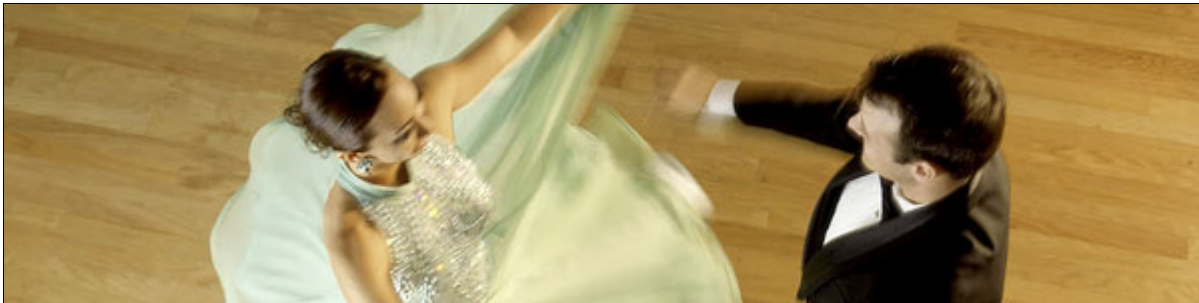


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USA Dance Chapter 6049 Newsletter; October, 2012 *"The Dancers Edge"*

Dear Don,

September -- WOW -- National Ballroom Dance Week ---
WOW!

Even though we were rained out at our events at Bell Tower and The Gulf Coast Town Center, the week was grand! Our evening at Bell Tower with our friends from Rhythm In Motion certainly was nice and our Riverside celebration was great!

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 Annual Showcase. Check dates below and expect reminders throughout the month.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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



"Special Pops" was first "UP" on the agenda as we celebrated at Riverside on September 21st.

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Great Performance!

The best way to bring you up to date on the program is to publish an email from our Ambassador Carol Davis citing the feelings of the group during National Ballroom Dance Week and their performance at Riverside.

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.

Dear Board Members:

I thank you, on behalf of the Special Pops, for the performance on Sept 21. Three of the four couples, with the counselor, Lonnie, shared their new dance patterns for the members to enjoy.

The day was marvelous. The day performance was ONLY possible with my helpers for the day.

Thank you:

Margie, Anita and Joanie for hair

Tom for the dedicated dance and video to come.

Barb for her making accessories

Ron for being my 'teacher' mentor

Please thank these people for me in PRINT. They made this day a marvelous day for our Special Populations. We didn't even get out the door and they were asking me "When can we do this again."

Thank you to the chapter for this unique program and future dates for classes and performances.

Carol Davis, Special Populations Coach,
USA DANCE
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2012-2013

Carol Davis represents our local chapter of USA Dance providing weekly ballroom dance lessons to a group of Enclave members. this

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Carol Davis
Special Populations
and

started with eight volunteers and since that time 33 enclave members have expressed interest.

THANK YOU CAROL !!

More photo's on the [chapter web site click here](#)

National Ballroom Dance Week, Celebration at Riverside, Sunday September 23rd



Yoshie and Don kicked off the program with an "Introduction To A Waltz Snowball Mixer" they were quickly joined on the floor by the audience and the fun never stopped!



Youth Program
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Kathy Dep
Happy Feet Dance
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765-437-7675

Joanie Howe
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Talk About Spot Lights!

The chapter has come a long way since instituting it's programs at Riverside and Four Freedoms Park. When we wanted to schedule dance performances we had to call on our affiliated dance studios for help. While we love our studios, it's so nice to be able to share the skills of our chapter dancers!



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



[MORE ON THE WEB SITE JUST CLICK HERE](#)

then click on Photo' on the upper right hand corner menu. Also the videos are on that same menu, they are fantastic!

HOW ABOUT THE "HAPPY FEET DANCE TEAM"?

The Happy Feet Folks never quit. Not only were they out in the



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!

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 our various functions during National Ballroom Dance Week. Indeed the Sprite of Dance brings happiness to all!

Grand Job "HAPPY FEET" folks!!

