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FLORIDA FOLK DANCER

September, 1996



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dandy Andy Pollock
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I would like to congratulate Orlando on their 25th anniversary celebration. I heard it as WONDERFUL. Unfortunately, I was flying back from vacation in Canada at the time and had to miss it.

I hope you can all join us on October 5 in Pinellas Park for FFDC's 25th anniversary - a workshop with David Skidmore from Boston. If you've never seen David teach, you should know it is for sure! David will select dances from many countries.

Many more workshops are coming up [see elsewhere in newsletter] including Joe Graziosi and Sandor Timar at the February camp. If you are amongst the income challenged and wondering how you can afford to go to so many fine workshops, remember that \$3 not spent each day equals over \$1,000 saved per year - more than enough to attend all these events. (We all know the math, but sometimes we become unaware of the math.)

A mistake I made recently prompts me to urge a caution to all of you, particularly performing groups. The amount of ethnic strife in the world has increased in the last 10 years. Many of us learned a lot of dances in a vacuum and we tend to forget these dances come from places, places often at war with their neighbors. We need to be sensitive as to the make up of our audiences. See you all soon.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I started this issue early. Not early enough to bring it to Orlando for the party, where I could have saved beaucoup bucks on postage, and had help folding, etc etc. (Sarasota helped me last month - Thanks!), so now at 4:30 on August 29, I have a total of about 12 hours in, put the finishing touches on it, realized I had missed one article, went to recover it from my other disk, and lost the ENTIRE F__ newsletter. I am now starting from SCRATCH! This one won't be as good as the last, I can't put that much more time into it. I'm going to die. Moving on...

Orlando was a fabulous day!. Bobby did great job on teaching and keeping a good flow. Good food. Good floor, good people. Congratulations to the committee and Orlando.

This is a jammed issue. Those who sent fillers, I'll use them another time. READ EVERYTHING, DAMMIT!

Serry



L' Shana Tova
(Happy New Year)



ORLANDO NEWS (OIFDO)

A "Thank you" to D.A. for sending in the news of our dancing at the 44th Florida Folk Festival. We were first on the program there with SCD in 1960 - just 2 couples, when Cubby and I were joined by Marie and Don Armstrong, who many of you know from the square and contra dance world. We so much appreciate our dancers Marie, Circe, D.A., Ernie, Bob, and Jack, making the long trip to enjoy with us the unique experience that each year brings. A special highlight of the festival is the varied music. I could never express adequately how much it means to have the beautiful "Line" Scottish tunes played for our dancing by "The Wind That Shakes the Barley" and Friends of Reilly" giving an extra lift to the spirit and lilt to the steps.

Our Thursday classes require no partner nor experience, so "Y'all come", and if you live in another area, we can probably find a group near you - there are groups all over the world, by the way. Also, if you aren't "hooked" yet on the Florida Folk Festival, plan to attend Memorial Day Weekend, 1997!

From **Jeannie Whitehead** - with a special thank you to the FFDC officers and especially the newsletter folks!

SOUTH BREVARD INTERNATIONAL DANCERS

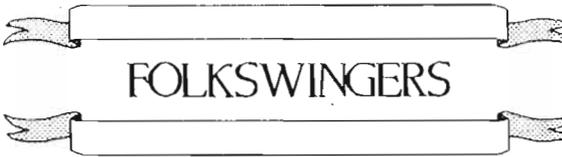
South Brevard is continuing the beginners group. We have been showing them some of our old favorites as well as starting them on waltzes, schottisches and hopefully other couple dances. Some of our group disappeared to go to the Olympics, some to the Kentucky camp, but we've managed to keep a good group going so far (knock on wood!)

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Our 25th anniversary party is now history. Thank you to the 55 dancers who came from the Orlando area as well as Atlanta, Ormand Beach, Tampa, Miami, Melbourne, Sarasota, Gainesville, Lakeland, and New Jersey. We all enjoyed dancing with David Digby again since he started the Orlando group and then danced in Tampa for awhile before moving to Atlanta. Bobby Quibideaux ran the tapes and CDs which was highlighted by the Golden Oldies hour after dinner. Speaking of dinner, the food was fabulous as dancers brought food for a potluck dinner. Everyone enjoyed a piece of our anniversary cake decorated in silver and blue. Look for a picture of it in an upcoming issue. Bobby and I want to thank Juanita Schockey, Joy Herndon, Ann Robinson, Ellie Hall, and Edwina Scinta for their help in planning and organizing the party and dinner.

