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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 – Richie Wernick and Luce Corredor

Dancing has changed the lives of Richie Wernick and Luce Corredor. Two different backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles found common ground on the dance floor. The evenings of lessons and practicing led to a wonderful relationship that they describe as heaven.

Luce has a large family of eight brothers and sisters and all migrated to Florida from Colombia. They gave up an upscale lifestyle to feel the comfort of the democracy of the United States. Most of the family settled in Weston. Luce's mother and father were entrepreneurs and avid dancers. Luce continued in her parent's footsteps and enjoyed dancing as one of her activities. During the day tennis, at night dancing, kept her quite active. At age 20, Luce, who graduated first in her high school and college, managed one of the family businesses. She led the way for it to be a successful business. Along the way Luce had two children and became very involved with charities and schools.

Richie grew up in New York with the goal of having a well heated apartment. He taught and was a supervisor in the NYC schools and retired after 20 years. *Richnik's*, his business which started in 1974, provided him with the lifestyle he craved. He developed a network that enabled him to do whatever he liked. As *Richnik's* grew he organized tennis parties, disco parties, weekends away, boat rides, travel and special events. He was proud of the fact

that the business was built on recommendations with no public advertising and became a well respected company. Quality events always attracted new people and he loved the new challenges. When Club Med came to North America they asked Richie to publicize their product. His company, *Richnik's*, became the largest agent for Club Med.

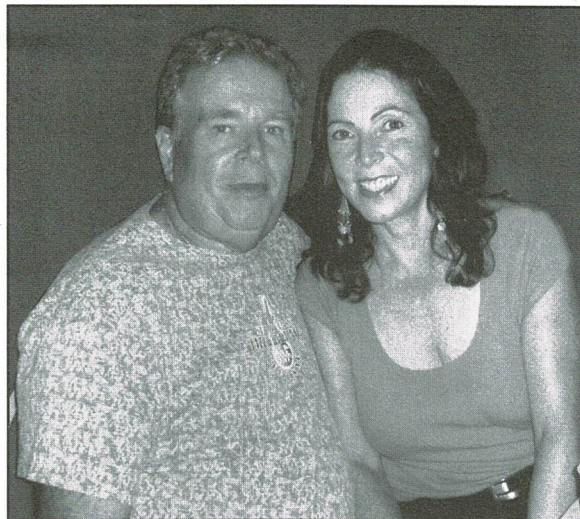
Over the years Richie created many new programs for Club Med. While enjoying dancing, Luce and Richie found that their friends would like a Club Med adventure

with dancing. They approached Club Med with the idea of doing a first-class, all-inclusive weekend. They went out and signed contracts to attract the top professionals for show and teaching. With over 50 professionals participating, they expect everyone to go home asking when is the next one? (It is planned.) If you attend the January 10-13, 2008 event at Club Med Sandpiper in Port St. Lucie, you can expect to dance under the stars to a 10-piece salsa band, have a cocktail party in the circus tent, have five

