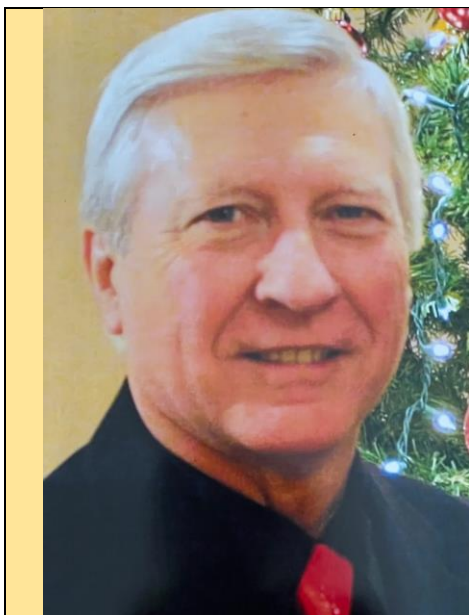


ABOUT OUR EVENT DIRECTOR



Ray Michiels Director

Ray is a former educator and high school football coach turned dancer. He owns and operates the Lucky Stars Dance Studio in Alexandria, Louisiana and just celebrated 24 years in the studio business. He has danced competitively since 1991 in the UCWDC, Fun Country, and American Dance Association Circuits. He and his partner at the time qualified for and danced in the first ever UCWDC World Championships in Nashville in January 1993. In 2000, He began coaching and dancing amateur students in the Pro Am divisions of ACDA and UCWDC. He has danced Pro Pro Open I and Diamond I and is currently dancing couples Platinum Advanced Divisions of the American Country Dance Association. He and his current partner have won numerous championships in the ACDA circuit. He has been the owner/event director of the Louisiana Country Dance Hayride in Alexandria, Louisiana since its beginning in 2008. He was inducted into the ACDA HALL of FAME in 2022.