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Swing Time!

Official Newsletter,
South Florida Swing Dance Society

BOARD MEETING: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, contact any Board Member for location. **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Teacher Profile – Jerry Siebe and Michele DeRosa

By Pam Sands

Michele DeRosa and Jerry Siebe have been dancing together for 9 years. They met at the Rocking Horse in Stuart; where Jerry was practicing for the Worlds 2000 line dance competition.

Together they have over 40 years dancing experience and enjoy nothing more than sharing their love of dance. Their motto is “if you can walk, you can dance”.

The first group class they taught together was West Coast Swing at the Cape Cod Classic in New England. They went on to teach line dancing, couples and WCS at Renegades. They’ve taught at many dances/events/workshops throughout Florida such as the Treasure Coast, Melbourne, Vero, Naples, Orlando and Hollywood.

They’ve choreographed routines and competed in Pro-Am competitions with their students. Michele’s Pro-Am Joe and Jerry’s Pro-Am Sue competed together and won 1st place in the 2006 Florida State Champions over the New Year’s weekend.

They travel to events all over the US and take private lessons from their coach Mario Robau, and other top instructors, to keep up on their dancing.

They’re working on a WCS routine to begin competing in the classic division.

Currently, in Palm Beach County, they teach weekly group classes & private lessons (Martin, Palm Beach & Broward County) in a variety of dances; WCS, NC2-Step, Line Dance, Cha, Country 2 step, Salsa, Hustle and others. They hold dances in

West Palm Beach on the third Friday at Dance Connection and on the 4th Saturday at the Mirror Ballroom.

No partner is needed for their group lessons or dances.

Please refer to website for complete information www.dtydpros.com, or call Michele (561) 248-1455.

What are the odds????

Jerry was simply acting as a good Samaritan after witnessing a terrible accident, which closed Southern Blvd on February 7, 2007. Before the medical professionals could arrive, Jerry, along with another good Samaritan, helped pry up the roof of the car allowing others at the scene access to the severely injured driver.

At the time of the accident, the facial injuries to the victim were so severe, that Jerry didn’t realize that he had helped save the life of a fellow dance teacher, Bruce Perrotta.





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Club Dances

October 20th

Free Intermediate WCS Lesson: Joey Cecio 7:30 PM

Free Beginner WCS Lesson: Susan Marks 7:30 PM

DJ: Vicki Kay 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM

November 17th

Free Lesson: TBA 7:30 PM

DJ: Vicki Kay 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM

Dance location:

German American Club
6401 Washington Street, Hollywood, FL

Directions: From Florida's Turnpike: exit at Hollywood Boulevard. Go east to 62nd Avenue, turn right. Continue on 62nd Avenue to Washington Street. Turn right on Washington Street, continue to the end. The club is at the end of the street. (Distance from the Turnpike is approximately three quarters of a mile.)

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June Dance Food	Christine Underkofler

The President's Corner...

GET ON BOARD

Our club is on course for another successful year. The normally slow summer months have not appeared this year. For the last four months we have averaged 158 people at our monthly dance held at the Hollywood German American Club. A big thank you to Jerry Seibe and Michele DeRosa for teaching Night Club 2-Step.

As a result of this continued success, the board has some exciting things planned for the members towards the end of the year. My suggestion to nonmembers: **Get On Board** now if you would like to share in the perks that members will be getting. There will be a cut-off point for these benefits, so joining later will not be an option just to receive benefits this year.

New membership is \$45.00 for the rest of this year and all of next year. The membership will pay for itself if you partake in some of the member benefits.

Round Up in Davie...the best place for partner dancing on Thursday nights. SFSDS members get \$2.00 off admission **anytime**.

SFSDS dance in Hollywood, the best place to be on the third Saturday of the month...members get a \$5.00 admission discount. The next dance for SFSDS will be October 20th. We will have Joey Cecio as our guest instructor teaching **intermediate** WCS. A **beginner** WCS class will be taught upstairs by Susan Marks. We also will be having raffles and a short one-number Jack & Jill contest with proceeds going to the Christopher Mark Hemmer fund. Sponsors: Mark Smith & Sheri Harris of Shut UP And Dance.

Goldcoast Ballroom in Coconut Creek...the best place to be on Friday nights in Broward County gives a \$2.00 admission discount to SFSDS members on the first Friday of the month.

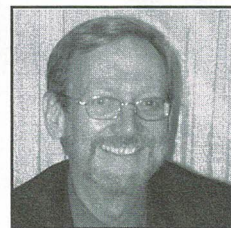
Mirror Ballroom's dance by Jerry and Michele in Lake Park...the best place to be on the 4th Saturday of the month in Palm Beach County. SFSDS members get \$2.00 off admission.