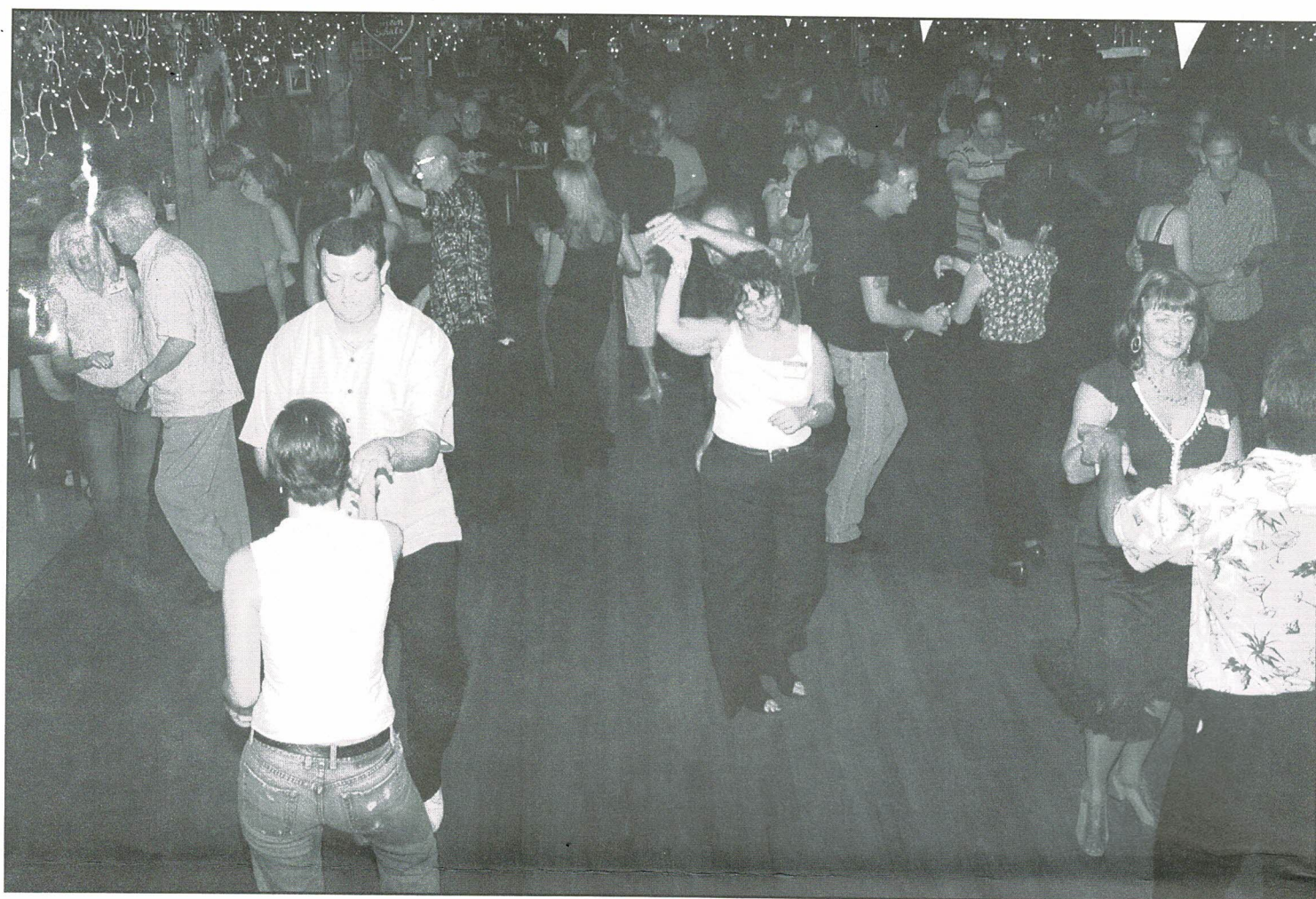
dance lessons a day, taste the white chocolate bread with three sumptuous buffets a day, and have an open bar all day and night.

Oh yes, there are performances of the STARS and plenty of other fun that Club Med provides. Enjoy life with Richie and Luce as they plan the ultimate weekend.

For reservations or information about the *Dancing With "Our" Stars* event, contact Joan Handelsman at 954-463-2997 (home) or 954-547-4469 (cell).







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### Club Dances

#### December 15th

#### Intermediate WCS Workshop:

Kyle Redd & Sarah Vann Drake 6:30 PM

#### Intermediate Night Club Two Step Workshop:

Kyle Redd & Sarah Vann Drake 7:30 PM

Workshops \$15 each or \$25 for both  
(SFSDS members can take both for FREE)

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

#### January 19th

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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## The President's Corner...

