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Prez Sez

First, I want to say how great it was to see everyone at the Fall Fling and congratulate the Melbourne contingent for their excellent skills as host and hostesses. As usual, it was great to see all my friends. As an added attraction to the day, if one registered for camp at this event, one got a free camp T-shirt or free DVD. And guess what – we got a fabulous response – 18 people signed up for camp – the biggest beginning ever! If one of them was not you, it's time for you to start thinking of registering. The sooner the better! The registration form is included with mailed copies of this newsletter. It is also available on the FFDC website. A little inside information – Julius is always the first to sign up for camp. This year, since the form was not given out until the Fall Fling, Julius, not being there, missed! Sorry Julius – we ruined your perfect record! But be the first to arrive at camp and we'll reinstate you!

So, here's where we are so far. We know **when** we're dancing – February 12-15. We know **where** we're dancing – at the Clarion Resort in Kissimmee. We know **who** is teaching, Zeljko Jergan and Ned and Marian Gault. We know **what** will be taught – Croatian and a multitude of trios. Contracts have been signed, air reservations have been made. The T-shirt is designed. (All of the above info is in the July and September/October newsletters.) So far, so good!

Now to the itty bitty stuff. As usual, we need people to do the snacks. This year, snacks need to be minimal in terms of trouble, as we have to have snacks in a different area than the dance hall – to be specific, in my suite. Food is not allowed to be brought in, so we're not "bringing" in, we're just "having" it in our rooms, on the OK of Kathy, who is helping with all hotel arrangements. I would still prefer it be ethnic food, since none of the meals will be, but if you want to do something 'merican – then so be it. Just let me know that you are willing to do it. It's best if a club takes it on together - you know who your club is! Again, there will be no decorating – sorry Orlando!

There will be at least one Olga Princi scholarship, and it is up to your club to submit names if you have a person you think is deserving of this honor. There could also be part scholarships for people who help with the music, but we no longer need table wipers and sweepers as we did in the old days. I take that back – we may need a sweeper of the dance floor, but it will be voluntarily done.

Enough for this month. Great to see clubs doing extra things together – Orlando – whew! Gainesville – double whew! And I hear Sarasota snagged a Tammie performance for their city. (See [Sarasota Grapeviners](#).) Good for you! In parting - you can live without dancing – but not as well!

-TA



Lila and Eva Gaber at Fall Fling – if you missed it, you missed a lot of fun! See Terry's account, [Fabulous Fall Fling Fun for Folkdancers](#), on p. 2 and photos scattered through this issue.

Fall Fling photos by Caroline Lanker

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