After we co-host the Israeli workshop on Thursday, Sept. 5, we will be dancing at the Winter Park Artsmall again, at least until they tear it down! We are investigating other possibilities for dance locations and nights. If you plan to visit our group in the near future, call first to verify night and location. **Pat Henderson**

We're looking forward to the Fall Fling. It will be in Deland again this year. The Women's Club there seems to offer a good balance of wood floor, adequate parking, nice kitchen facilities, and reasonable price. I am trying out a new sound system borrowed from a performing vocal group. It's designed for use in large rooms and really does sound nice in our dance room. Hopefully it will also do well in the larger room at Deland. Cheers to all and see you at the Fling! **John Daly**



FOLKSWINGERS



SPIFFS International Singers and Dancers

We have changed our name from Shalom Folkdancers to the FOLKSWINGERS and will be affiliated with the Lee County Alliance of the Arts in Ft. Myers, where they have invited us to share our dances with the community, beginning Tuesday evenings in September.

We all had a wonderful evening dancing for 3 hours with the Sarasota Grapeviners, August 21. Tina Pegler, Marilyn Mahan and I enjoyed the party, complete with delicious refreshments, and learned several dances from Marie Millett, Lou Paige and Ike Steinberg, who generously shared their knowledge with us once again. We look forward to passing it on to people in Ft. Myers/Cape Coral.

In August, we danced for Calusa Harbor Retirement/Nursing Village and were asked to teach folk dancing for the residents there. We also performed for the children at "story hour" at Barnes & Noble bookstore in their cafeteria and will do an encore for adults there, with Pat & Neil Valanty of Pennsylvania/Ft. Myers joining us in Nov. Hopefully, we won't disrupt the customers too much dancing the Macarena down the aisles!

One of our students has been learning folk dances in order to teach the severely disabled he works with, as they respond to music, rhythms and movement.

Lynn Badagnani
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Hello everyone! This is my first time writing in the newsletter, so I hope I make it interesting. As seems to be the pattern, our group took the summer off like most of you. We did have a performance on August 9, but we were performing half-mast due to so many people being gone. Luckily, this enthusiastic group of people has good stage presence, so we both sang and danced BIG to make up for it.

If any of you are in our neck of the woods on a Monday, we will begin again on Sept. 2. The dancers meet from 6-7:30 p.m., the singers from 7:30-9:00. We are also focusing on recruiting. So what else is new? If we find anything that works sure fire, I'll be happy to pass it on.

Anyone who is interested in Middle Eastern styles of dancing, I am beginning classes on Sept. 4 at the Bay Vista Rec Center, from 1:30-3:00 pm. The Sahnobar Dance Ensemble, of which I am a member, will be performing for the Alexander The Great Exhibit on Sept. 28 and 29 at Straub Park in St. Petersburg. We will be doing 3 shows each day. Then we will perform on Oct. 26 at the Theatre of Memory in High Springs. Check out our web page to find out more about what we do.

(<http://members.gnn.com/terps2/index.htm>)

If anyone is interested in creating their own web site, let me know, it is part of our business now. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming workshops!

Happy Dancing, **karen sun ray**
813-323-8327, Email: sunray101@aol.com or
SPIFFS: 813-327-7999 *[Karen is the tiny one that dances so well, originally from Gainesville, in case you're wondering]*

South Brevard International Dancers

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Saturday, October 26, 1996
 11 am to 11 pm
 Women's Club
 128 W. Michigan
 Deland, Florida
 \$3.00 per person

