

A Sip of Champagne January, 2012



The Champagne Girls – A Motley Crew!

Year-End Report for 2011:

It doesn't matter whether one sees the glass as "half full or half empty," as long as the content of the glass is useful to quench one's thirst or put out a fire! The Champagne Girls have raised **\$1,250** this year for various charities as follows: The American Red Cross (to aid the Tsunami victims in Japan), The Andrea Rizzo Foundation (for children with cancer to receive dance therapy), Children International (in support of the troupe's sponsored child, Emerald Madronna, who lives in the Philippines), Eva's Village (a homeless shelter in Paterson), and the Sussex County Food Pantry. Since the inception of the Champagne Girls Nonprofit Organization, over \$17,000 has been donated to help the needy.

"Motion with a mission," is the Champagne Girls' mantra, and during 2011, they have performed at various venues as follows: they were the floor show at "The Annual Chili Contest" for the Sussex County Food Pantry fund-raiser; they gave a "Demo/Show" for the Girl Scouts of Byram; they were booked for two shows at Pine Acres Care Center; a Halloween



Santa Gals with Guest Singer, Corey

Show at Belle Reve in Milford, PA; they held a show at the Sussex County State Fair; they danced at the Hemlock Farms summer social in the Poconos, and they organized two charity shows, one at Easter and the other at Christmastime.

Editor's Corner:

What's ahead for 2012? Thus far, our troupe is planning an Easter Show, "Spring into Motion," to raise money for the Andrea Rizzo Foundation, and a summer show, "Shimmies and Shindig," to raise funds for the Pike County Animal Shelter. Plans for our Christmas show are still in the air, but we will definitely hold one. Presently, we are seeking a new "affordable" location for our charity shows.

The troupe that plays together stays together. Building camaraderie is an important focus for our troupe. Some of the "socials" in our plans include the troupe participating in The World Dance Parade, May 19th in NYC, and hopefully various outings to see the fabulous Ron Richardson perform in the Poconos and in New Jersey.