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FLORIDA'S CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2010



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

Dear Don,

The New Year Started ON A Roll!

First the BOLERO kicked off at Four Freedoms with 43 folks in attendance, and continues to hover at that mark.

Next our WALTZ program at Riverside had 110 dancers in attendance the first night, week three had 136! The great part is the new folks are returning. There were 24 folks in the back room review last week!

The first two Practice Dances at Riverside had twenty dancers at each session. There were 26 at the last week. A great time and turnout!

The new Performance Team Training Program we've initiated at **AKI'S Dance Studio** for Chapter members is off to a good start! Steady at 30 dancers!!





Thanks to all!
Sincerely,

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



It's The WALTZ at Riverside, This dance starts off the New Year as the most popular couples dance in the Nation by a survey conducted by USA Dance at the National level. This was verified locally by our record breaking attendance of 110 the first evening of the session.

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.

This picture is from the 1st Waltz session in 2010.

What looks like a large group here, was surpassed in the third week of WALTZ, this year with an attendance record 136 dancers! WOW!! This past week 116, everyone looked elegant..

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BOLERO Class At Four Freedoms Park



The first two sessions counted 43 dancers at each, AWESOME!
Week three continued to be great!!

4th Sunday Social Dance on January 27th Featured a Visit from Lyn and "Finishing Touches On Smooth Techniques"



A beautiful afternoon "Down By The Riverside". Lyn Wallander gave the dancers several ways to improve their dancing skills. She emphasized "Beautiful Basics" An awesome afternoon! This lovely lady volunteered her "visit" because she believes strongly in our chapter achievements and direction.

THANKS LYN!

We followed up with a lovely potluck, lots of dancing and a lovely sunset. How Great It Is!!

HOW ABOUT THE "HAPPY FEET DANCE TEAM"?

The Happy Feet Folks



Kathy Dep
Happy Feet Dance
Team
765-437-7675

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.

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, They bring so much happiness to the places they visit!



January they visited the Sterling House in Punta Gorda!

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

[CLICK HERE FOR CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)

Now it's the Performance Team!

To give those dancers who enjoy performing in a group we're supplementing the Happy Feet Team with a performance team that dances a repertoire as a group to represent the chapter on special events. It is planned that the featured dance will change every two months. Anticipating seeing the first performance at the Annual Black-Tie Ball on February 24th! "Dancing With The Riverside Stars"? You Bet Cha!!



Week 2



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
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

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239-542-3500

The studio web-sites are
on ours in the Resources
drop down menu
go to
www.usadance6049.org

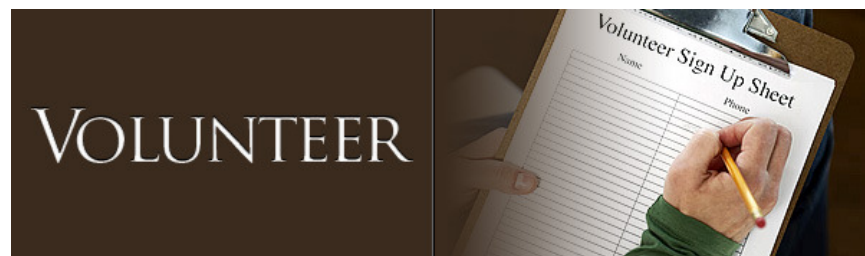
OUR NEIGHBOR
CHAPTERS

Week 3

Sound interesting? Planning a new session starting in March.



Week 3 one more time
Ain't it Great!!



IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE
PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL! At our January 2013
meeting of the Chapter Board some of the Board
Member Functions were re-aligned.

Gerald Wilkinson joined our board recently and was
nominated and unanimously approved to fill the
position of Vice President. He will also be
managing our lending library, assisted by Jean
Urbancic, our Treasurer.



