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FLORIDA'S CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2010



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Dear Don,

It can't get much better than the Annual Black-Tie Ball, "Dancing With The Riverside Stars"! If you missed it, TOUGH, you may still enjoy by visiting the web-site and the video's, if you were there, you know it was a grand time and an event to remember!

The Special Pop's presentation was a great kick-off for the night. Thanks Carol!

The new Performance Team from the Training Program we've initiated at **AKI'S Dance Studio** for Chapter members showed their stuff, and you can bet this program will continue!

Congratulations to the SOLO performance dancers! They were all WINNERS!

Thanks to all!

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.

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The "Riverside Stars.

4th Sunday of February was THE EVENT OF THE
YEAR!

The Black Tie Ball was truly a "Dancing With The
Riverside Stars" tribute to the Chapter Programs of
the past three years!

It started with a marvelous catered buffet which
quickly proceeded to a performance by the Special
Population Waltz Team!



SPECIAL POPULATIONS WALTZ Class of 2013

Robert	Jackie	Joseph
Christen	Michael	Melissa
Billy	Katie	Josh
Nicole	Robert	Mariam

Ed Kopyc
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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 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

Diane

Britney

Mia

The Group's support was by **Lonnie** and the dance program was coached by **Carol Davis**.

WELL DONE!

Our new Performance Team

did an elegant Waltz to roll us into the THEME of "Dancing With The Riverside Stars"



CHAPTER PERFORMANCE TEAM

Bridget Baker & Garry Crabtree

Joann Bevins & John Rosko

Carol Davis & Ed Kopyc

Kathy & Sissil Dep

Cindy Ewald & Kevin Carroll

Angela Halpern & Wayne Manning

Joanie & Tom Howe

Margie Riordan & Joe Petra

Joyce Ramcharan & Gerald Wilkinson

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
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

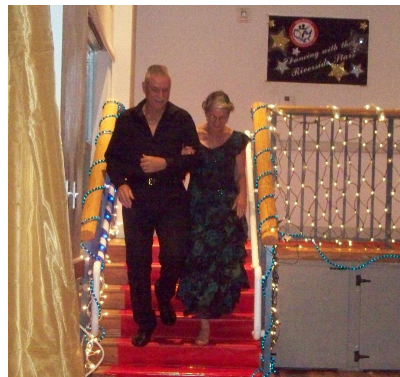
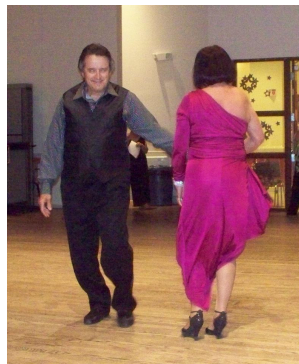
Marcia Mahood & JB Williams

Delores Robbins & Professor Don Washburn

Barbara & Tom Timmons

BRAVO!

Then the "STARS" did their thing!



Gary & Barbara #2 Bolero

Bob & Gretchen #3. Argentine
Tango

THE SOLO PERFORMERS WERE:

Gretchen & Robert Manhart -
Argentine Tango

Jacqueline & Don Brady - East
Coast Swing

Gwenn & Bonnie Frisk - Waltz

Bonnie & Ed Burkey - Cha cha

Joanie & Tom Howe - Foxtrot

Bridget Baker & Garry Crabtree
- Samba

Carol Davis & Kevin Carroll -
Tango

Barbara & Gary Desrosiers -
Bolero

ALL WINNERS!

There are many more pictures
of this spectacular event posted
on the web site [CLICK HERE
TO VISIT](#) and select photos
from the right hand drop down
menu!

More Photo's and Videos
COMING SOON!

239-542-3500

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

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 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,**

Eddie & Bonnie #1 Cha Cha

BEAUTIFUL DANCING,

AND THEN

"DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE"



It's The WALTZ Graduation at Riverside, the
record breaking attendance which reached
its peak at 136, yielded 60 Dancers on "GRAD"
night!



These "60" not only stuck to it but gave us the true
elegance of the Waltz on this night to remember.

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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March 15 the entire Sp Pops (80 +) would like to extend an invitation to the chapter members to come and join us for a St. Patty's Day Party at the



UP NEXT: FOXTROT!

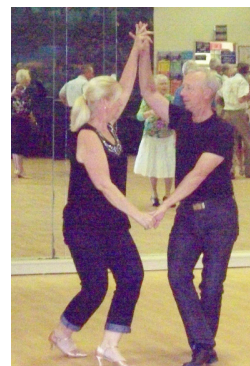
BOLERO Class At Four Freedoms Park

Kennedy Sr. Center
next to Sun Splash.
12;30 to 2:00 Pm. Stop
in and say 'hello' . Do a
little 'JIG" and enjoy
some quality time with
our Sp Pop friends.



