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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 – Joey Cecio

It was ten years ago and the world opened up to Joey. “I started learning to line dance...and I was trying to learn everything I could as fast as possible”. One day at a social dance someone approached Joey asking if he would be willing to attend their West Coast Swing class. He did and was immediately hooked.

During his formative years he grew up with a lot of musical influence. “The house was always filled with music”. His father even built the family’s cabinet stereo speakers which stood taller than Joey back in the day. His uncle used to play the drums for fun and, showing an interest, began to drum himself at the age of seven. With the encouragement of his Mother and especially his Grandmother he kept it up. While attending schools in Sarasota, FL, he played drums through Junior-High and High School playing in concert bands, marching bands and, his favorite, the jazz band. “My music teachers, Mr. Wright and Mr. Barnhardt were great influences in my life”.

Graduating from Florida State University with an accounting degree, Joey has worked in public accounting and private industry since 1981. He currently manages his own private practice consulting clients in tax, financial operations, and business planning. Giving up playing the drums after college but still musically influenced, he began to dance nearly ten years ago.

“I remember my first big event – Swing Into Spring held here in Ft. Lauderdale by SFSDS. I walked in to this room where the entire dance floor was filled with energy. Here I am all wide-eyed and amazed and only knew the basics. I was sure no one would dance with me.” Later admitting he was wrong, Joey begun taking privates from



as many teachers as he could. He has attended several dance events and learned from instructors such as Susan Marks, Michael Martin, Jeff Capparelli, and Angel & Debbie Figueroa.

Dancing at a local social dance he noticed this very cute blond doing her line-dance and 2-Step thing. As it turned out she had also attended some of those first swing dance classes he attended. It wasn’t very long and Joey and Chris became an item. Lighting up the dance floors and attending weekend dance events together they have shared many positive dance and life experiences. It was another dance couple that approached Joey to ask if he would take over their classes as they were retiring to travel the country. Hesitant at first, and with the encouragement from Chris, they began teaching over five years ago. They continue to teach in the South Miami area teaching WC/EC Swing, 2-Step, Night Club 2-Step, Cha-Cha, and Hustle.

Joey’s other passion is the involvement with The Gold-Diggers, a charitable organization that raises funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America and the Food for Life Network. The Gold-Diggers began over 30 years ago and is a women’s organization dedicated to their charities. Their primary public fund-raiser is a Broadway review style show held at The Olympia Theatre at the Gusman Performing Arts Center. “The club raises money throughout the year performing smaller gigs but this is the one they let the men loose”.

Joey has now joined the board of the SFSDS to continue to give something back to the community.

Websites for more information are:
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Club Dances

August 16th

Intermediate/Advanced Workshop:

Jerry Siebe 7:30 PM

(\$3 for the workshop, SFSDS members free)

Free Beginner WCS Dance Lesson: Upstairs

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

September 20th

Intermediate/Advanced Workshop:

7:30 PM

(\$3 for the workshop, SFSDS members free)

Free Beginner WCS Dance Lesson: Upstairs

Dance at 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...

By-Laws have been amended



As of July 1st, the by-laws have been amended. We hired a lawyer to facilitate the changes. Our thanks to Vicky Fearon for her diligent liaison work with Myra Gendel, *Partner*, of Ackerman, Link & Sartory, P.A.

We invite to to peruse the amendments on our website. Thy are geared to reflect modern times. It's been six years since the last changes and two years before that as well. We were told by-laws should at least be checked once a year to make sure they are current.

The food menu has been changed at our dance. Amy Mothe is now preparing the finger food. Please give us your feedback so she can supply what pleases you.

Come out on the second Sunday of the month to the Pavilion in Boca, From one to five, Vicki Kay spins a variety of good dance music. This is a club-sponsored event that was suggested by Ray Yang. We will start giving free lessons on September 14th with your paid admission. There is a buffet and you get

your first drink included with the \$15 admission. 301 Yamato Road. (Yamato & Dixie Highway.)