**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

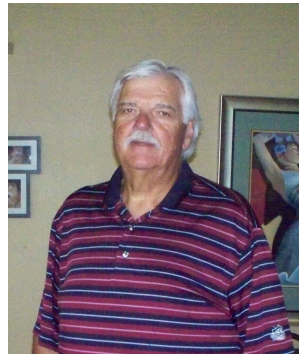
**The Treasure Coast
Chapter of St.
Pete/Clearwater,
Florida**

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
SPECIAL
POPULATIONS
ENCLAVE
PROGRAM
CONTACT:

Ed Kopyc was appointed to the Chapter Volunteer
Coordinator position. He is also be the Chapters
"Ambassador" to the Four Freedoms Park program.



John Rosko is now the assigned "Board Member At
Large"



You only have to think about the people who make
all the things happen to realize we are a group of
community volunteers! Ed 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 fit's your schedule and we'll make it
work!! **See Ed Kopyc** after the lessons if you are
interested in helping.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH January 2013

We wish to recognize **Dorothy Sauerbrei** as our Volunteer of the Month for January 2013. This lady quickly picked up the refreshments setup and cleanup duties on Monday nights. Thank Dorothy!

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

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

Carol Davis
565-7947



**Welcome the dancers that have joined our
membership ranks in January!**

Dion Dow Judy Dow Beverly Matthews

Kerri Tonkin Robert Tonkin

Felix Miles Sandra Miles

Judy Cowan Dwayne Wilson

Tom Timmons Barbara Timmons

Richard Safron Sharon Safron

Taryk Popovich Everett Mendes III

Rad Sturgis Dixie Cory

Brenda Stouffer Magdelene Mayer

Desiree Golden Sherry Pate

Harold Johnson Joe Petra

Donald Washburn Deloris Robbins

The January renewals:

Jim Brodock Jo-Ann Bevins

John Rosko Louanne Thompson

Bridget Baker Gary Crabtree

Gerald Boeger Bud Ogden

Martha Ogden Eleanor Harrison

Barbara Wilson Tom Howe

Joanie Howe Brian Akioka

Bruce Akioka Stuart Groom

Joan Groom Barbara Mazur

Susan Dickson Richard Osman

Harold Fleming Cherie Rohn

Kathy Sturgis Richard Farrell

Mary Farrell Wayne Manning

John Thomas Joyce Thomas

Gerald White Pauline White

Bruce Marvin Debora Marvin



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!

This is especially important to those Adult Athletes and Professional Categories as those memberships are now based on the CALENDAR YEAR! AND you must renew yourself as the chapters don't have the capability to process these categories!

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.

Thanks,

Don

PS: This is probably our largest one month membership growth in the history of our Chapter! Our delinquent memberships have practically disappeared. (or been replaced)

The official count from National is 219 members. This does not include the "Adult Athletes" or professional members.

NICE BEGINNING FOR A NEW YEAR!

February Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jo-Ann Bevins Nancy Brodley Joe Delany
Gary Derosiers Joe Garofalo Gia Hammond
Thomas Howe Gretchan Manhart Sandra Miles
Charlotte Moreno Cindy Lee Overton William Ringo
Marjorie Riordon Cherie Rohn Carol Shearn
John Thomas Louanne Thompson Tom Timmons
Louise Villeneuve

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 now has a firm date of April 13th . 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.



Last Years Dancers from Chapter 6049

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.

IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST WE MAY BE ABLE TO SET UP A BRONZE LEVEL GROUP COMPETITION TRAINING PROGRAM, similar to or in conjunction with our Performance Team Program! Check with Don if you are interested.

NOW IS

If you are enjoying the WORLD OF BALLROOM DANCE, NOW is the time to show your support

THE TIME TO JOIN USA DANCE

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 PRIVATE LESSON 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! Other MEMBERS Specials are discounted admission to dance parties at participating studio's also at our practice dances on Thursday afternoons, and participation in performance dance instruction for members.

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

You can Join online

www.usadance.org

click on membership, it's so easy!



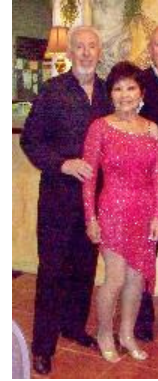


Closing Comments

When we initiated the "Performance Team" program I was hoping for six couples. Now it looks like we'll have two teams! Support for all of our chapter programs is awesome! Keep *"Dancing for America"*!

Thank You!

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049
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