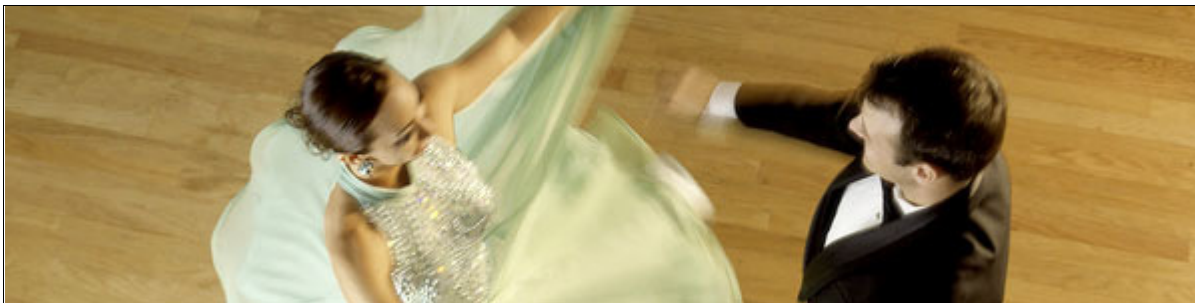


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USA Dance Chapter 6049 Newsletter; November, 2012 *"The Dancers Edge"*

Dear Don,

October -- WOW -- Annual Holiday Showcase ---
WOW!

Every month my message is WOW!

Just look at the articles below. What a wonderful Chapter
of supporting folks we have!

There is more coming this month capped off with our
Workshop on Rumba Variations. You can work off the
Turkey at this one.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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





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 they gathered to perform at The Alliance of Arts to introduce ballroom to another segment of our community on October 21st. Barbara Wilson (our "Volunteer Of The Year") spent most of the day providing USA Dance information to to many visitors at this function. Indeed the Sprite of Dance brings happiness to all!

Grand Job Barbara and "HAPPY FEET" folks!!

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

[CLICK HERE FOR CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)

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.

East Coast Swing Graduation At Riverside, October 22nd, 2012

There is and old saying that a picture is worth a thousand words. So be it!



WHAT A WONDERFUL GROUP!

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

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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.



***NOW PLAYING AT THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
THROUGH DECEMBER 17th: CHA-CHA
COME DANCE WITH US!***

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

**Mambo/Merengue Graduation, Four Freedoms
Park, October 24, 2012**

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!



Tried and true rhythm dancers finished this session with aplomb. Smiley faces!!

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!

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AKI'S Dance Studio
239-275-9252

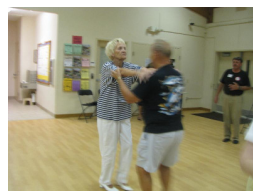
Dance Sergio's
239-848-5675

1st DANZ Studio
239-931-3269

Fred Astaire's
239-939-1517

IN CAPE CORAL

Rhythm In Motion
239-542-3500



NOW PLAYING WEST COAST SWING THROUGH
DECEMBER 19th 7 to 9 PM FOUR FREEDOMS PARK

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

The White Sands Chapter of Sarasota, Florida

The Chapter's 2nd Annual Holiday Showcase
at Riverside, Sunday October 28th was a
great event!



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



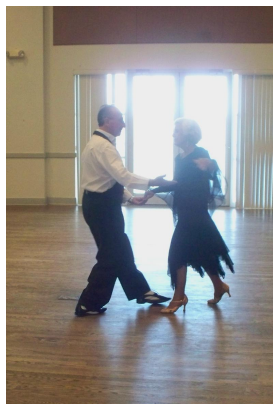
There were 27 Dancers, had to break the Waltz Heats in half.
Pictures tell the tale! There are many more [Visit ourwebsite](#)



Team Match FUN!

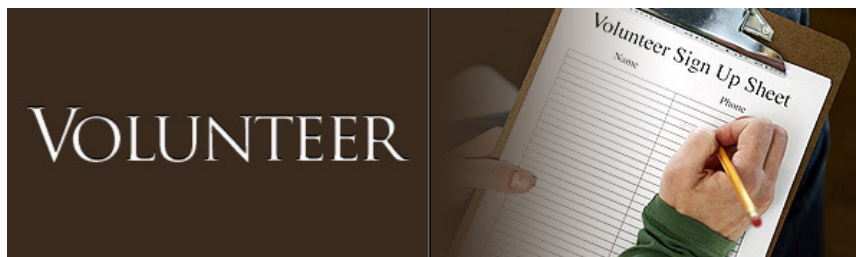


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ABOUT
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ENCLAVE
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Among our spectators we were pleased to have Herb McCarter and Terry O' Donnell, Board Members of the Royal Palm Chapter. Herb assisted in our 50/50 drawing. Thanks for joining us in this afternoon of FUN!



IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL!

