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**Life may not be
the party we hoped for,
but while we are here,
we may as well dance!**

-source unknown

Prez Sez

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you found a good party, or a good partner, or good food, or something good to help you bring in 2007. I ended up at the First Night in St. Pete with my kids – lots of fun! Also hope your Christmas or Channukah was a good one!

My year ending was almost perfect in that I attended Machol Miami (annual Israeli dance camp); got there Thursday to see my fencing coach and his wife; danced that evening; the actual workshop started Friday at 2:00; had Ruthy Slann as a roommate, which is always fun. All went well, although a sore throat didn't help, and by Sunday evening it was a full bloom cold. So I danced a little less that night, and actually filled some button requests. At 3:00 a.m. I was headed for the hot tub when I decided to do one more dance - mistake! I fell flat on my face during a quickie move, thought I broke my glasses (didn't), thought I lost a front tooth (didn't, but it's loose), bit my lip (not bad), and thought I broke my nose. One doctor agreed; two didn't. Actually I didn't do the black and blue thing, so guess I didn't, but am blowing my nose tenderly, sleeping a lot and trying to get back on my feet! Thank G_d this happened the last night and not the first! So that's my December dance experience. Going to the Orlando Club Holiday Party was much less exciting, but just as much fun.

I started out the New Year by going to see the Tammies – great!

Camp preparation is continuing to go well. I now have hosts for Friday and Saturday night parties – still looking for Sunday. Julius' Hungarian group (who are all coming to camp – yeah!) will be doing Hungarian on Saturday. This is a schedule reverse from my notes last month. We now have three Olga Princi scholars, but no work scholarships. Come on - someone out there must want to come to camp but is hesitant because of their finances. We've all been there; please don't be shy or embarrassed – we need you!!! Just in case, by the next issue, I will start assigning every camper one little job, so be prepared to help! I think I have Mickey talked into coming back to help cook, and recipes have now also been sent by Fannie, whom I missed the last issue and Julius has sent his very wonderful stuffed cabbage recipe. I'm trying to make menus that aren't all potatoes (!), but it's tough! Don't worry – it will be great again – I'm sure!!!

If you have any questions about registration, please let Pat or me know, preferably Pat – she is so good at all of this. She (as well as the rest of the board) have worked hard to make it easy for you to figure out what to check and pay for. I know every year we say that, and each president has worked so hard to do good, but maybe this time we really have!!!

OK everyone – one more issue before camp. We're getting down to the wire - hope to see most of you there to dance your heart out! TA

Something Funny

Check out this video on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0RtRTx7NMA&eur1 It'll amuse you.

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OIFDC Holiday Party

A good time was had by all when the Orlando International Folk Dance Club and guests celebrated the holidays on December 13 at the home of Pat Henderson and Bobby Quibodeaux. Around thirty people from Orlando and vicinity, Tampa, Deland, Frostproof, and Daytona enjoyed a potluck supper (with lots of desserts, yum yum) and dancing. Terry Abrahams furnished holiday buttons (Christmas or Hannukah, take your pick) for everyone. These photos are a sample of the people, festive attire, holiday spirits and dancing fun that abounded that evening.



Clockwise from left: Phyllis Dammer, Terry Abrahams, Joe Birkemeier, Bobby Quibodeaux (behind); Terry, Bobby (did they have too much egg nog?), Gary Lanker (behind); Pat Henderson, Terry, Ruth Ann Fay, Juanita Schockley, Phyllis; Dan Lampert.

Photos by Caroline Lanker



Tumbling Tampa

by Terry Abrahams

If you read my Prez Sez, you know why I named this column that this month. But I have nothing else to tell. Most of us haven't been dancing, as our recreation centers are closed. Israeli has met two times at my house; the international group are so spread with vacations, we aren't even trying to meet while the center is closed. I did get a call though, and we may, just may, have a new Serbian dancer coming in the new year. The Israeli group did some teaching at the JCC Hannukah party, and other than that – I don't know who's been doing what. So I'm ending my column with a Happy New Year to all – and leaving you in wonder that I could say so little! Bye -Terry

From the Editor

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were enjoyable - mine were.