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

[CLICK HERE FOR CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)



Support Our Participating 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

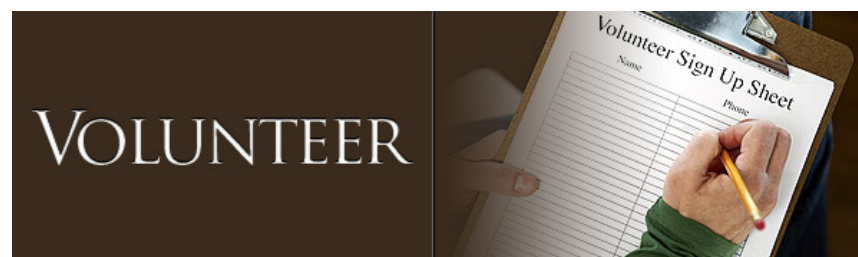
Fred Astaire's
239-939-1517

IN CAPE CORAL

Rhythm In Motion
239-542-3500

IN NAPLES

Modern Steps
239-775-3445



IT'S THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE
PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL!

These are the folks that Don calls the MVV's of the Year!
(Most Valuable Volunteers)



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

**Kevin Carroll, Barbara Wilson, Joanie and Tom Howe,
Gloria Baker, John Rosko and Yoshie Davenport, Our
MVV'S Of The Year!**

This is truly the Team that makes our events happen. We'd be remiss if we said they are the only one's. Not pictured, but always there this past year was our Membership Coordinator, **Michelle Rossman**. Others we owe a debt of gratitude for

**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



**SPECIAL
INFORMATION
ABOUT
SPECIAL
POPULATIONS
AFTERNOON DANCE**
When: October 12, 2012

Where: Kennedy Sr
Center

Cape Coral

Time: 1 to 2 PM

Admission: FREE

Dance for Chapter
members to meet our
Special Populations
students/dancers

CONTACT:

Carol Davis

565-7947



their service are **Stan Hillman** and **Paula Auldrich** and our
VP **Linda Crosbie** who are leaving us for other commitments,
we already miss them!

Of course others help on a periodic basis, **Michael Frensley**
who helps with setup and take down in the ballroom, **Jim
and Marilyn Boyer**, who produce our cd's for new members
and sometimes give Don and Yoshie a break on Thursday
practice day and others who just pitch in when needed 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!

Our Chapter Of The Year Volunteer For 2012 Is



Barbara Wilson

Barbara was not simply selected by the Board Of Directors,
she was nominated by a large group of chapter members in
response to a chapter wide request for nominees.

She has been a USA Dance member over 20 years, is
dedicated to furthering the goals, not only of the local chapter
but nation wide and gives selflessly to the programs to spread
ballroom dance throughout the Southwest Florida Community.
We all love her!!

**Barbara's nomination will be forwarded to the District 9
Area Coordinator for consideration at the District and
National level!**

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

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HERE WE GROW AGAIN!



We're pleased to announce that the following dancers have joined our membership ranks!

Linda Leccese Gerry Darr Ronald Charette

Joyce Ramcharan Karen Suscewicz

It's always great to hear about renewals!

Marjorie Riordan Ana Juarbe de Simmons Marcia Mahood

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!

OCTOBER Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jerry Aske Richard Burden Pat Davidson

Rosemary Diletto Bonnie Frisk Jacob George

Shirley Hall Cindy Hansen Sharon Harrington

Dolores Hotz-Marino Dorothy Howard Susan LeMay

Bruce Marvin Bud Ogden Larry Patterson

Sheryl Purnell Michelle Rossman Elaine Sloan

Suzanne Upperman

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.



October is Showcase Month, Everybodys Doing It!

We know that Cindy Lee has moved. The Weekend of October 12th is her celebration and Showcase. Not only will she feature her new studio, but also her studio stars. Don't miss the 1st BIG EVENT at 1st DANZ's new location! Address is 12901 #10



McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33919.

MORE INFORMATION BELOW!

Rhythm In Motion is next on Saturday, October 27th at the Italian American Club in Cape Coral. Always great show dance style performances by both pro/am and students. Another great one to bring up your energy level!

How do you close out this month of showcases? Well you come to Riverside Community Center on October 28th where the Southwest Florida Chapter of USA Dance is hosting it's Annual Showcase, which features our amatuer couples that have worked so hard over the past year to upgrade their skills. It's showtime! See the article below for more information on this event.

AKI's Dance Studio's showcase rolls us into November. They feature all the classic ballroom dances both with heats and solo's. Always a classy event!

**WHAT A GRAND WAY TO KICK OFF THE
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Dancesport Corner



Joanie Howe is our DanceSport Ambassador

Call her at 239-303-1924

or click to

[send joanie an email](#)

COMING NEXT!