Once again we rely on our volunteer force to make everything go smooth! **Joanie Howe and I (Don)** did the organizing of the heats and dancers. She also made the neat props for the skit at the end of the showcase. For those of you that haven't noticed she has also taken on the duties at the admissions desk on Monday nights. What a bundle of energy!

Our "Special Events Coordinator", **Gloria Baker**, and **Yoshie Davenport** (our First Lady) tied things together, seeing to our decor and refreshments during the afternoon.

Jean Urbancic met you at the door, registered the dancers passed out dancer numbers and went out to pick up the PIZZA!

Of course, **Michelle Rossman** kept our membership activities humming out front during the showcase!

John Rosko, Gerald Wilkinson and crew setup the ballroom and made that a comfortable venue for our dancers and spectators! They also made swift work of clearing tables, stowing chairs and hauling trash! **Thanks to all of our attendees that helped with the cleanup!**

Our Favorite Instructor, **Ron Fucci**, once again volunteered his services as Master of Ceremonies and our 2012 Volunteer of The Year, **Barbara Wilson** assisted our professional judge, **Lyn Wallander** in keeping track of our dancers and preparing critique sheets. **Barbara** also made those colorful vests we used during the Team Matches!

And of course **Tom Howe** captured the event on video so that we may all enjoy and remember this fantastic experience! **COMING SOON!**

Besides **Lyn**, one other professional who kept things on track was our music man, **Michael Levaul**.

While the industry professionals are certainly appreciated, always remember USA Dance is made up of "Community Volunteers" just like many other not for profit organizations and

YOU CAN HELP TOO!



THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE PHOTOS](#)

OF COURSE NO EVENT IS SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE PARTICIPANTS!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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 Don or Michelle in the foyer after the Monday lessons if you are interested in helping.

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HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



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

Carol F. Privette

Barbara Mazur

It's always great to hear about renewals!

Damon Seyer

Larry Olson

Diane South

Marlene Tehrani

Gregory Hack

Jeannie Summers

Gloria Baker

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!

WE DO GOOD STUFF!

PS: As I was reviewing our membership statistics this morning (November 1), noted that our membership high of the year was July with 226 members, as of November 1 it's 211. One constant is our delinquent membership of 30! For many I'm sure that this is an oversight. Check your cards and re-new. 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

NOVEMBER Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Denise Angelos Alice Applegate Bridget Baker

James Bishop Rosalyn Bishop Alyce Bochette

Janice Brown Ronald Charette Leanne Halfman

Richard Hammond Stan Hillman Ana Juarbe Simmons

Joanne Rillera Marion Santin Dorothy Sauerbrei

Mary Schaufert Billie Simmons Adele Smith

Rick Sosnowski Karen Suscewicz Cindy Warfel

Richard Zayak

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.

Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12, 2012



Lest we forget! These are the folks that have always been there to preserve our Freedoms. Know it or not they are right here with us and Monday, November 12th after our

weekly lesson we shall take time to recognize those who have served!

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!



We Promised Another Workshop and Here It Is!

Rumba Variations, Sunday November 25th from 4 to 7 PM At The Riverside Community Center.

The Waltz workshop was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

This quarter it's THE RUMBA!
Seems this is a popular dance with our Riversiders and this is the chance to expand your repertoire.

Define Variations: "A varied or more advanced pattern than the co responding basic which still contains the main element of the dance."

This workshop will integrate Cha-cha, Bolero, Mambo, Samba figures into the Rumba.

There will be two hours of instruction and one hour of practice dancing.

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

You may expect refreshments similar to our Monday night fare at break time.



WHAT A GRAND WAY TO KICK OFF THE POUNDS ADDED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

DanceSport Corner

January 12, 2013 is just around the corner!! That's the date of the Royal Palm Chapters Competition 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](#)

Last Years Dancers from 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 TIME FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT!

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 party starting November 2nd. Featured dances (RUMBA in November) will be taught monthly, 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

ADMISSION:

USA Dance members \$8.00, Others \$10.00

Rhythm In Motion has in place a Friday night dance party and lesson, which features a different dance each month.

ADMISSION: \$10.00, couples \$15.00

Why Dance?

WHY DANCE? Ballroom dancing is a great teacher.



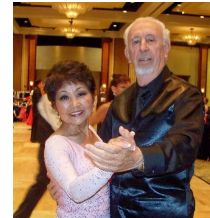
- it teaches teamwork;
- it teaches discipline through practice and routines;
- it teaches understanding of music's rhythm and tempo;
- it teaches coordinated movement;
- it teaches poise, balance, and self-confidence;
- it teaches good dress and manners;
- it teaches a skill and ability that will be very useful throughout life.



Closing Comments

I can't help marveling at the level of commitment displayed by chapter members and friends that danced in our showcase.

Many have stuck with our programs at both Riverside and Four Freedoms since inception. Understanding the values of learning the basics of dance and practicing those figures is truly what makes the good dancer. I'm so proud to be associated with folks of this caliber, who are truly *"Dancing for America"*!



Thank You!

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049
USA Dance

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