The first two sessions counted 43 dancers at each, AWESOME!
While we settled down to a smaller group look at these committed
dancers
on Graduation Night!





THAT WAS SOME KIND OF BOLERO!

Next Up HUSTLE!

We've talked about the Performance Team!

The second session is underway at AKI'S Dance Studio on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9 PM. The Foxtrot is the featured dance through April.

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.

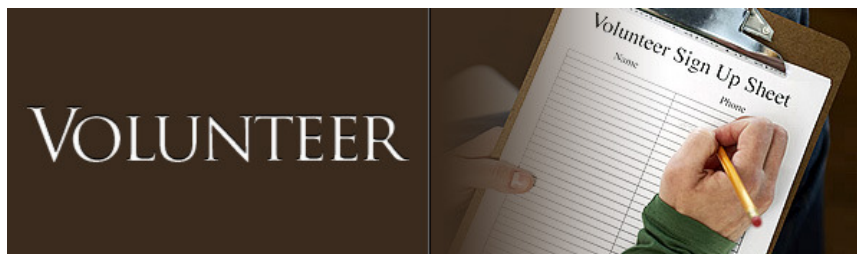


Should you wish to join this session it's open enrollment for the first two weeks, but we can not slow the group down for late enrollees. If you haven't started already, **next Monday, March 5th, is the final opportunity.**

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!





IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL! All of our Special Events such as the Black-Tie Ball, National Ballroom Dance Week etc are planned by Gloria Baker. This year she had a fantastic group of folks that put the ball together and we should appreciate their efforts!



Yoshie and Gloria.



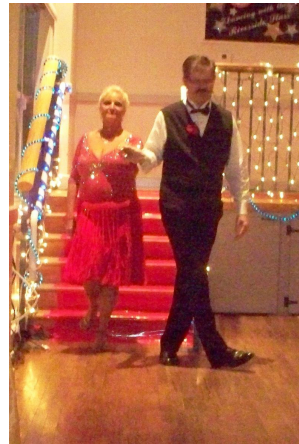
Gerald Wilkinson



Ed & Marilyn
Star-Builders



Barbara Wilson



Carol & Kevin



Ed & Marilyn's STARGATE!

More Folks That Worked to
Make the Annual Ball a Success!

Leanne Halfman, Joanie Howe, Kevin Carroll,
Gary & Barbara Desrosiers, Ron Fucci, Tom Howe,
Wayne Manning, Angela Brooks-Halpern,
Alan & Nancy Peltz, Joyce Ramcharan,
Gerald Wilkinson, Michelle Rossman,
Tim & Barbara Timmons, Richard Osman
And I'm Sure We Missed Someone!

Of course we have to mention the elegant
chair covers provided by our friend
Lyn of "Designs By Lyn"



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 fit's your schedule and we'll make it work!! **Sign UP at the front desk** after the lessons if you are interested in helping.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH February 2013

We wish to recognize **Kevin Carroll** as our Volunteer of the Month for February 2013. This Gent has always been there on Monday nights to set up the ballroom and the music equipment to get us started on time! Kevin has completed his "Tour of Duty" and we're looking for someone to fill the void. Our VP Gerald Wilkinson picked this up temporarily, Wayne Manning has volunteered to start this duty this month, for three of the four Mondays, see Gerald if you can help.

Thanks Kevin!



**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 February!

Karen Paganini Judy Ann Meidinger

Roy Meidinger Sandralea James

Salvatore Peri

The February renewals:

Richard Zayak Jean Urbancic

John Thomas Joyce Thomas

Nancy Penchereck-Jackson Ana Juarbe-Simmons

Kevin Carroll Angela B. Halpern

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

The official count from National is **222** members. This does not include the "Adult Athletes" or professional members.

March Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cheryl Conroy Gary Crabtree Yoshie Davenport

Marilynn Hilt Wanda Jacobs Deborah Marvin

Beverly Matthews Michaela Poole Taryk Popovich

James Sonsalla Brenda Stouffer Jin Swisher

Barbara Timmons

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 is on April 13th . We'll give you updates as soon as available. 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

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.

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 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! 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

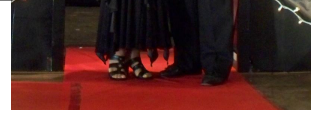
The "Dancing With The Riverside Stars" Ball was the culmination of the dream Yoshie and I have had for the Chapter these past three years! The Riversiders, all of you, are truly OUR STARS! Your support for all of our chapter programs is awesome! Keep "Dancing for America"!

Thank You!

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049



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