Dance Connection's dance also by Jerry and Michele on the third Friday of the month...the best place to be in Palm Beach County on Friday. SFSDS members get \$2.00 off admission.

Shall We Dance in Deerfield by Chris and Vicki...the best place to be on the second Saturday of the month. SFSDS members get their first soft drink free.

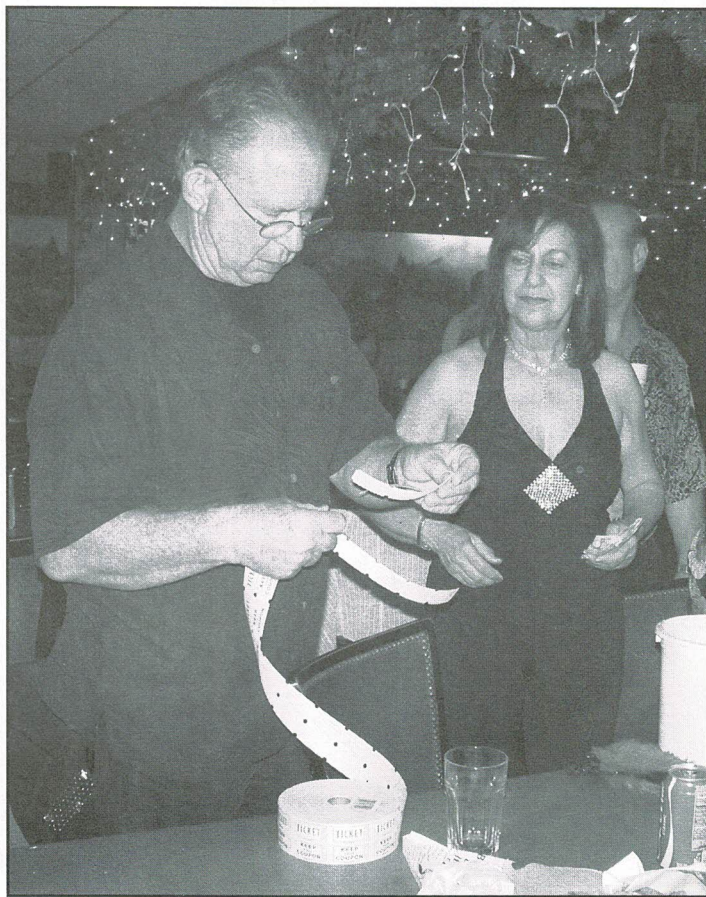
The addresses for all of these dances can be found on our web site www.sfsds.com.

Lastly, we need more board members. Please volunteer to help run the club. The present board works very hard to please you but we need help. If you want a say in the day-to-day operations, the board is the place to do this, not at our dance because we are there to have fun.



Rodney

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Birthdays

October

Elizabeth Ackerly 2
Linda hersch 3
Joan Handelsman 6
Sue watson 8
Mimi Alonso 8
Larry Tanaka 8
Frances Gillespie 9
Inez Murray 10
Jerry Stein 13
Craig Stevens 14
Gabriel Horvath 14
Donna Pacitti 15
Ronnie Gardner 15
John Gomolka 17
Ruth Sommerfeld 17
Robert DeCarlo 18
Patricia Drabek 22
Fran Bauer 26
Hal Ross 27
Debbie Levin 30
Laura Breig 31

November

Ann Bacon 4
Ernie Clute 7
Teresa Mocega 9
Albert Durso 11
Eka Romega 13
Juliene Purefoy 13
Joanne Correll 14
Jan Avena 18
Carl Liss 18
Robert Archambault 21
John Kulikowski 23
Todd Perlmutter 23
Andrea Thorne 24
Milt Zimmerman 24
Ellen Di Russo 26
Nancy Miceli 26
Martin Murray 29
Bruce Haslam 30
Katherine Vigneau 30
Karen Peak 30

Welcome New and Returning Members

Gigi Dorner • Ernie Clute • Eka Romega
Bob Day • Robert DeCarlo • Sharon Armuelles
Total members...202

**Purchase SFSDS Shirts. They will be available
at the dances. \$20.**



The shirts are black
with the SFSDS
embroidered logo in
silver, turquoise,
and black!

Price Schedule for *Swing Time!* Ads

Deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month. Printed bi-monthly.

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1/4 Page	20	36	51	64	75	84
1/2 Page	40	72	102	128	150	168
Full Page	80	144	204	256	300	336

SFSDS is a Member of:



Christopher Hemmer had an accident

Most of you have already heard about Christopher Hemmer's auto accident. For those of you who haven't, Chris is a local dance instructor who was in a severe auto accident when another driver suddenly crossed the median and caused a head-on collision. Chris is currently hospitalized at a trauma center.

