quite month. The Rumba workshop was the hi-lite of the month enjoyed by all attendees! See some pictures below.

With Christmas rapidly approaching and the New Year practically here, if your aren't traveling join us at the chapter celebrations on December 23rd (Christmas Potluck and Dance) and New Years Eve, December 31st both at Riverside Community Center. There are no activities scheduled the week of December 24th through the 30th.

If you are traveling or celebrating the holidays in a personal way, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Sincerely,

Don Davenport, President
USA Dance Chapter 6049
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The Chapter's 2nd Workshop (Rumba) at



Riverside, Sunday November 25th was a happy time as we danced off those Thanksgiving treats!

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.



There were 30 Dancers, here, Barbara demonstrates arm styling.



Ron works the steps

WHAT A WONDERFUL GROUP!

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

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2012-2013

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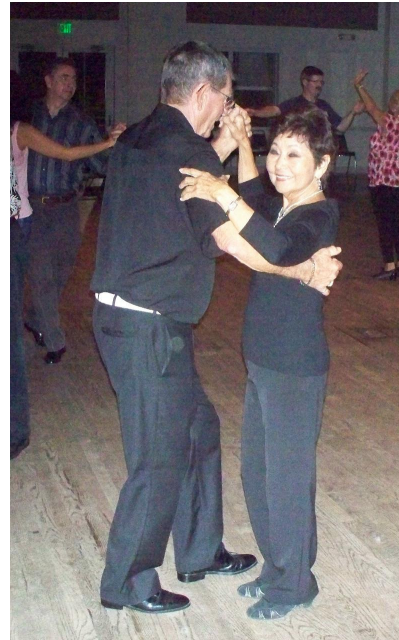
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Team
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After hours practice Rick and Mary, Gwen and Bonnie



Gerald does moves with Yoshie



**A Special Christmas Dance and Social Time,
Sunday December 23rd from 4 to 7 PM At
The Riverside Community Center.**

We know that many will be traveling during the Holidays and enjoying time with family and friends. For those who are remaining in the area, come join your Chapter fellow dancers and



Purpose and Goals

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

friends as we celebrate the Christmas Holiday "Down By The Riverside".

This will be a "Potluck Social" with plenty of dancing, including your favorite Christmas tunes.

Spotlights and Solo's for entertainment when you take a break.

ADMISSION: USA DANCE MEMBERS, \$8.00
FUTURE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, \$10.00



HOW ABOUT THE "HAPPY FEET DANCE TEAM"?

The Happy Feet Folks never quit. Not only were they out in the community bringing the joy of dance to those that aren't able to enjoy this part of an active life style, but we'll see them again at our Christmas Party on December 23rd at Riverside

. Don't miss the FUN!



Last year at Christmas time.

Visit the Chapter web-site for Photo's of the Team in action!

[CLICK HERE FOR CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)



We'll be celebrating "out with the old" from 7 to 10 PM at the Riverside Community Center on Monday, January 31st.

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 and advice.

**They Support Us,
Let Us Return The
Favor!**

IN FORT MYERS

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

**Dance Sergio's
239-848-5675**

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

**Fred Astaire's
239-939-1517**

IN CAPE CORAL

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

OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTERS

The Paradise Chapter of Naples, Florida

Holds a Weekly Social
Dance at DanceLife
Studio In

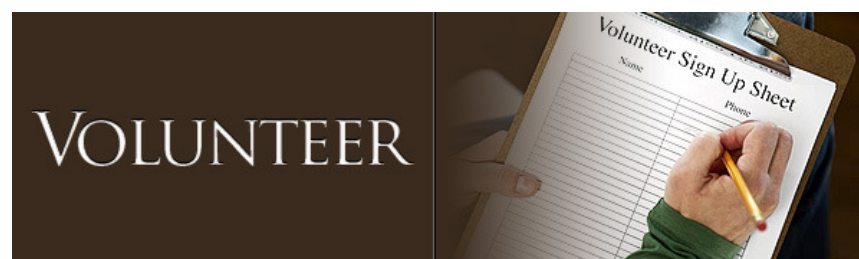
Bonita Springs

Every TUESDAY NIGHT
From 7:30 to 9:30 PM

A Social Dance, a dessert bar and your fellow dancers to enjoy the past year and look forward to the NEW with!

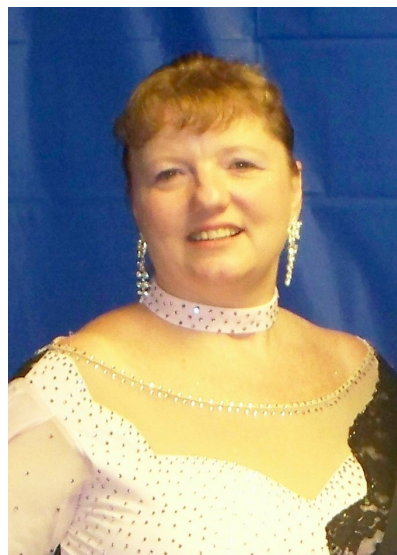
ADMISSION: \$5.00 for both members and future members and friends.

Let's dress an elegant casual!



IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL!

