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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 – Jim & Laura Breig

By Judi Holland

Coincidentally, their fathers attended high school together, but when Jim and Laura Breig met it was through a mutual friend of Laura's, who happened to be Jim's secretary at the time, and who thought they would make a good couple.

Jim was born in Miami, grew up in Northside and moved to Kendall as a young teen, graduating from Miami Killian High School.

Laura, also born in Miami, grew up in Hialeah and graduated from Hialeah High. Being a late bloomer, Laura spent the last three years at DeVry University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in business in August 2006.

This friendly, outgoing couple have been married 27 years and have four children; Janelle, Chelsey, Jamie, and Kylie. Chelsey, the only one who has shown an interest in dancing, is an avid WCS and Two-Step dancer, a member of SFSDS, also, and can be found at Round Up on any given night. Janelle is married and lives in Coral Springs, their son Jamie is attending college in Nashville, and their youngest, Kylie, is a freshman at Archbishop McCarthy High School.

Jim, together with his brother, Charles, has owned an

electrical contracting business for the past 30 years. The majority of their work is commercial mid-rise buildings in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Laura is an accountant, and during tax season works as a tax specialist for H&R Block.

Originally starting line dancing about eight years ago, the WCS "fever" struck after watching Kal Branson

dance with his daughter, Katrina, one evening at Renegades. SFSDS membership followed, and now they're continuing to improve with lessons from Susan Marks. Laura says, "Most of the time you could find us in the corner eating the goldfish and watching everyone else. But lessons have paid off and now we venture out on the floor and even enjoy ourselves!"

Jim loves dancing and will dance with any one of the available ladies, while Laura,

although she's getting better about it, is still working on the courage to ask others.

Jim and Laura both agree, "Dancing has provided an opportunity and introduced us to many great people. We have already developed special relationships and great memories, and we look forward to many more."





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Club Dances

June 16th

Free Lesson: 7:30 PM
DJ: Marc Fisher 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM

July 21st

Free Lesson: 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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The President's Corner... "Nobody asked me to dance!"

"I went to the dance and nobody asked me to dance so I left." How many times have I heard this from new ladies? Well let me tell you what happened one particular evening.

Last month I received an email from Laura Ciabarra. She had found me on the internet from the SFSDS web site. Laura, a lawyer in Hartford, CT, was coming down to Florida on business and wanted a place to go WCS, hustle and salsa dancing. She would only be able to go out one night and asked me what the best night would be, Friday or Saturday? I said 'You can't come down to Florida without seeing Goldcoast

Ballroom, so Friday night would be best.'

Laura didn't have a car at her disposal so I picked her up in Key Biscayne and drove to Goldcoast in Coconut Creek.

I thought I would have to "baby-sit" her all night because she didn't know anyone. I danced the first two dances with

her and went to get a sandwich. When I returned to the table she wasn't there, she was dancing.

Well let me tell you, I had a hard time getting a dance with her after that because she was constantly dancing with others. She had the magic formula. Laura was asking the men to dance! After a while, the men, seeing her on the floor, started to ask her to dance as well.

At the end of the evening, she looked around and said, "Did I miss anyone?" I mused to myself, 'I don't think so.' Laura said she had a great time and thanked me for suggesting Goldcoast and said it was awesome.

The next night at our swing dance, two gentlemen asked me if Laura was coming. She obviously made an impression.

The lesson learned here is that this is the 21st Century and it's perfectly acceptable for ladies to ask men to dance. Next time I hear "Nobody asked me to dance", I will repeat this story.

So ladies, don't be shy, ask the men to dance, you just might have a fun evening!



Laura and Rodney at Goldcoast.

Rodney

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Birthdays

June

Cindy Adair
 Gloria Birnbaum 2
 Joanne Stafford 3
 Sheila Katz 12
 David Scott 20
 Janet Hochstadt 21
 Donna Graham 23
 Martin McCarthy 28
 Caroline Turner 28

July

Victoria Lynne
 Greg Caldwell 3
 John Kaeser 5
 George Peroni 12
 Tony Luis 14
 Dottie Gonzalez 22
 James Graham 23
 Karen Keenan 27



Welcome New and Returning Members

Carol Stender • Ruth Bromisas
 Donna Frandon • Patricia Bouchette
 Roni Amber • Mimi Alonso
 Masie Potashnick • Carol Bogue
 Ron Bogue • H. Martin Murray
 Inez Murray • Judy Brown
 Edward Brown • Mary Carroll
 Total members...192

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!



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

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SFSDS is a Member of:



Pot Luck Barbecue at SFSDS June 16th Dance

Chris Underkofler came up with the idea to have a special theme for the start of the usually slow summer months. She is Chairperson of the committee spearheading this event. Her idea is that we all like to eat some fun foods and that seems to bring out more of our dancers. The club is providing Hot Dogs and the condiments. We need the dancers to bring a special dish to share with their follow dancers. Side dishes, salads, appetizers and desserts are things that are needed. Please plan to attend and bring someone new to meet our dance family. Chris would love to hear from folks planning to bring something to share. She can be reached at 561-478-1387 after 5PM or email sdancechris@bellsouth.net

Chris can also use some help at the dance. She has already recruited Larry Tanaka as her main helper. If you can help please contact her.

Members note: the members-only drawing is up to \$50.00 Jerry Zadar missed out on \$40.00 by not being at the last dance. A name is drawn from all the members' names and if that member is present, they win \$10.00. If the member is absent then the money rolls over until someone wins. Nobody has won the last four times.



DANCE SOUTH

• 2 STEP • SWING • HUSTLE • LATIN •

DANCE PARTIES
Saturday, June 9th
Saturday, July 14th
Saturday, Aug. 11th

Monthly dances on the second Saturday of the month, in the new building of the West Broward Elks Lodge. 8900 NW 44th Street in Sunrise. 44th is between Oakland and Commercial. The building is one block west of Pine Island Road.

The venue will be Swing, Two-Step, Hustle, and all the Latin dances. The song rotation will be split evenly among all the dances.

There will be an hour-long free lesson before each dance, starting at 7:30 pm.

The dance is 8:30 to Midnight. Large dance floor and plenty of seating. Smoke-Free!
Donation is \$12. Dance Club members can receive \$2 off admission by presenting a current membership card.

Food and alcohol will be available for purchase as the lodge has a full kitchen and bar.

Dance classes are now forming at the lodge. Email dancesouth@mindspring.com for more information as to the night and times of the classes.





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:

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 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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