As of press time, he has had an operation to repair his C7 vertebrae with hardware and other vertebrae had to be fused. Previously his entire body was in traction. After the surgery he was put in a regular bed and his head is in a "halo" devise. Chris will remain on a ventilator for another week or so. This is necessary to keep his throat and lungs clear and open right now.

Chris also has a broken leg (tibia) that is going to be put in a splint.

Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, send it to: Vicki Fearon at 8703 Indian River Run, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

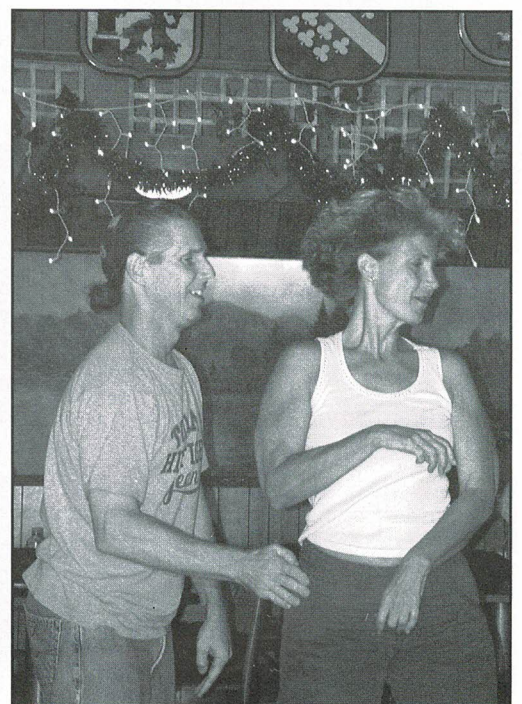
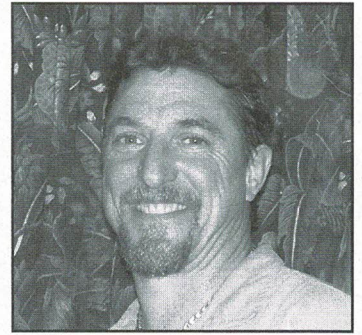
Chris' income is from teaching only. He didn't have

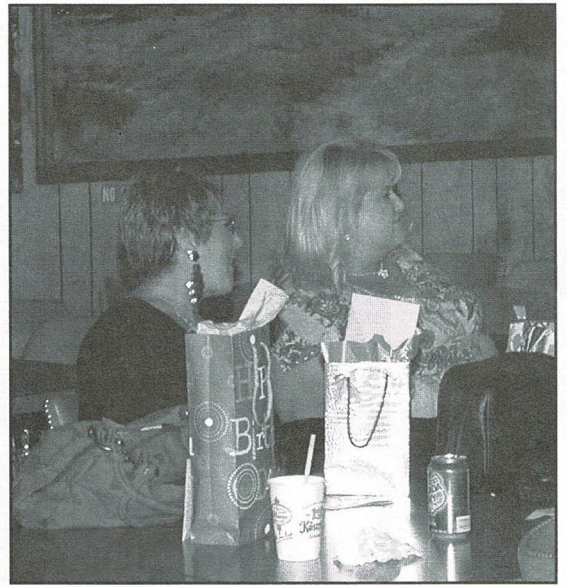
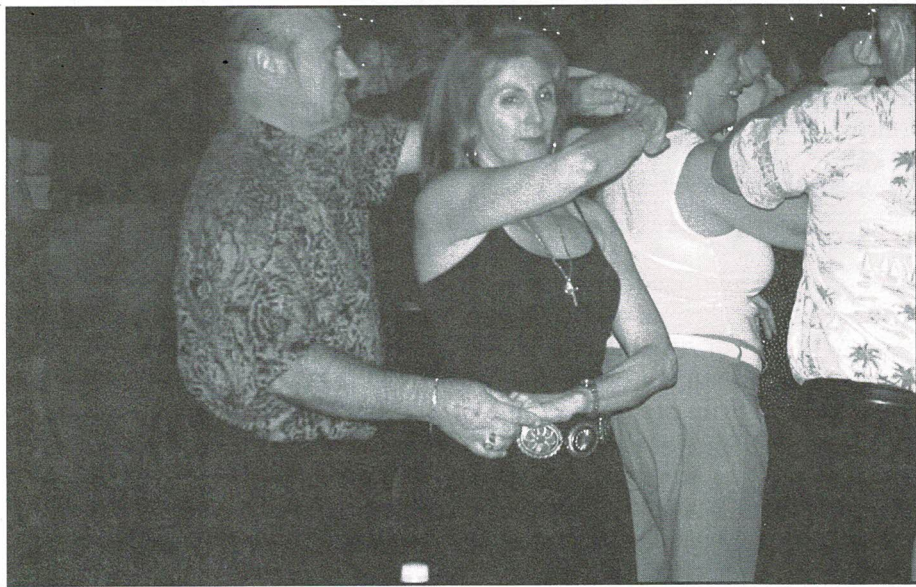
a regular 9 to 5 job with benefits. He's given us so much and now he needs the help of his fellow SFSDS members. If you would like to make a donation, there is an account set up at Bank of America, the 2-digit number on the deposit slip before the account

number is "53". The account number is 435000591456.

