



Greetings and Happy New Year from your **SOS** Board Chair,

It has been a very trying year and a half for **SOS** and our card-carrying members and friends. So much has had to be delayed or canceled on behalf of the hurricane and virus. There has been so many effected by these tragic events and yes, we have lost so many that were so close and dear to each of us. We will never forget who they were and all the contributions they gave to **SOS**. Their legacy remains in our hearts, but now is the time that we must look forward to a new year with hope for better days ahead and a return of the lifestyle and dance that we covet so much. I know that none of you have lost your dream and desire to further our dance and lifestyle. Even though we continue to make plans for the Spring Safari and the Fall Migration, we will continue to monitor the situation and make a decision to keep us all safe.

When the time is right and it is safe once again, the Board is going to challenge you to help us get **SOS** restarted. We want you to know, that we have been meeting behind the scenes (Zoom), planning for future events and most importantly keeping **SOS** financially solvent. It has been a tough two years, with little income for **SOS**, so we had to get very creative and work out all the details. As hard as it has been, we have had a lot of positive suggestions, such as Carefree Times online, which we have had very good response about this and we continue to address other serious issues.

Our objective is to keep **SOS** on a solid foundation. I want to thank the **SOS** Board personally for all their hard work and dedication and after much sole searching, our objectives were met by keeping you safe and keeping the dance alive. Now we need YOU. When the time is right **SOS** will be re-started and we will need help selling **SOS** Cards, supporting our

partner clubs, sponsors and anything else that needs to be done to get us on track.

Better times are ahead for each and every one of us, as long as we stay positive and do what needs to be done in your local club, **SOS** and community. We still have many that are being affected by COVID-19. We have lost many of our friends that have contributed so much and we all honor them and will never forget them.

I will ask you once again, for your support of **SOS** and together we will endure and conquer these hardships. We CAN and we WILL move forward. **SOS** is just a word, "YOU" are what it stands for. Working side-by-side, we can do great things.

Stay safe and hope to see you soon.

Ronnie Gregory

 **Board Chair**