It's that time - time to register for camp 2007. The registration form is on the web site - in two forms. If you got this by mail, a registration form should have been included. Contact Terry if it isn't. Remember, you need to fill out a registration form for **each person**.

Sorry, Gary and I won't be at camp. We hate to miss it, but we are going to a gathering of his family in Hawaii. Maybe I'll bring back a picture of hula dancers.

- Caroline Lanker

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Grapevine International Folk Dancers of Sarasota

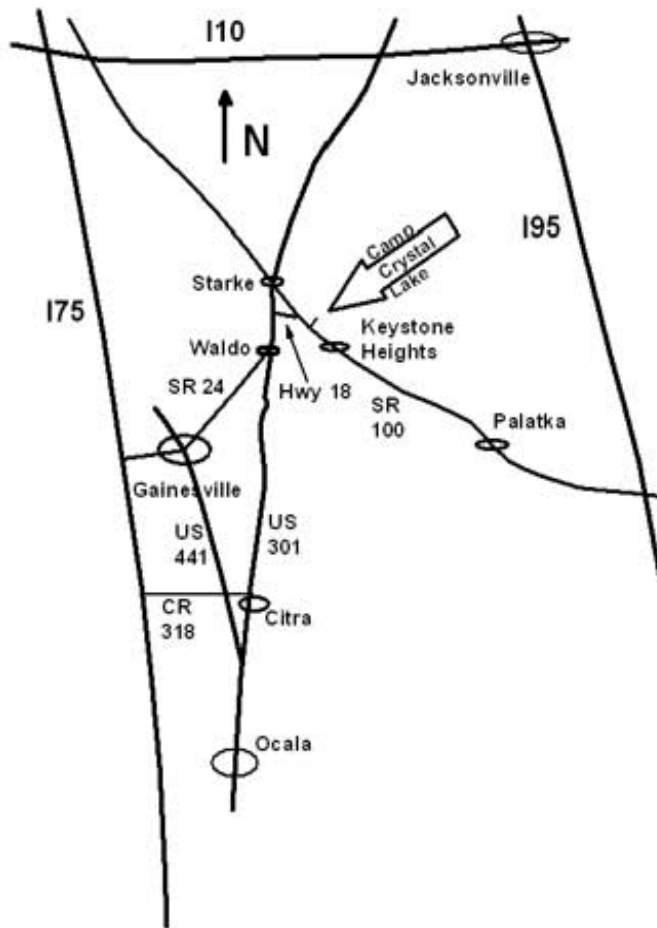
by Marie Millett

Holiday time has not slowed our dancing attendance. We enjoyed our Holiday Party on December 20th. As usual, lots of good stuff but, best of all, lots of good dancing. The big news was the appearance of Ursula at our party. It was really great to have her back after her recovery period from hip surgery.

On the last week of 2006, we also had a good turnout, including Ike and Natalie, whom we hadn't seen for awhile, plus the Paiges and their good friends, Barbara and Sergio, who are now Florida residents. Unfortunately, I was on the ailing list with a cold so missed out on the fun and kept my virus at home. Phyllis and Don have returned. Eva Stunkel is back from her cruise with her daughter. And, we have been joined by some new, experienced dancers.

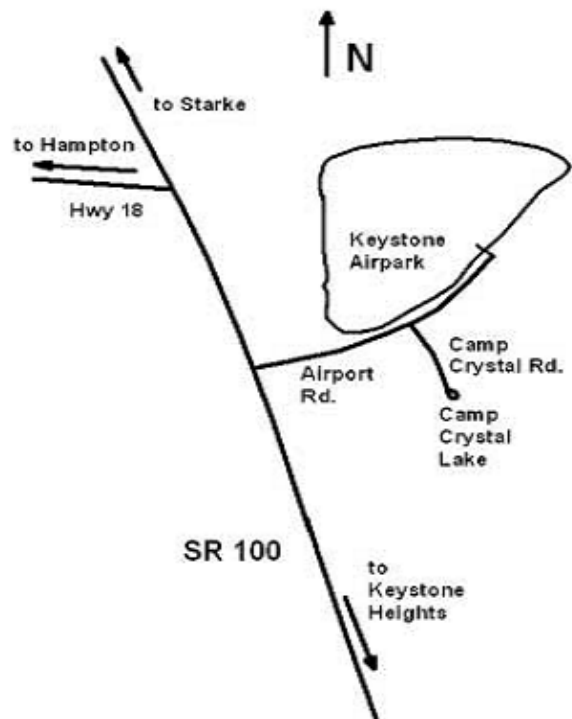
It is with sadness that I report the death of **Lin Schlossman** this last month. We missed her all summer, but hoped she would eventually be able to return to dancing. She was a faithful dancer and could always be counted on to remember all of the Israeli dances.