If you make a deposit for him, please email his sister Joanna at jojeda@cox.net. with your name, address, date, & amount. She is keeping a journal for Chris.

Checks can be made payable to Christopher Mark Hemmer. If you would like to mail a donation, send it to Vicki, or Chris' sister, Joanna Eyer at 5220 Grinnell Street, Fairfax, VA 22032







MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – The South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc.
Membership dues are \$45 – for the remainder of this year & through next year, expiring Dec. 31, 2008.
See www.sfsds.com for member benefits.

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birthday _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Occupation _____

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Please consider one or two committees you would be willing to volunteer for:

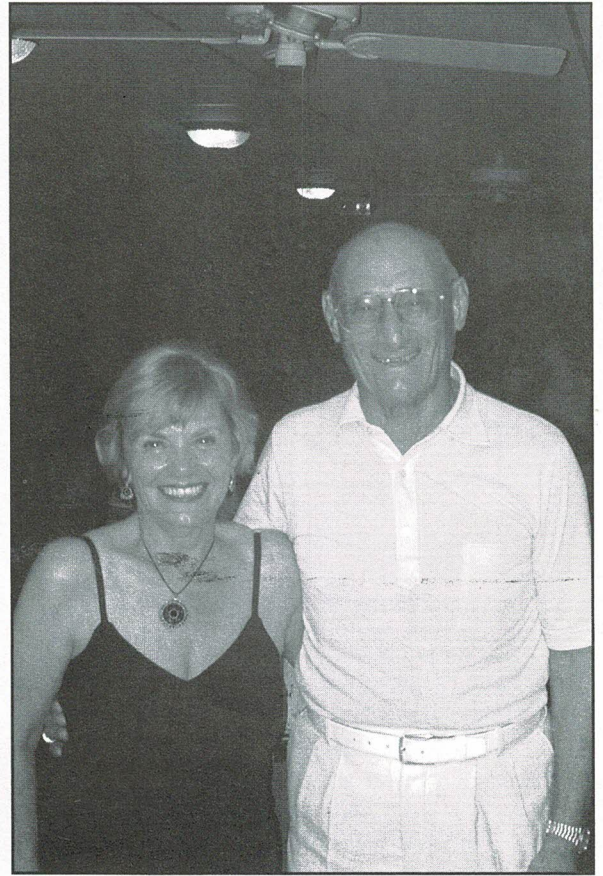
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The South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc. (SFSDS) is a nonprofit organization of volunteers operating through committees that do the work of the corporation.

In consideration of the mutual benefits derived from SFSDS, and acknowledging that an injury may occur while dancing, the undersigned does hereby assume all risk and absolves and waives any and all liability claims against SFSDS, the Hollywood German American Club, both organizations' officers, board members and each and every member thereof which may arise out of an act related to an injury.

Signature _____ Amount Paid _____

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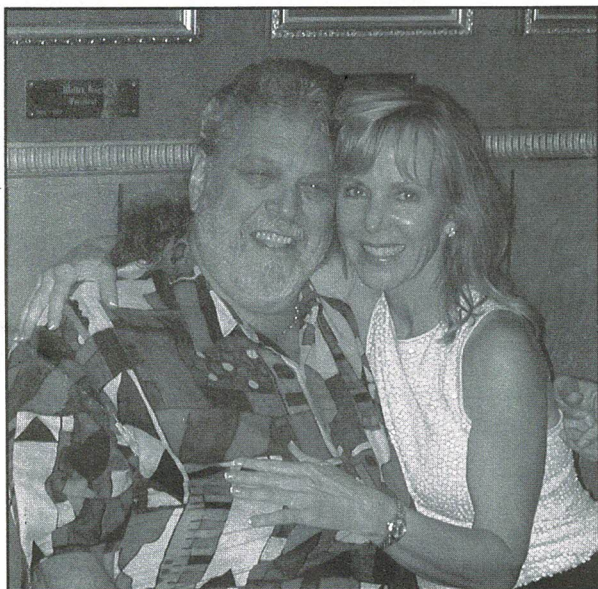


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