Schedule

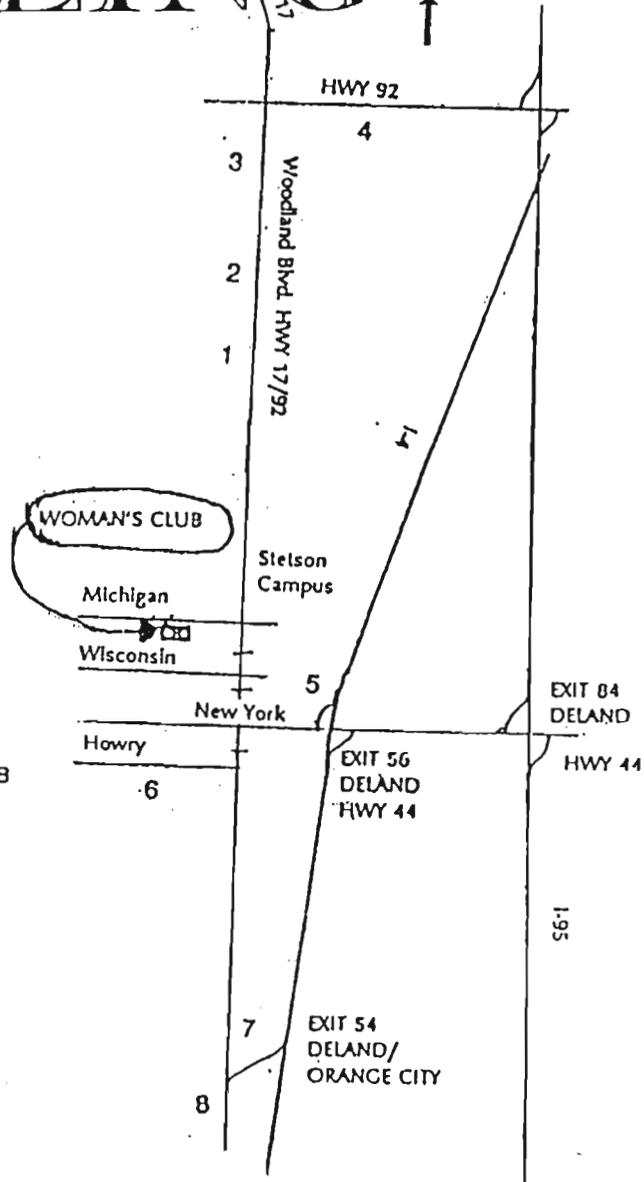
Start Dancing	11 AM
Pot Luck Lunch	Noon
More Dancing	1 PM
Supper Break	5 PM
Still more Dancing	6 PM
Clean Up & Parting	10:30 PM

Motels (keyed to map)

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| 1. University Inn
800-345-8991 | 5. Quality Inn
904-736-3440 |
| 2. Orange Tree Inn
904-734-0670 | 6. Deland Country Inn B & B
904-734-4244 |
| 3. Deland Motel
904-734-5177 | 7. Chimney Corner Motel
904-734-3146 |
| 4. Holiday Inn Deland
904-738-5200 | 8. Days Inn (Orange City)
904-951-4391 |

For More Information Call:

John or Barbara Daly -- 407-951-9623
 Wally or Joan Washington 904-738-4391



International Folk Dances

taught by
David Skidmore, from Boston

in celebration of the
Florida Folk Dance Council's
25th Anniversary

Saturday, October 5, 1996
at Pinellas Park Auditorium

10:00 a.m. - Noon	Workshop
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Workshop
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Dance Party

\$15

Sponsored by the FFDC
For more information call (813) 882-4472

7690 59th St. N, Pinellas Park: From I-275 take exit 15,
go west on Gandy Blvd., continue over US 19 (34 St. N)
onto Park Blvd. (74 Ave. N), go over Railroad Tracks, turn
right onto 59 St. N, cross tracks again, and the auditorium
will be on your left.

HOGTOWN HYPERBOLES (Gainesville)

For the last several weeks I have been on sabbatical - from folk dancing. After 30 years of folk dancing I felt I needed some time off. Therefore I missed the wonderful indian dance instruction which took place on Friday, Aug. 2. However, I put out a request on our folkdance listserv for peoples' comments and received nothing but accolades - "a really exciting event", "could have kept dancing and dancing - really melting into the dance". Jigna, one of our student members who is from India, helped organize the event and arranged to have two indian women teach. The dance is called Daania Raas. According to Jigna, the dance is done in India during new years (usually the end of November) and people dance at night for hours until 3 or 4 in the morning and the dancing continues for 9 nights! It is a celebration of a Goddess killing a demon...Each dancer holds two sticks which they tap together or against those of one of the other dancers.

