

April/May 2002



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Upcoming Club Dances

Friday May 17

Lesson: Jill Mann & Ed Freed

Saturday June 1, *Free Dance*
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Saturday, June 29



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...was formed in January 1992 as a "not-for-profit" social organization "dedicated primarily to the entertainment, fellowship and interest of it's members and providing opportunities for its members to associate with others who share the enjoyment of dancing to swing type music wherever it may take us" Our motto is

"Smile...Come dancee with us!"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dancers,

I want to thank all of you over the last several dances for making them a growing success. I think the Elks Club of Plantation is a great place for us all to dance. They enjoy having us and we enjoy being there. We are lucky in that we can stay with the Plantation Elks for the upcoming year.

Thanks also goes to the Board Members, all volunteers and members who help in our society. I feel good about our dances and the fun we are having. I think this will continue and will continue to be a huge success.

Lets keep dancing!

Sincerely,
Frank Szabo



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION

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All memberships expire on Dec 31st of the issue year.

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Please list me in the membership directory YES _____ NO _____

The S.F.S.D.S. is an organization of volunteers operating through committees that do the work of our nonprofit corporation. Each member is encouraged to help out by serving on a committee. PLEASE consider one or two committee of which you would be willing to serve on.

- Membership committee, follow-up on renewals, solicit memberships
 Social committee, help with the planning and organization of the dances
 Newsletter committee, putting labels on newsletters, writing articles, getting ads.
 Host & hostess, greeters, social mixers,
 Photography and video taping of dances
 Telephone committee, call members and spread info of events
 I have a computer and would be willing to assist in info. management.
 I would like to serve on the Board, (must be a member in good standing for 90 days)
 I would be glad to help wherever I am needed

In consideration of the mutual benefits derived from membership in the South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc. and acknowledging that an injury may occur while dancing, the undersigned does hereby assume all risk and absolves, releases and waives any and all liability claims or demands against the S.F.S.D.S. Inc. it's officers, board members and each and every member there of which may arise out of an act related to an injury.

Signature _____ Date _____

From the editor

Editors Plea.

Hello,

I am Jim Bergeron new editor and publisher of our newsletter. My plea to our membership is to help improve the overall content of this newsletter.

This being my first publishing and editing job, I am in need of some assistance. If there is anything not here you would like to see, please let me know. If there is anything here you think should be removed or edited, again, please let me know.

Thinking of contributing? Contributing an article is simple. If you would like to do so, please drop me a note with what your thinking. If appropriate and space allows, I will be more than happy to publish it here giving credit to the budding author.

Thanks, Jim

(email: berger_j@bellsouth.net)

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You Off
Course**

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*This Months
Centerfold*



Has anyone seen Brenda?

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER... by Marilyn Roy

(Bet you have something in common with all our members, including our officers.)

Our new club president, **Frank Szabo**, was born naked in Cleveland, Ohio, but moved south in '71 and attended Ft. Lauderdale High. He put on some dancing shoes and began his trek to us in 1985. That was when he began dancing locally at Arthur Murray. He ventured into country dancing at Desperado and Davie Junction and from there learned West Coast Swing.

Frank joined our club in 1996 and has been on the board for two years. He now contributes his time and talents as our leader and hopes to see our club grow with new members and those who are already members get to know each other and work as one team.

In addition to dancing, Frank is interested in cars. Although he works as a Custom Care Consultant at Holman Lincoln/Mercury in Pompano, he still enjoys talking cars in his off-time too. So, get to know Frank—talk to him about cars!!

Saul Cuhn was also born naked. He left his hometown of Philadelphia at age 3 when his family moved to Broward. He attended South Broward High, served in the Air Force and attended U of M and U of Missouri. He's now selling investments, but his main interest is nutrition and he is involved with a company named New Vision.

Into dancing since high school, Saul has been with our club since it started and has served on the board off and on since 1993. He is now vice-president and hopes to help make it a "first-class operation like it used to be."

His other hobbies are photography, computers, and finding "great deals" at flea markets and thrift shops. So, get to know Saul—ask him about nutrition, or his great buys.

Secretary of the Board, **Brenda Chiea**, came into the world in Washington Heights, New York, in the same state of undress. She got smart fast and moved to Miami by the time she was 3 months old.

Brenda learned to dance in junior high by attending dances at Bayfront Park, N. Miami War Memorial, and danced her way through Edison High. She even danced on Channel 10 TV's Bandstand.

Actively involved with the club since its inception, she has been a board member for eight years, and served many of them as secretary. Brenda would like to see the club more united and "a family like we once were." Want to know Brenda better? Ask her about her grandchildren, or her alter ego "Rita"!

Ray Yang, was not only born nude, he still likes to be whenever possible. He was born in Hong Kong, educated in England, but graduated from college in the U.S. Retired from banking, Ray keeps busy as a board member for the S. Broward YMCA as well as presently serving as our **treasurer**.

He started his love of dancing at Desperado's doing the two-step and now dances to anything that's played. He has been with our club for seven years and is in his fourth year on the board, previously serving as president.

Ray's other hobbies include computers, photography, traveling and, of course, going to the beach as he was born. Now there's a topic about which he'll gladly talk.

