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How are you actively and currently involved in same-sex partner dance?

I have been taking lessons for about a year and a half. I have participated in two same-sex competitions with my female professional instructor and I'm hooked! We most recently danced at the Provincetown Dance Trophy, where we were awarded a NASSPDA Championship. We are preparing to dance at the Gay Games in Paris, this August! My intention would be to help promote same-sex dancing, particularly among amateurs.

What relevant leadership experience, such as serving on a board of a membership driven or non-profit organization and/or experience in helping to create such an organization, do you have?

I have extensive leadership experience in non-profit organizations. I am currently employed as a Sr. Executive at the Girl Scouts. I also serve on the board of Valley Leadership and am an active member of the Latina Giving Circle, both here in Phoenix. My volunteer / board experience goes back nearly 20 years – for local, statewide and national organizations, when I was living in California.

Brief Biography

Debbie has enjoyed success in many fields including banking, consulting, entrepreneurship, academia, and non-profit executive leadership. She blends all of this expertise in her career as a professional Girl Scout. Arriving at Arizona Cactus-Pine Council by way of Girl Scouts in Long Beach and San Diego, she helps to hold the vision of serving more girls and serving girls more.

Debbie's personal commitment to community service is demonstrated through years of philanthropic activity and board and committee leadership - which she attributes to values learned as a young Girl Scout. An advocate for women's and girl's issues on the local, statewide and national levels for more than 25 years. Now, a resident of Phoenix, she is active with The Latina Giving Circle and she serves on the Board of Valley Leadership. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Finance and an MBA emphasizing Entrepreneurship and Venture Management, both from the University of Southern California.