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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**

Member Profile – Roni Amber

Roni Amber is originally from Chicago. She started painting early in her life. Roni has painted professionally for the past ten years. She owns a company called *Color Expressions Decorative Surfaces*. She was inspired by artists in Florida while on a visit and knew this was the profession she had always been looking for.

Roni perfected her talent while studying in Italy where she mastered the specialized techniques. She has worked in several states and makes a prosperous living from her talents.



Roni is currently working on her West Coast Swing and is looking for someone at the intermediate level to practice with. She lives in Wellington (West Palm Beach area) and loves all forms of dancing.

Roni attends most of the dances around and is a very accomplished dancer. Ask her for a dance next time you see her and find out for yourself.

Her personal interests (besides dancing) are golf, tennis, and horseback riding.

If you want to know more about her business or just want to chat, she can be reached at: 561-795-7920 or 847-702-1629.

New dance in town

Plantation Elks Lodge is nearing completion of their new building two years after closing their doors on the old lodge. They are scheduled to have an open house on March 3rd.

Some of you may remember the old lodge in Plantation where the swing club held many dances. Their new building is a first-class operation. The bar area seats around 50 and the dance hall can accommodate 200. There is a separate meeting room, plus a room with a pool table. There are two executive offices

and two more rooms for meetings or whatever. A full kitchen with all the amenities backs up to the bar.

A dance is scheduled there on Saturday, April 14th by *Dance South* and will feature all the dances, not heavily weighted on any one. Two-step, swing, hustle and the latin dances will be the venue. The DJ will be none other than Vicki Kay.

8900 NW 44th Street, Sunrise. 44th is between Oakland and Commercial. The building is one block west of Pine Island Road.



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Club Dances

February 17th

Free Lesson: Susan Marks 7:30 PM
DJ: Vicki Kay 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM

March 17th

Free Lesson: Rodney Tison 7:30 PM
DJ: Marc Fisher 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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The President's Corner...

I have a request for members and people who think they are members. All memberships expire on December 31st, every year. When you come to the SFSDS dance, please show your membership card. A lot of people join in the middle of the year and don't realize their memberships expire on December 31st. If you don't have a current card (one that says "2007 MEMBERSHIP, expires December 31, 2007") then you are no longer a member. You can renew at the dance for \$30 and pay the membership entrance fee of \$7 or pay the nonmember entrance fee of \$12.

We have had a suggestion to have another pot luck supper at another monthly dance like the one in December. This is Chris Underkofler's idea. Her idea is to have it in June, with a "barbecue" theme. We thought she had an excellent idea, so we are going to let her run with it. Chris has been appointed as chairperson of the "June Barbecue Committee". She will implement all the necessary details to make this happen. The club will purchase hot dogs and buns. Chris will coordinate the rest of the food communicating

with everyone via email (sdancechris@earthlink.net). Those of you who don't have email, please jump into the 21st Century if you want to stay informed. Chris will send out email blasts when the time gets closer.

I have put the club's DJ equipment in the shop to have it checked out. We had a slight problem a while back (loose wire) and I want to make sure everything is working properly.

Memberships for this year are up to 174 already. The monthly dances are averaging 140 people.

I haven't been able to upload pictures to the web site lately. There is some kind of glitch that won't accept the uploads. The web host is aware of the problem and as soon as it's fixed I will upload more.

Rodney

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Birthdays

February

Robert Kenny	6
Elaine Mackechnie	8
Mark A. Smith	10
Reba Cole	12
Barbara Mendelsohn	13
Maria Fedor	17
Calvin Crum	17
Wayne Manning	18
Drew Axelrod	18
Cindy-Lee Overton	21
Tom Cuite	22
Mary Lou Consolo	27
Melanie Law	28

March

Don Dillard	3
Kim Kelly	4
Steven Teisch	4
Lisa Perry	9
Grazia Candiano	12
Norma Juska	15
Beth Csira	17
Kevin Foster	18
Judi Holland	20
Patrice Cavaliere	21
Barry Katz	25
Janet Cavallaro	30
Frank Szabo	30
Paula Taylor	31



SFSDS is a Member of:



Welcome New and Returning Members

Lisa Perry • Larry Wayne • Jody Wayne • Linda Hersch • Mary Consolo • Mike Kutell • Harriet Kutell • Ray Spenser • Mel Niser • Kim Kelly • Ray Elliott • John Handelsman • Annie Sturman • Cindy Sherman • LA Justice • Lorraine Butler • Ronnie Gardner • Pat Drabek • Carol Eickhorn • Jim Keenan • Karen Keenan • Andy Krauska • Jane Krauska • John Gomolla • Donna Pacitti • Todd Perlmutter • Mike Ciavolino • John Kaeser • Victoria Lynne • Steve Hardee • Keith Soifer • Donna Graham • James Graham • Tony Luis • Bruce Haslam • Don Rodriguez • Steve Kole • Elaine Mackechnie • Janet Cavallaro • Larry Tanaka • Cindy-Lee Overton • Susan Marks • Gloria Birnbaum • Renee Richee • Andrea Thorne • Grazia Candiano • Ray Yang • Mary Lou Gillis • Regina Ziff • John Meyer • Barbara Meyer • John Kulikowski • Lina Kulikowski • Howard Orgel • George Peroni • Caroline Turner • Johanna Kitson • Bruce Duggins • Jerry Zadar • Milt Zimmerman • Vicki Fearon • Christopher Hemmer • Lee Fitzgerald • Gene Caplan • Ruth Sommerfeld • Robert Kenny • Frances Gillespie • Janet Hochstadt • Laurie Hatch • Ken Maltman • Rodney Tison • Fritz Liss • Cleatte Fritz • Maria Fedor • Patrice Cavaliere • Gabriel Horvath • Jon Hainline • Judi Holland • Larry Deutsch • Saul Cohen • Stephen Rosenbaum • Ron Legler • Brenda Hubbard • Chris Underkofler • Marcia Halpern • Joanne Correll • Reba Cole • Melanie Law • Albert Durso • Robert Archambault • Wayne Manning • J. Edward Beals • Joann Roy • Ellen DiRusso • Steven Teisch • Sheila Katz • Sue Watson • Lloyd McAvoy • David Luchin • Paula Taylor • Debbie Prieto • George Preto • Barry Katz • Kathleen Lohse • Walter Lyon • Thomas Cuite • Judie Markowitz • Elizabeth Ackerly • Fran Bauer • Jan Avena • Edward Gottlieb • Norma Juska • Barbara Christian • David Scott • Ralph Albano • Lucy Orihuel • Sheri Harris • Mark Adam Smith • Barbara Mendelsohn • Don Dillard • Frank Sabo • Victor Chang • Craig Stevens • Julia Stevens • Nancy Miceli • Beth Csira • Bruce Perotta • Sherry Hreha • Susan Oktay • Janet Owens • Jerry Guthrie

Bruce Perotta had a serious accident

By Rodney Tison

On February, 6th, Bruce Perotta was involved in a serious multiple-vehicle accident in Palm Beach. A pick-up truck careened off another vehicle and crushed the top of Bruce's car. The roof had to be cut to get Bruce out of the car. Jerry Seibe was passing by and assisted by helping pry open the roof. Jerry didn't know that it was Bruce he was helping until the next day.

Bruce was flown to Delray Medical Center and then transferred to Hollywood Memorial Center. It will be a long recovery road and he needs our help. He remains in intensive care but is stable. Bruce faces some operations in the near future. There have been several benefits to raise money for him and more to come.

Watch for emails about his progress. If you aren't on any list, you can go to our web site (www.sfsds.com) and join our list.



If you would like to donate to Bruce's fund the following letter needs to be sent with the money.

Date _____

Law Offices of Ricky D. Gordon, P.A.
2856 University Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33065

RE: Bruce Perotta
D/A 6 Feb 07

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Please find my check payable to "Ricky D. Gordon, P.A. - Escrow Account". These funds are to be used for the benefit of Bruce Perotta. I hereby authorize you to distribute these funds to or on behalf of Bruce Perotta as he and/or his family deem appropriate.

Thank you,

Signed name _____
Printed name _____
Address _____
Telephone number _____







Florida State Champions

Sue Watson and Joe Williams won the West Coast Swing Florida State Championship trophy in Orlando at Floorplay's New Year's Eve competition. This is the first time the title has been won by a south Florida couple.

Sue said they had so much fun doing the dance at the comp and that was what they had set out to do. Now they want to keep that fun going and hope that others can have that same feeling with their dancing. Many people had commented how much fun Joe and Sue seemed to be having and dancing as the music dictated. Apparently the judges noticed as well and awarded them the top prize!

Joe said, "I personally have learned a lot from all of this and will apply what I have learned in a positive way." Joe also said that dancing was the best choice he ever made for himself. He hopes that just one newcomer sees hope in him and it gives them courage to enjoy their dancing more. Joe also said, "Didn't we all come into dancing to have fun?"

Next time you see them at a dance ask them for a dance and share their fun.

Congratulations to you both for bringing the title down south.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – The South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc.

Membership dues are \$30 – Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007. All cards expire Dec 31st.

See www.sfsds.com for member benefits.

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

Add me to Continue me on Delete me from the club's weekly email "Update & Dance Notes" list

Email address _____

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

- Membership
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 Web Site
 Email
 Other _____

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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