See you at camp.



Maps to Camp Crystal Lake

Use these maps along with the directions to camp that were published in the December FFD.



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Letter to the Editor

Pat Pieratte emailed:

We had a costume party at work on Halloween and I wore my Romanian costume. I didn't win, but it was fun to wear something different to work, and to wear one of my costumes more than once a year!

The photo (left) was taken by our administrative assistant, Adele Porta.

Events and Tours

January

Saturday, January 20 Scandinavian Dance Workshop

Kate Jackson Rec Center, Anderson Park, 821 S Rome Ave., Tampa.

Time: 12:45 to 4:30 PM

Price: \$5

This workshop is taught by Judith Baizan. Participants should be comfortable with basic hambo, polska, and bakmes turns. Please register in advance: judithbaizan@verizon.net or 813 254-3359.

February

Friday February 16 to Monday February 19 Florida Folk Dance Camp 2007

Place: Camp Crystal Lake, near Keystone Heights, FL

See map in this newsletter, information in the November and December newsletters. There are printable and web-based registration forms on the FFDC website. If you received this newsletter by mail, a registration form should be included with it.

March

Note: some of the information about the Tamburitzans' March performances has changed since the December FFD. For more information, visit their website at www.tamburitzans.duq.edu

Saturday March 3 Duquesne University Tamburitzans

Place: Palm Beach Comm. Coll. Eiskey Campus Theatre, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Time: 7:30 PM

Contact: Box office 561-207-5900

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March

Continued

Sunday March 4 Duquesne University Tamburitzans

Place: Curtis Peters Auditorium, Lecanto, FL

Time: 3:00 PM

Contact: Cash Pealer 352-873-5808

Monday March 5 Duquesne University Tamburitzans

Place: Central FL Community College - Fine Arts Auditorium, Ocala, FL

Time: 7:30 PM

Contact: Cash Pealer 352-873-5808

Friday March 9 Duquesne University Tamburitzans

Place: George C. Miller Middle School - Performing Arts Center, Crescent City, FL

Time: 7:00 PM

Contact: Jean Labonte 386-698-2342

Saturday March 10 Duquesne University Tamburitzans

Place: EAU Gallie High School - Performing Arts Center, Melbourne, FL

Time: 8:00 PM

Contact: Ticketweb 1-866-468-7619 or Dotti Denick 321-751-5434

April

April 20-22. "Rang Tang" in Atlanta

Miroslav Marcetic will teach Serbian dances.

Look for more details in upcoming FFD issues.

July - August

July 31 – August 12 Jim Gold International Folk Tours – Bulgaria

August 13-18 Optional Macedonian Extension

Bulgaria: Historic and cultural tours of Sofia, Plovdiv, the mountain town of Bansko, and Veliko Turnovo (medieval capital of Bulgaria); attend the Dorkovo and Koprivshitsa Folk Festivals in the Balkan mountains; visit the 10th-century Rila Monastery; travel by chartered bus with Bulgarian musicians and folk dance teacher.

Macedonia: Sightseeing in Skopje and other cities and towns; visit to Sveti Naum Monastery.

Led by Jim Gold.

For more information, to sign up, or to see the whole 2007 tour schedule, visit Jim's web site: www.jimgold.com. Contact: Jim Gold International, 497 Cumberland Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Phone: (201) 836-0362. Email: jimgold@jimgold.com

Have you heard about the new dance called the Elevator? No Steps.

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