

FLORIDA FOLKDANCER

December, 1996

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Proud Andy Pollock

We have had a lot of interest in camp from "outsiders" this year. Andor Czompo and Vonnie Brown and possibly some other former camp instructors will be joining us as campers. Don't get left behind lest we fill it up without you. *(This is not hype - I am quite serious - remember how close we came last year)* If you know of people who would like to come and cannot afford it, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship.

Group leaders and other key people - search your heart and your group - we will need replacements for our current officers (election happens at February camp). I would like to go into camp knowing that we have at least one candidate for each position.

Mihai David workshop wrap up: Mihai taught us a ton of new (and old) Romanian dances, some of them quite easy. *[He says he has received many requests for "real village" dances, instead of just the fancy ones]* He looked terrific - even though he is approaching 50, he danced just like he did at 25 - maybe better - makes me want to run to the gym right now (well, maybe tomorrow...I'm still tired from the workshop). I don't think he even broke a sweat all day. Attendance was lighter than we had hoped for, but still respectable, and we even attracted 4 new people.

Gift ideas: Mihai has 4 videotapes available for his dances at \$45 per tape with

approximately 20 dances per tape. Call him at 1-800-868-7233 or E-mail him at dance@greenheart.com. If you would just like to see the tapes, you may borrow a copy from the FFDC (we splurged a little). Send me a postcard specifying the record from whence cometh the dances you are interested in and we will loan you the tape for 2 weeks by first available person mail. Please, no dubbing!!! There will be a longer wait for the last tape (with the Gainesville workshop dances) as our copy was blank *[Shame on you Mihai]* The earlier tapes are a very fine quality.

IMPORTANT: ERRORS R US

In the camp registration form last month - 6 yr. old and under pkg price should read \$44, food on Sat, \$8. The form in this issue is correct.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU IN PINELLAS PARK ON DECEMBER 21 (SEE FLYER)

Chair moving music - Chairkessia, Chairkerjankino, Chairesna. *[Oh Andy]*

Santa doing the HO-HO-HO-RA!!



 **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE**
HOLIDAY PARTY! 

Saturday, December 21, 1996

Pinellas Park Auditorium 7690 59th St. North

— 10 AM - 5 PM —



Bring Your FAVORITE TAPES!

Teachers bring a dance or two to share.

POTLUCK 5:20 - 7PM



DIRECTIONS: 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. **INFO: 882-4472**

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- Elan Chalford - Fiddle
- Mark Musser - Bass
- Bonnie Whitehurst - Keyboard
- Caller - Andy Pollock



— the Clear Ensemble —

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Holiday CONTRA DANCE

**DELAND INT'L
FOLK DANCERS**

COMING EVENTS

The fall fling is history for another year. It lived up to and even exceeded my expectations for a great day of request dancing, good friends, and good food. Thanks to everyone who came and made it such a special day. And thanks for all the help in keeping things running smoothly - putting tables up and down, serving food, keeping the kitchen clean, and especially for the final clean-up. To borrow an expression from a famous lady - it takes many villages to put on a Fall Fling.

John Daly did a lot of research and experimentation since the last fling on sound quality and I thought the music sounded great. Now we need some work on microphone quality - I still couldn't understand things said over the mike.

There are other folk dance events in the year that feature teaching by local and imported dancers and so the fall fling is unique in that it is almost exclusively request dancing. It's a chance to dance in longer lines and bigger circles, a chance to remember dances you haven't done in a while, a chance to relax and socialize with friends from all over the state. I think this is an important part of the folk dance scene. You don't have to learn new dances to have fun.

Joan Washington

Language Warm up for camp: Seasons Greetings in:
(Hungarian)
Boldog Karacsonyi es Ujevi Unnepek
(Greek)
Kala Khristougena kai Eftikhes to Neon Ethos

INTERNATIONAL: December 21 - Holiday Party - 10am to 5 PM followed by Potluck at 5:20-7pm, followed by (see flyer)

CONTRA: 7:30 p.m. until.... Pinellas Park Auditorium. (see same flyer upside down)

ISRAELI: Mechol Miami
Dec. 21-25 **Mo'adim L'simcha** (Hebrew grtgs)
Teachers: Shlomo Maman, Avner Naim
Call: Peggy 305-891-1819

HAWAIIAN SWANG HOLIDAY:
Mele Kalikimake me ka Hauloi makahiki hou Jan 7-22, Call 1-800-448-1266

RALPH PAGE LEGACY WEEKEND
January 17-19, Call 617-354-1340

INTERNATIONAL: PRESIDENT'S CAMP
February 14-17. Sponsored by FFDC. (See Registration form)

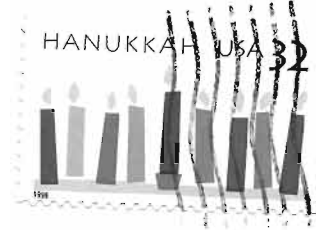
IRISH CEILI: Nolag Mhaith Dhuit Agus Blain Nua Fe Mhaise (Gaelic-Irish Seasons Greetings)
Date: January 31, 1997 Time: 7:30 PM until 10
Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family
Music by: Friends of Reilly
Caller: Sheila Butler (Butler Irish Schl of Dancing)
Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Apostles Catholic Church 2850 75th St. W. Bradenton, Fl. Interstate 75 highway take exit 42 heading west towards the beaches. Continue W until 75 St. W. Take a left, go to light in front of the church and follow signs to the Ceili. If you need different directions please call 941-747 3275.

Happy Chanukah

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Happy New Year!



**ADDRESS CORRECTION
REQUESTED**

ADDED/REPAIRED E-MAIL and ADDRESSES

David Digby (at last): ddigby@emory.edu - He was looking for contra dancers coming to Atlanta in November, I failed him. Hope you found them David...

Mihai David: Dance@greenheart.com (I meant to get his address if you want to order tapes from him and don't have E-mail - will try to get it in the next issue.)

Susan Marynewski: sumar@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu (sent me contra all over FL - will publish next time - if you're in a hurry, write me and I'll send it to you now)

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Evalina from Holland - in Tampa and visiting with old friends as this goes to print - trying to get her # - if not, get it from Kathy Aagaard.