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President's Weekend Photos

[This is the first of several photos of the FFDC President's Weekend 2011, scattered through this issue.]



Julius Horvath and Judit Szente in Hungarian costumes

Prez Sez

As I take a deep breath and breathe a sigh of relief, I'm happy to write that except for the sticky floor, there were no complaints about our 2011 Presidents' Day Weekend! I know I had a good time, and apparently you did too! Looking back, the most important thing – the teachers – were terrific! Not only were Kyriakos and Richard handsome and charming, we liked what they taught, and how they taught and their Culture Corners were interesting. New and young – what a nice combination!

The hotel was in a very convenient location; the hotel staff was extremely helpful and friendly. Our rooms were good, the elevators fast; the hotel food was sooo much better than last year and I hear the hot tub was hot. In our dance area, the lobby was marvelously convenient; the side room alcove was good for sales (although Liz and I didn't have proper room for our sales – you didn't buy your usual number of buttons); the eating area was just big enough (if we have more people next year, we'll have to squeeze a little); having enough coffee and water to keep us going was a big plus; the dance room was large enough and next year the floor will be reconfigured to be even better (and not sticky).

The FFDC sound system worked; the parties were fun; the programs kept us on our toes; you tolerated our little band; you laughed at our song; the meeting successfully updated our bylaws (next year the meeting should last about 5 minutes!) and elected our newest officer (welcome Judy Merkt); the snacks were amazing as usual, even without cooking facilities; the T-shirts looked good.

Having to move out of the alcove on Sunday afternoon wasn't too traumatic and seeing the Chinese performance almost made it worth it. The hotel has promised us that next year we won't have to go through that process, but I must add that next year they are raising the price and you will have to pay a little more – just a heads up – be prepared! But your Executive Committee felt it was worth the raise in price to keep the same weekend, and to keep the same venue.

For those of you who couldn't make it after signing up – we missed you! For you new people that came for the first time, we loved having you – please come back! To the Executive Committee, who did most of the work re hotel arrangements and registration and decision making, and all who helped with snacks, tablecloths, schedule poem, sales, registration, filling envelopes, videos, and those who came and danced – thanks to all for making this one of our best! Thanks to Andi Kapplin for doing syllabi – look for them soon on the folkdance.com archives page. Also thanks for your email kudos. Next year – even better, or at least as good! Feel free to send suggestions for anything and all things.

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