# We're bringing in Kyle Redd & Sarah Vann Drake!

The SFSDS board is bringing in Kyle and Sarah from Fresno, CA for two workshops to take place before the December 15th dance at the German American Club. The workshops will be \$15 each or \$25 for both. The first one will be Night Club Two Step and the second, West Coast Swing. These will be Intermediate/Advanced workshops. No beginner steps! They will not teach down to a lower level. This, I promise you, is guaranteed.

Members: Remember the perks we promised for December? Well here they are: Members of record by November 17th can take these workshops **FREE**, your dance is **FREE** also. We will give out cash door prizes for members only.

Kyle and Sarah will be available for privates on the mornings of December 14th, 15th and 16th. Contact Susan Marks at 954-275-3943 to see if any slots are left. As of press time they were going pretty fast.

If you would like to see videos of Kyle and Sarah, check them out at: <http://youtube/> then do a search for "Kyle & Sarah".

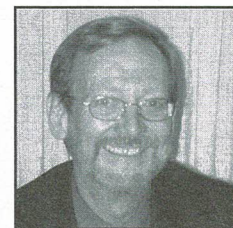
The December dance will be a pot luck dance, so bring your favorite dish to share.

For the past six months, the average attendance at our monthly dance is 162. We thank those who have

supported us. We expect the December dance to continue with these impressive numbers. Kyle & Sarah teaching. Vicki Kay handling DJ duties. Awesome.

It's been a great year for the club. Membership is up to 220 and we have 53 signed up for next year already. We will be accepting early membership renewals (\$25) at the December dance or you can mail in before December 31st. New membership dues are \$30 & renewals after December 31st are \$30 as well. If you renew at the dance, it would be helpful if you fill out the application before you come. You can download from our web site ([sfsds.com](http://sfsds.com)) or cut the application out of any newsletter.

Susan Marks has been networking with the Events and Adventures Singles club and 21 of their members attended our October dance. I understand they are returning for our December dance. The October dance also had a Jack & Jill contest sponsored by Mark Smith & Sheri Harris. We had a record crowd of 194!



*Rodney*



## Jack & Jill Winners

Mark Smith (pictured center) presents the first place award to Larry Tanaka and Renee Richel at the SFSDS October dance.

Mark organized the Jack & Jill to help promote the *Tampa Bay Classic*, *Sunshine State Dance Festival*, *New Year's Orlando Floorplay*, and *Miami Dance Magic July Swing* events. Prizes awarded were weekend passes to those events, Round Up gift certificates (bar tabs), free passes to Round Up, private and group lessons with local instructors ...total prize value: over \$800.

Mark donated all the proceeds from the contest to the Chris Hemmer fund. Contestants donated extra money as well. \$537 was the total and the SFSDS donated \$234 for a grand total of \$771 to Chris.





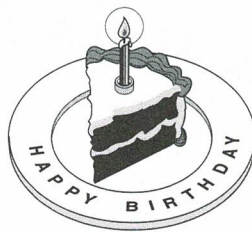
## Birthdays

### December

Charlotte Garfield	
Edward Brown	1
Annie Sturman	2
Debbie Prieto	6
Gina Vithoulkas	7
Janet Owens	8
Danitza Penaloza	11
Barbara Meyer	11
Sherree Klein	12
David Luchin	12
Johanna Kitson	15
Vicki Fearon	16
Christine Underkofler	20
Rodney Tison	21
Mary Carroll	21
Marcia Halpern	21
Brenda Hubbard	22
Michael Kutell	24
Harriet Kutell	27
Joey Dillion	29
Judie Markowitz	31
Lucy Orihuel	31

### January

Ray Yang	4
Steve Kole	9
Lina Kulikowski	9
Kathy Lohse	10
Jim Keenan	13
Sherry Hreha	19
Bruce Duggins	19
Judy Brown	21
Mary Lou Gillis	24
Mike Ciavolino	27



