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President's Promise

So! Thanks for all your responses to my request for your opinions regarding possible camp changes. Here's the results. I will not use the northern venue. I will keep our regular date no matter what. I will try to stay central, but may fall back on last year's venue if I can't do better, which won't make many of you feel bad. I'm in touch with many hotels and something could happen, but at the time of this article, perfection has not knocked at my door. I still would like a floor without posts, a more central location, less musty rooms, complete meals without worry. So mark your calendar for next February 12-15 and know that you will be spending approximately \$250, certainly no less. You definitely wanted hotels, and they aren't the same price as camps. Put a few pennies in your change jar every day, mark FFDC "Camp" on it – and you'll have it when the time comes. Now that I've decided to keep our date, I'll start locating teachers and hope I pick two that you like. I've received suggestions, but you could send me others. And that's it for this month – short! Once more – kudos to Caroline for a terrific newsletter.

– Terry

Spring Fling

by Bobby J. Quibodeaux

The 2009 Spring Fling was held in Orlando on April 4 at the Whirl and Twirl dance pavilion. The pavilion had great facilities, with a wonderful wooden dance floor. With a large turnout (over 40), it was truly exciting to experience such a large circle. We had good music, good friends and good dancing with a "free for all" request list. The final tally of dances done was slightly over 100. Not bad for a short day.

Quite a few of the 2009 Florida Camp dances were covered, drawing on memory and talent from the various Florida groups. Of course we can't forget the covered dish lunch, which excelled as usual. For the afternoon break at 4:00 PM, Pat put on an English style high tea including cucumber sandwiches. Most of the dancers actually made it to the scheduled ending time of 7:00 PM. Granted, the scheduled ending time has been sliding a bit over the years. What is not sliding over the years is the group enthusiasm and energy for folk dance. Keep moving, keep smiling, and definitely keep dancing!



Spring Fling: clockwise from upper left: Bernice Roth; Bill Schwarz and Bobbie Ward; Betty Nehemias, Eva Gaber and Lila Gaber; Claudia Terrence; Virginia Marszal, Arleen Kaufmann, Joe Birkemeier, et al.

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