About 60 adults and children [Wow!] were there for the dance instruction and kept their enthusiasm through the request dancing, hardly sitting out a dance. Toshi did a good job organizing the request dancing, keeping it simple for all the new dancers.

I plan to return to dancing after the August 16 planning meeting for the start of the semester. In Sept. there will be a Swing and Lindy Hop, Margaret is in charge. [See Coming Events] Hope everyone had a great summer.

Joyce Dewsbury

I'm putting a picture on the back of a post card sent by Jack and Linda to Jenneine. It's a wedding portrait from Banat, Vojvodina, Yugoslavia. c. 1904. I'm not listing the officers in that spot. If you need Jenneine, call her at 352-376-7473. Terry

TAMPA STAMPS AGAIN

DON'T FORGET!! We have moved our dancing evening back to Fridays. We start September 6. We will be at Kate Jackson, where Israeli already meets, and Contras are also held there now and then. Call any of us for directions. Kate Jackson is in Hyde Park, lighter outside, easily accessible, nicer room, good floor - we're looking forward to it, even though some of us got real used to having our Friday evening available for another good weekend activity! But Mondays didn't work, so ever hopeful...

Ursula Tison's husband had brain surgery recently and is in Shands Hospital in the ICU. We are all praying for a good recovery. Also sadly, Ursula's mom passed away in Germany last month. Ursula is holding up, and sneaks out for an hour of dance therapy now and then, but it has been very exhausting for her. I also forgot to mention that Maria Pasetti's mother also passed away a few months ago. she was in her 90's - Maria took good care of her. Our sympathy to both. Maria organizes wonderful little excursions to Tarpon to Greek dance. She and Bobbi and Barbara do lots of Spanish dancing performances - truly the Golden Girls! They are great! They take lessons from Curra.

Arlene Fradkin (Gainesville) saw Andi's daughter in Jerusalem. (Arlene was on a dig and also doing research.-a little G'ville news there!) Donna is moving to the Orlando area. She has been there nearly 1/2 the year taking care of her ailing mom, so has decided to move there now. Looking for a med tech job if anyone know of anything. Some of us are still bopping over to Sarasota, all that showed had a great time in Orlando and looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

COMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS CHANGES OF ADDRESSES ADDED/REPAIRED E-MAIL

ISRAELI DANCING:

Teacher: **DANY BEN SHALOM**. Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm at Temple Israel, 4917 Eli Street, Orlando. Call 407-788-7277 (Debbie) or 275-6247 (Bobby) \$8 (See last month's flyer). AND/OR

Saturday, September 7, 7:00 pm. Melbourne Beach Civic Center. Call 407-783-6037 or 777-3613 (Carol and Tom) \$8. Come to either or both.

SWING & LINDY HOP: Teachers: **LENNART** and **CATHERINE** (of the Rhythm Hot Shots), also Becky Palmer, Bruce Shepard & Friends. Gainesville -Boltin Center. September 7-8. Fri, Sat. 9-11:30, 1:30-5, 8-11. Sun. 10-12 noon. \$10 session, \$35 all weekend. Call 352-373-0646.

WALTZ, SQUARE, CONTRA: Live music, live callers. The Endless Summer Dance Restaurant at Camp for All Seasons in Tallahassee. Sept. 27-29. Kids program, excellent food. \$70. Call Bobbie Jo Finer, 904-877-7418, 5076 Sweet Basil Jane, Tally, 32311-9396 or bobbiejo@tdo.infi.net

CAJUN, ZYDECO, WALTZ & SWING: Dance Vortex, in Atlanta, live music, October 4-6. Call Bart ruark 352-472-4424, after 9-30-96, 706-539-2001 or write him at 1131 SW 166th St. Newberry FL 32669. \$56

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: Teacher: **DAVID SKIDMORE**, October 5, Pinellas Park Auditorium (where contra is held) *[See flyer]*

IRISH: FRIDAY, OCT. 11 -Ceili 8:00 \$5.00 Safety Harbor Resort. Call Butlers at 726-1161

ROUMANIAN WORKSHOP: Teacher: **MIHAI DAVID**, November 9, Gainesville, exact spot to be announced in next newsletter - watch for flyer.

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