Todd Permitter, Vicki Fearon and Joey Cecio were appointed to the Board to fill vacancies. Also we will have new directors coming aboard in October. We will probably do a spread on all the new faces then.

Time is closing in for the near-by events coming up. Tampa Bay Classic is first, November 13-16. Our club has blocked of some rooms and tables. Contact Susan Marks at 954-435-8990.

In our own back yard at Bonaventure is the Sunshine State dance Festival November 27-30. Kim Bass the director is offering SFSDS members quite a deal. 50% off a weekend Pass if you stay at the hotel (limit one per room). There's other discounts as well, contact Susan Marks for all the details.

Rodney





Birthdays

August

Maryann LaVecchio 1
 Jan Svenson 2
 Jane Krauska 3
 Elaine O'Connell 5
 Carol Eickhorn 6
 Rick Love 9
 Bruce Perrotta 12
 Cathy Page 16
 Stephen Rosenbaum 17
 L.A. Justice 22
 Larry Deutsch 23
 Andy Krauska 23
 George Prieto 24
 Gina Swoope 27
 Larry Wayne 28

September

Cindy Sherman 3
 Jody Wayne 8
 Mike Niewoonder 9
 Laurie Hatch 11
 Debra Lynn 13
 Lloyd McAvoy 13
 Lorraine Butler 22
 Mel Niser 22
 Walter Lyon 23
 Wayne Thompson 28
 Cleaette Fitz 29
 Pauline Morissette 30



SFSDS is a Member of:



Welcome New and Returning Members, 2008

Debbie Levin • Richard Marks
 Sandra Soefer • Sandra Becker
 Mary Lou Culligan
 Richard Santilli
 Total membership 205

Purchase SFSDS Shirts. They are available at SFSDS dances. \$20.



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

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TEAMWORK

By Susan Marks



After retiring from Country Western competition, I looked for a place to dance and meet new people. I varied from Ballroom to Ballroom looking for a new place to put my dance hat... I found a fun and crazy group of dancers that loved to Swing Dance. We traveled from place to place but always gravitated back to Kendall, once or twice a week. The club was Studabacher's and there was tons of us to dance with. We all partied, danced and went to breakfast...and laughed. It was incredible to watch all the elders get crazy. And when they told their stories...you almost wet your pants!

The SFSDS was formed in the early '90s. We began with a team of 25. Our dances were at the Polish-American Club in Miami and people drove from everywhere to dance with us... We worked together and had about 300 dancers in the hall laughing and really enjoying ourselves.

We all traveled together to the dance weekends throughout Florida. There were hospitality rooms, *Jello Shots* and room parties everywhere we went. Everyone knew when the party started...it was when the "Miami Group" arrived.

There usually was a convoy of us following each other to all the events in Tampa, Orlando, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville year-to-year. South Florida had rooms all on the same floor of the hotel. We always danced, drank and ate together.

When Hurricane Andrew hit, the storm devastated South Florida. Many of our members were from the Miami area. Jacksonville, one of the largest dance groups in Florida collected about \$12,000.00 from many dancers to help the victims in Miami who lost their homes and had no place to live. There were so many people who drove down from parts of North/South Carolina, Georgia, Jacksonville and many other areas in Florida to help our fellow dancers. Many of our membership left South Florida and relocated to Northern parts of Florida and even outside of Florida.

We lost our core, our drive, and had to rebuild...just like South Florida did. It's been said that at the time of world strife dancing emerges. When you watch any show on TV, you'll see how it's tied to dancing. We have worked hard to keep the dancing alive in South Florida, time after time. It's amazing to see the evolution of dance. And as always, teamwork is what keeps the community alive. In the events that have plagued the world, it seems that dancing is one of the only activities that still makes your heart sing. It's good for the heart, soul and the mind. Let's all work together to keep this blessing alive.

Susan



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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 for member benefits.

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birth day _____ 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 Newsletter Publicity Telephone Host/Hostess Door/Admissions
 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.

Signature _____ Amount Paid _____

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