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FLORIDA'S CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2010



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

Dear Don,

December was a fast paced month, the chapter celebrations on December 23rd (Christmas Potluck and Dance) and New Years Eve, December 31st both at Riverside Community Center were certainly the culmination of an awe-some year!



The Graduation of our Cha Cha class at Riverside and our West Coast Swing class at Four Freedoms Park were great! The Special Pops Celebration at the Kennedy Center was very heart-warming.



As I reflected on the past year of achievements, I went to the chapter web-site, where every major event is documented on video or in our photo albums. Take time to visit our web-site [by clicking here](#) just to remind you of the great times and FUN we had in 2012!

Happy New Year!
Sincerely,

Don Davenport, President
USA Dance Chapter 6049
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The Chapter's CHA CHA Dancers at Riverside, Gave us a special treat as they showed the figures they learned over the past two months!

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.

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There were 33 Fabulous Cha Cha Dancers!

NEXT UP: The Elegant WALTZ starts January 7th

West Coast Swing Class At Four Freedoms Park



Even with Christmas just around the corner these persistent dancers finished this challenging class! Next up BOLERO starts January 2nd.

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Happy Feet Dance



A Special Christmas Dance and Social Time, Sunday December 23rd At The Riverside Community Center.

Your Chapter fellow
dancers and friends
numbered 40 that joined
us as we celebrated the
Christmas Holiday
"Down By The
Riverside".



A "Potluck Social" set the mood with plenty of dancing, including
your favorite Christmas tunes.

Spotlights and Solo's were fantastic! Check out the videos of the
performances and pictures of the fun by [clicking here](#)

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,
they turned out again
at our Christmas Party



Team
765-437-7675

on December 23rd at Riverside
. OH WHAT FUN

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

[CLICK HERE FOR CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)

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!



We celebrated "out with the old" from 7 to 10 PM at the Riverside Community Center on Monday, December 31st.



A Social Dance, a dessert bar and Chapter members and friends enjoyed the passing of a great year of *"Dancing for America"*



There were 40 (seems to be the magic number) folks that attended and made this a special night!

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
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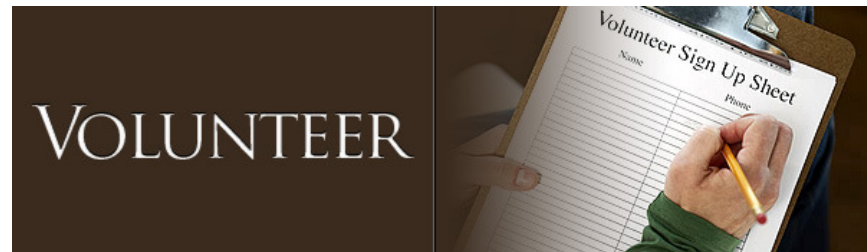
1st DANZ Studio
239-931-3269

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239-939-1517

IN CAPE CORAL

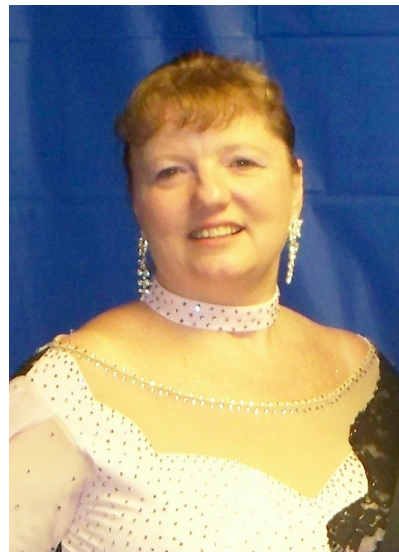
Rhythm In Motion
239-542-3500

There were no performances, just nice dancing and socializing. Our guy Tom took some nice videos as we danced and you see these by separate email.



IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL!

Joanie Howe has assumed the responsibilities of Chapter Volunteer Coordinator.



OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTERS

The Paradise Chapter of Naples, Florida

Holds a Weekly Social
Dance at DanceLife
Studio In
Bonita Springs
Every TUESDAY NIGHT

You only have to think about the people who make all the things happen to realize we are a group of community volunteers! Joanie 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!! **See Joanie Howe** in the foyer after the Monday lessons if you are interested in helping.

From 7:30 to 9:30 PM

**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



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

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



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

Mimi Weber

Denise Loucks

Joyce Snow

William Snow

It's always great to hear about renewals:

Donald Haney

Joy Salberg

Charles Trovato

Gregory Kurth

Shirley Hall

Inez Prassel

John Corbeil

Leanne Halfman

Sandy Honne

Don Davenport

Yoshie Davenport

**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!

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



JANUARY Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chris Allison Gerald Boeger Leah Deats

Sissil Dep Gwen Frisk William Gozdz

Joan Groom Jesse Hill Beatriz Moreno

Karen Niederriter Natashia Olancin

Ying Przybyszewski Joyce Ramcharan Brook Simon

Constance Townsend Gerald Wilkinson

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.



Last Years Dancers from Chapter 6049

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 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!

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

help.

You can Join online

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click on membership, it's so easy!

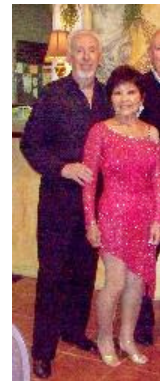


Closing Comments

My favorite pictures are always those of the "Graduates"! The number of folks who have completed the chapter programs and continue to return and support these programs is awesome! Keep "*Dancing for America*"!

Thank You!

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049
USA Dance



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