Our **membership officer**, **Dominic Sparacino**, likewise was born with no clothes, but with a full head of hair, which he still has! From Chicago, Dom moved here in 1957 and attended one year at South Broward High. He learned to dance as a teenager and now really enjoys swing and hustle.

He's been with the club since 1995 and on the board since '96. He puts in many hours, both at the dances and on his computer, signing up new members and keeping our roster of addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, etc., updated.

Dominic is a retired swimming pool contractor who also likes boating, fishing, free diving and snow skiing. If you don't know him, introduce yourself when you come into the dances and definitely let him know if any of your original information has changed.

OK, I know you've figured it out. Even if you aren't from the same city, high school, or business, we all have something in common!

The South Florida Swing Dance Society
Welcomes Or Welcomes Back

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Happy Birthday

April

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May

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John Meyer
Byron (Shorty) Snyder
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“Smile...Come dance with us!”

**A Few General Rules of the Dance Floor:
A refresher for us all.**

With the increase in attendance dancers should abide by typical rules of the dance floor. Courteous dancing makes for a more enjoyable evening for everyone in attendance. Here are a few simple guidelines that might help, but they will only help if they are followed.

1. Safety: While approaching your dance space, be aware of others already dancing. Please do not place your partner, yourself or others in avoidable danger.
2. While dancing, be aware of your space. If you do not have the room to pull off that double turn to a side lunge with a drop dip, don't do it. Dance space is controlled by the leader.
3. Bumping other dancers. This *will* happen. When it happens to you, simply acknowledge the mishap with a smile, apologize quickly and complete your dance.
4. Dance to the level of your partner. The goal is to enjoy the dance, not to flash moves your partner may not be comfortable with.
5. Thank your partner, if you've enjoyed yourself, tell them.
6. Do not eat too much garlic.
7. Thank your DJ. Many hours are spent finding music to aid our dancing enjoyment. If you like the music, be sure your DJ knows.

Here and There

by Jimmy Gee

Things are happening before I can print them.



Wow! Last Sunday afternoon's crowd at the Elk's club didn't get there before 5:30 pm but after that it was great...the food they serve is terrific plus the fabulous prices! It was nice to see Donna and Ernie, George and Debbie, Dottie and Jose, Dominic and his escort and Yvonne sitting at the same table - it was really a good Sunday.

Got to see a lot of new faces at our monthly dance at the Elk's club...John Brook and Virginia Thompson -newcomers...I guess Richard gave up his town car...that was the blonde in red dancing up a storm... Bruce Pagan missed seeing you at our dances...Danny Lopez always gives Sue Ellen a hand with the food...Big Joe is a sight for sore eyes...Yvonne with a big hat hides her beauty...I don't know Christine's last name but you really lit up the dance floor...Tina C. Has me at a loss for words...Jeff and Donna make a nice couple...Linda Strasburg, the name doesn't sound like a dancer, but she is... Jan and Bob steady customers and also a very nice couple ...Jill Taylor and Gale Inhaul now living here...welcome! Donna Mar, to me she puts all and I mean all the dancers behind her - what a cute little dancer ... Jane and Bob, it's lasting a long time ... Jan Garner it's not that hard to learn how to dance ...we had a few visitors from Connecticut...Jeanette, your beauty will get you to the top...Reba Cole is a real professional dancer.

You, the dancers, have used my Real Estate services or referred me to your family and friends a lot this past year. All I can say is "Thanks", and I'll definitely be sponsoring ANOTHER dance for the club this year just to show my appreciation.

Pete Willets

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Upcoming Events

- **4/20** SFSDS Dance: Plantation Elks. NW 5th St, Plantation.
- **4/26** 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:30. Arthur Murray Dance Studio.
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- **5/4** Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton. Swing @ Sea Pre-cruise Dance.
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- **5/5-12** Swing at Sea 2002— For more information, call 800-503-9600 or
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- **5/17** SFSDS Dance: Plantation Elks. NW 5th St, Plantation
- **5/23-26** Grand Nationals. Atlanta Ga. (<http://www.gndcatlanta.com/>)
- **6/1** *Special* SFSDS Dance. Event information below!
- **6/7-9** Orange Blossom Dance Festival. Orlando
(<http://www.orangeblossomdancefestival.com/orangefestival/index.htm>)
- **6/20-23** BOOGIE ON THE RIVERWALK XVI. Jacksonville. 1-888-263-5222
- **6/29** SFSDS Dances: Plantation Elks. NW 5th St, Plantation
- **7/4-7** Indepen-DANCE. Ft. Lauderdale. Yes, right here at home!
(<http://www.independance-swing.com/>)

Free Dance! Free Dance! Free Dance! Free Dance! Free Dance!

Saturday, June 1st, 2002!

Birthday event for Jimmy Gee and all other Gemini's.

A dance is in the planning stages for June 1, 2002. Current plans have the Bowery Boys playing for your dancing and listening enjoyment. During breaks, DJ Stace will be spinning tunes guaranteed to fill the dance floor. **LOT LUCK DINNER**, although there is no obligation to bring a dish, if you would like to show off your cooking skills feel free to bring a little chow. Door prize drawn at 10:30.

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