Joanie Howe was recently confirmed as the latest addition to our Chapter Board of Directors. She was a "Chapter Volunteer of the Year 2011", served as Ambassador for DanceSport this past year, is active in the "Happy Feet Dance Team", competition and showcase dancing and now is assuming the responsibilities of Chapter Volunteer Coordinator.



**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
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



FOR
INFORMATION
ABOUT
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POPULATIONS
ENCLAVE
PROGRAM
CONTACT:
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565-7947



A Christmas Special on

And by the way, YOU TOO MAY BE A VOLUNTEER!!

Just let us know what fits your schedule and we'll make it work!! **See Joanie Howe** in the foyer after the Monday lessons if you are interested in helping.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR CHAPTER BOARD
OF DIRECTORS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Don Davenport, President,

Barbara Wilson, Secretary

Jean Urbancic, Treasurer

Gloria Baker, Special Events

Michelle Rossman, Membership

John Rosko, Social

Gerald Wilkinson, At Large

Joanie Howe, Volunteers



THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



Welcome the dancers that have joined our membership ranks in November!

Signe Kastberg Belkis Lantigua

Carol Brisky

December 19th
At The Kennedy Senior
Center
in
Cape Coral
From 1 to 2 PM
ENJOY
This
SPECIAL
DANCE
TROUPE

Admission FREE.

It's always great to hear about renewals:

Jacob George Cheryl Conroy

Sandy Honne Joe Savage

Transfers from other Chapters:

Joseph Garofalo John Corbeil

LouAnn F. Hale

Renewal time is once a year, while USA Dance sends notices, we'd just like to remind you how important your continuing membership is to the role USA Dance plays in the "World Of Ballroom Dance". If you are overdue or approaching your renewal date, remember your membership makes a difference!

SO ... Check your cards and re-new, if it's time. You may go to www.usadance.org or renew at any of our local functions.

Your Support is the life blood of our chapter!

Thanks,

Don

DECEMBER Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eddie Burkey	Kenneth Dahlberg	Thana Devacaanthan
Thabata Dorce	Carl Hamm	Michal Imbeau
Jose Lagos	Belkis Lantigua	Chris LeMay
John Leonard	Donna Miles	Richard Osman
Jim Pelstring	Louise Petarra	Arlyne Salcedo
George Slater III	Jeannie Summers	Susan Tadey
Dodie Woolf	Billie Woosley	

If we missed you, sorry, many do not list birthday on their membership registration. Let us know if you'd like that updated, the year is not necessary except for athletes.



DanceSport Corner

The Royal Palm Chapters Competition on January 12, 2013 has been postponed until April 13th (Tentative). We'll give you

updates as soon as available. The GOOD NEWS is that gives us more time to prepare for this fun event at the Gold Coast Ballroom in Coconut Creek Florida.



It seems we have some folks interested but are without partners. We may be able to do something similar to what we did in matching dancers at the showcase. If you are interested contact Joanie Howe at 239-303-1924 or [Click for Joanies email](#)

Let us get organized and take advantage of this opportunity to represent Chapter 6049!

Many of you could enter the Newcomer Category and several could dance the Bronze Category, check with Joanie or Don for particulars!

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN USA DANCE

If you are enjoying the WORLD OF BALLROOM DANCE, NOW is the time to show your support and reap the personal benefits of membership!

Annual membership fees start at \$25.00 per year.

At the National level you receive "American Dancer" magazine, which gives you all the news about ballroom dancing you'll ever need. Plus discounted admission fees to events hosted by our 172 chapters throughout the country.

At the local Chapter level we offer, free admission to a local chapter social dance, a gift certificate for a free 1/2 hour and group/practice dance at one of our participating local dance studios, discounted dance packages for our "So You Wanna' Dance" programs. Access to our DVD lending library. Dance CD based on our dance program and much more!

What's more: WE DO GOOD STUFF! Join and help.

You can Join online

www.usadance.org

click on membership, it's so easy!

SOME THING SPECIAL

Looking to Upgrade your dance skill level?

Members keep asking "how about some more advanced classes."

While we do intermediate classes on Part II on Monday nights, Intermediate to Advanced classes with our Guest Instructors once each quarter and our Intermediate/Advanced Workshops once each quarter our resources just don't give us the ability to provide further low cost group lessons.

So we've talked to our affiliated studios (USA Dance members) for ideas.

AKI's will offer special USA Dance admission rates at their Friday night lessons and dance parties. Featured dances will be taught monthly, TANGO in December, level of dance intermediate/advanced.

ADMISSION:

USA Dance members \$7.50, Others \$10.00

1st DANZ will offer USA Dance admission rates at their Thursday night Ballroom Dances. Other SPECIALS CALL 239-931-3269. 1st DANZ is the only studio in Fort Myers to offer a Saturday night dance party! Check it out.

ADMISSION BALLROOM THURSDAY:

USA Dance members \$8.00, Others \$10.00

RHYTHM IN MOTION in Cape Coral has in place a Friday night dance party and lesson, which features a different dance each month.

ADMISSION: \$10.00, couples \$15.00



Closing Comments

As we come to the end of another year, Yoshie and I wish



to extend our best holiday wishes to all of you that have given us the opportunity to share the joy of dance throughout Southwest Florida and encourage you to keep *"Dancing for America"*!



Thank You!

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049
USA Dance

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