## Welcome New and Returning Members

Linda Rosen • Tom Guthke • Joey Cecio  
 Brandi Wisner • Gary Garabedian • Chris Elwonger  
 Millie Pruski • Richie Wernick • Luce Corredor  
 Kevin Foster • Zareda Strobel  
 Suellen Clemento • Lisa Boening  
 Stephanie Webster Sharyn Brooks  
 Ralph Johnson • Mary Ann Moseley  
 Total members...220

**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.

# of Issues	1	2	3	4	5	6
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# S.O.S. Fall Migration 2007

## First in a Series

by John Butler

Some twenty-seven years ago, before North Myrtle Beach became a "place to be", an event occurred that would change the lazy ocean resort both for the *bad* and the *good* for the decades that followed. The event was Hurricane David. Arriving in September of 1979, Hurricane David was one of those storms that many people misjudged and for those many who did they never were able to realize their mistake until they were consumed by the storm. Many of those who attended hurricane parties along the coastal strips were never found. Whole building foundations laid bare of their structures after being swept away by the fury of the ocean and the driving winds. That by all measures was the *bad*.

Along some areas of the coast, pockets of people endured the storm though were cut off from the mainland by the surrounding waters that had not yet retreated to the ocean or the Intracoastal Waterway that acted as a barrier in everyday life and everyday weather. Bridges that connected the coastal strips to the mainland were not passable or knocked out altogether. They were left stranded. Until rescue could be put in motion, supplies had to be provided for a time to sustain the survivors. Through all of the death and devastation that they had witnessed and experienced many of the survivors would count their blessings, collect themselves and go back to the task of living their daily lives back in Anytown, USA, wanting to put their ordeal behind them and hoping never to be reminded of the tragedy.

Though many who were there would leave with no thoughts of returning to the area, at least not anytime soon, some found that they had formed a bond with others that shared the same piece of history, at the same time and at the same place. This they wanted to remember. As horrible as the experience had been, there was a reason to share thanks. It is said that one such person, Gene (Swink) Laughter, issued an invitation to those who had survived the ordeal, the beach residents, shop owners, life guards and even the beach drifters, to return to the beach strip along Ocean Drive in North Myrtle Beach for a reunion. The call to gather was expected to reach many of the hundreds of locals that were left to rebuild their lives but it was never expected that several thousand people would respond ranging from neighbors down the street to large numbers of those who felt the bond and lived as far away as Anytown, USA. This would become the *good*.

Over the years the survivors returned to Ocean Drive to celebrate and share the reason to party. In time they would become known as the Stranders, those that had been stranded waiting for rescue.

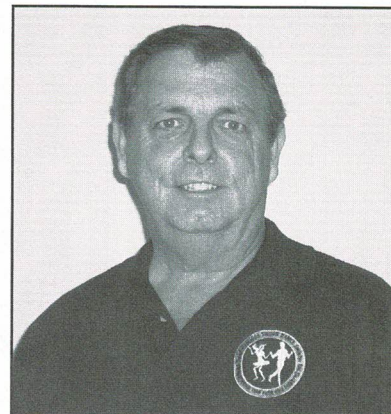
To identify themselves they banded together to become the Society Of Stranders, S.O.S. The Society still exists today, though their numbers have grown far beyond the original Stranders. As the word got out, hundreds and thousands of friends of friends began to be drawn to the activities and the party grew and grew and the sum of it all became known as S.O.S.

As the numbers grew, the need to entertain the masses grew. The area of North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach in general have become famous for the quantity and quality of golf that is available to existing residents, new retiring residents, visitors and certainly, the resident and visiting Stranders. But, not everyone plays golf so what becomes of the nongolfers? They have become dancers. With dancers comes the need to have a place, or places, where they can dance. What a concept! Who was it that said "If you build it, they will come!?" No really, who said that? So a number of clubs came to be and the dancers came and danced and danced and danced and...yada yada yada. After a time S.O.S. became too big to be just a once-a-year party. The party became so popular that it expanded over the course of a year to where a party arrived with the change of the seasons except for summer when the masses of golfers and beach goers roam and rule. The events and dates are...Mid-Winter Migration, January 17-20, 2008; Spring Safari, April 18-27, 2008 and Fall Migration, September 12-21, 2008.