Chapter 6049 (That's us)

Showcase Ball, Riverside, October 28, 2012..

OUR DANCERS FROM 2011!

Michael, Susan, Gwen, Bonnie, Ellen, Richard, Lyn (De Judge),
Don, Tom, Joanie, Kathy and Sissel.



These dancers started with our Riverside program. Think about it, YOU can do this!

We plan on adding a "TEAM MATCH" (like our Olympics Day Celebration) We know there are now at least 30 dancers out there that can make this a SUPER special day!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, OCTOBER 28, 2012

Put on your dancing shows and join us.

WHY SHOWCASE? Your FUN time has come!



You've been dancing for a while now, ever wonder how you are doing? Or want just enjoy dancing in the midst of your peers. NOW'S YOUR TIME! ...Between dance heats, Solo's and a Team Match the Annual Showcase will be a GREAT EVENT!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! OCTOBER 28th from 1 PM to 7 PM

For further information check with Joanie

[Click for Joanie](#)

P. S. The Team Match proved the dancing skills are there for at least 30 people, then we had some fine solos during National Ballroom Dance Week, imagine what it will be like by the end of October!! I'm Excited--How About YOU????

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

In the showcase article we mentioned the new studio location of 1st DANZ. Cindy Lee is a member of USA Dance and has supported our chapters activities, so let us be there for her!

GRAND OPENING

Fantastic Guest Champion Dancers

Food from the local restaurants @ the parties:

Cibo, Crave, Plaka, Pizza Fusion, Lazy Flamingo

Great Guest DJs

Live Jazz Trio

BYOB

WORKSHOPS & PARTIES:

ADVANCED SALE - Oct 8 deadline

WEEKEND PASS= \$75

(includes: ALL Workshops, Parties & Showcase)

Wednesday, Oct 10th

Jumpin' & Jivin' Swing Danz Party
7 PM West Coast Swing w/Angel Figueroa
Both

\$15 adv OR \$20 door

THURSDAY, OCT 11TH-
"Strickly Ballroom Danz Party"

7 PM Bolero w/Angel Figueroa
Both

\$15 adv OR \$20 door

FRIDAY, OCT 12TH -
"Hot Latin Nites Danz Party"
7 PM Argentine Tango with Pablo Repun

8-11 PM Milonga

\$15 adv OR \$20 door

11 PM Salsa with Kumo & Christina

SATURDAY, OCT 13th

"Saturday Nite Fever Danz Party"

7 PM Hustle with Billy Fajardo, Angel Figueroa & Robert
Cordoba

8-11:30 PM Saturday Nite Fever Danz Party

Both

\$15 adv OR \$20 door

SUNDAY, OCT 14TH

4-7 PM Danceable Jazz with Cindy-Lee
and the John Chapman trio

\$15 adv OR \$20 door



April 2012 SHOWCASE Dancers.

SUNDAY, October 14th

1-4 pm

FALL SHOWCASE

with

LOTS of Social Dancing

SPECTATOR TICKETS:

Only \$15 advanced sale or \$20 at the door for the entire afternoon of dance and dinning - lite buffet, dessert & coffee.

1st Danz is putting on a show to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and our teachers.

There are also guest teachers joining us with their students.

This is going to be a special elegant afternoon of Dancing. There will be Social dancing, Spot lite dances and Dance Heats by students and Pros in:

Rumba

Cha Cha

East Coast Swing

West Coast Swing

Samba

Bolero

Mambo

Merengue

Waltz

Foxtrot

Viennese Waltz

American Tango

Nite Club 2 Step

Hustle

Argentine Tango

Please join us for some great entertainment, food and dancing.

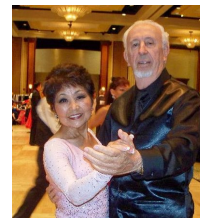
Put on your good duds and support the students that are performing!



Closing Comments

As I was reviewing neighboring chapters newsletters, I came across this interesting quote, think about it.

"Beginning dancers prefer to take "intermediate" level classes. Intermediate dancers prefer to take "advanced" level classes. Advanced dancers take private lessons to work on their basics."



I'd say we're doing things right! Thanks for your participation and support.

Don Davenport, President
SW Florida Chapter 6049
USA Dance

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