For information: call 888-767-3113 or check the web...[www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com).

Next in the series...The Dance, The Dancer and The Music.

*Note from the editor: John Butler is a past president and board member of the South Florida Swing Dance Society. He attends most of our dances. Ladies, next time you see him ask for a dance!*











**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – The South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc.**  
**2008 Membership dues are \$30.00 from January 1, 2008, and expire December 31, 2008.**  
 See [www.sfsds.com](http://www.sfsds.com) for member benefits.

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☐ Clean-up ☐ Social ☐ Advertising ☐ 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.

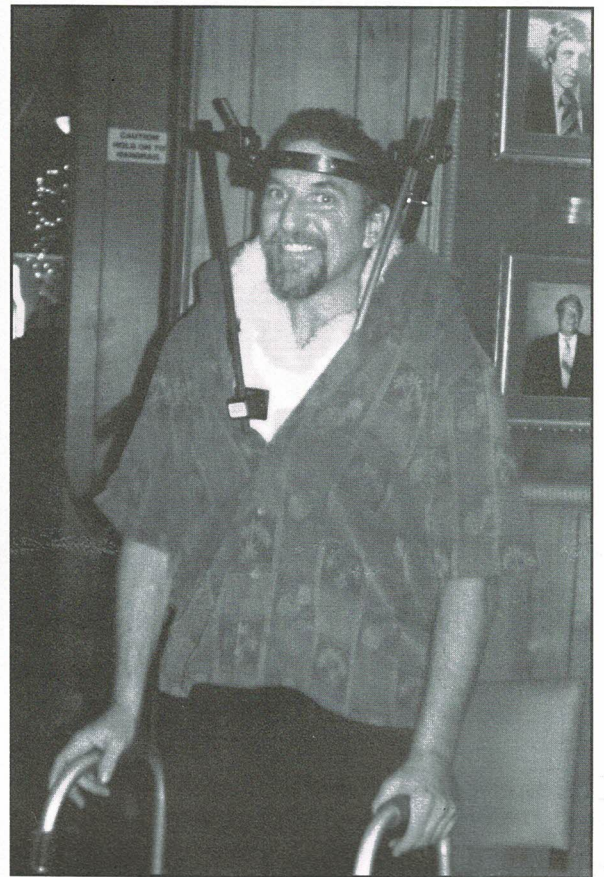
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Christopher Hemmer is almost back in dance form!  
He attended the SFSDS November dance and it was  
great to see him.

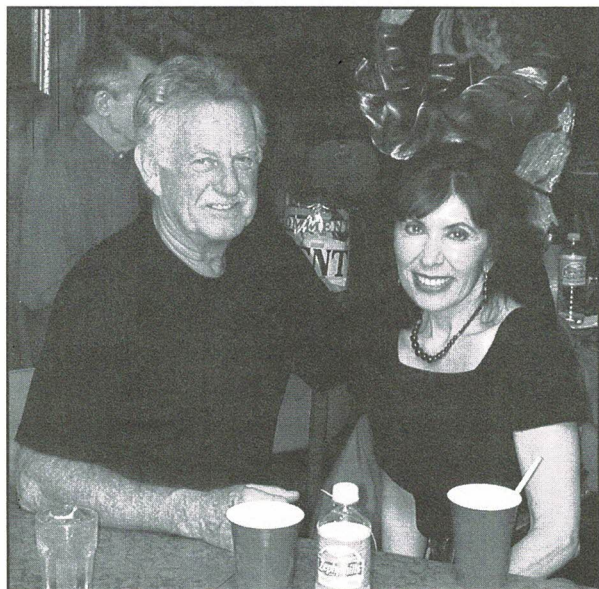


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