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ffdc newsletter

A SPECIAL MEETING of the FFDC was held on December 7 beginning at 11:48am. The "Committee of the Whole" included: Daniel Thompson, Patti Schutt, Tallahassee; Sue Harper, Miami; Donna Roe, Bonnie Hansen, Bill Sugg, Steve Richardson, Donald Grotefend, Lakeland; Julius Horvath, Constance Horvath, Andrew Horvath, Susan Horvath, Daytona Beach; Judith Baizan, Ernesto Baizan, Tampa; Cubby Whitehead, Jeannie Whitehead, Craig Whitehead, Sarasota.

The main reason for the meeting was to discuss ways in which the NEWSLETTER could be either cut in cost or dues to be raised to cover costs. After much discussion, with many good points being made, it was the general consensus and recommendation that combining fewer pages of the NEWSLETTER with increased Workshop Fees (perhaps \$1) earmarked specifically for NEWSLETTER expense, thus keeping the present subscription rate.

There was discussion about incorporating under a non-profit organization. Printed membership forms and addresses were asked for. It was decided one membership list would be printed in the newsletter, and it could be copied from this.

Thanks to Daniel Thompson for recording the minutes of the meeting.

Happy New Year

The Folksdancing of Sarasota invite all folk dancers in the state to their New Year's Eve Folk Dancing Party, Wed., Dec. 31. (No dance on Dec. 17). Festivities start with an international covered dish dinner at 7:30 pm, followed by folk dancing til ??? In addition to your covered dish, everyone is urged to bring a Yuletide ethnic custom, skit, story, or stunt to share. We will party at the usual dancing hall, The Sarasota Rec. Club, immediately behind the Exhibition Hall, US41 & 9th St., Sarasota. Donation: \$1/ea. Please let us know if you are coming. Box 90, Rt 3., Sarasota FL 33580

(813)755-6212

*Come Dance —
In Clearwater!*

The Scottish Country Dance Group in Clearwater has invited us to visit their active group, thus helping us to keep up our enthusiasm and increase our proficiency in the dance in an area where we have too few such opportunities. They meet at 7pm, Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club Nft Harrison Av (alt 19) and Calumet St. Going N on US 19 turn L at the 2nd traffic light past the main road into Clearwater (Gulf to Bay Blvd, Hwy 60) onto Sunset Point Rd. W on Sunset Point til deadends at Alt 19 (Edgewater). L or S and the Club is just over a bridge 1/2 block on left. Robert Smith (813) 443-6586; John Marsden 447-6176.

The FFDC NEWSLETTER is a publication of the Fla. Folk Dance Council, Route 3, Box 90, Sarasota FL 33580.

Officers of the Florida Folk Dance Council are:
President Cubby Whitehead
Treasurer Nolia Stephan
Secretary Bea & Phil Statnick

Individual membership in the FFDC is \$3 per year
Family membership (incl. wife, husband, & any children under 18) is \$5 per year. Membership fees should be sent to Nolia Stephan, 3500 Bayou Louise Lane, Sarasota 33581

The FFDC NEWSLETTER is sent to all members. Fla. Folk Dance groups may be listed in the FFDC Directory free of charge. Out of state groups may be listed for a small fee - \$2 per year. Contributions to the NEWSLETTER should be sent to Beadie, PO 19461, Orlando FL 32814

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Scottish Weekend !

Words are inadequate to express the weekend high experienced by the fifty dancers who attended the Scottish Country Dance workshop with Marianne Taylor this past weekend at the Princes Martha Hotel in St. Petersburg.

Saturday sessions included step practice and instruction in various figures. The evening Highland Ball put the figures together into 15 traditional and exciting dances. Sunday morning included review of such figures as Poussette, allemande, and double reels, as well as specific dances.

Entertainment at the Ball included piping by John Marsden of Clearwater and Alan Baker of Sarasota, and explanation of traditional men's Highland dress. Many of the guests came in traditional Scottish attire; this added to the elegance of the occasion.

There seemed to be a general consensus that this should be just the first of an annual Scottish workshop and ball, and some plans are already under way. All there were very much impressed with Marianne Taylor as a beautiful person as well as an excellent instructor and dancer.

- Cubby Whitehead

We Get Letters, too !!!

REPRINT FROM JULY 1975

Dear sir: I read your May-June newsletter which Ms Perkins, our Postperson, just delivered, and was disappointed that, with all the workshops and teaching you wrote about, no mention was made of our workshop on April 12 right here at Clydes Corners. And folks here think it is worth mentioning. So I will.

The workshop was sponsored, of course, by our Grand International Club of Clydes Corners. If you remember, we won 39th place in last year's Nat'l. We figger thats not bad for a place this size, specilly when those smart alex, from Mt Morahootchie didn't even place, and theys three times the size of Clydes Corners. Anyway, this was our second annual Burushaski Workshop. This year we again had Myrl and Verl Bylyngosh as instructors. In addition to teaching they gave some musical background talks. Myrl did some right fancy fingering on the three string gadomer, and Verl joined in mostly with ocarina and boomca. We had a lot of fun, especially at that after party when Ms Perkins, who was practicing the Hammurabi Hop, tripped into the swimming pool and lost her teeth. (She got them back later after Henry Jesper organized an ad hoc TSUDS --Teeth Search and Underwater Dance Survey).

I hope this gets printed because we welcome visitors at our workshops as well as at our regular meetings.

Very truly yours,
Amos Zygoria, Pres GICCC

DECEMBER 1975 -- From the Mayor of Mt. Morahootchie!

Dear Sir or Madame: I have repeatedly mailed this letter to the editor for publication. First to the editor in Gainesville. The mailman brought it back with a note saying that the editor had moved and mail should be sent to Sarasota. My letter to Sarasota was similarly returned with a note saying that the new editor is now in Orlando. I am hereby sending this to you in Orlando with the added request that you quickly forward it to the next editor before we lose both him and my mailman, who is otherwise a very patient and and understanding gentleman.

In your July issue you printed a letter by Amos Zygoria of the Grand (ha) International Club of Clydes Corners. Several statements were made which, if not outright lies, are decidedly untruths, and I have been requested by all my constituents (except Bo Blathersby, but he doesn't count) to set the record straight.

Mr Zygoria stated that the GICCC won 39th place in last year's National which was better than us in that we did not even place. Mr Zygoria is a scheming scoundrel of the first order, a preposterous prevaricator, an officious oaf. What that bummer did not mention was that there were only 39 competing teams, and that we had not even entered the contest since, unfortunately, it happened to fall on Zerzes Day. (Jonathan Zerzes, an early pioneer, was the founder of Mt Morahootchie). Inasmuch as we were all engaged in communal meditation in observance of that day we could not, of course enter the contest. Had we entered, we would have finished first, naturally, continuing our tradition of - to quote Zerzes - "First in the hills".

Furthermore, no matter how much Mr Zygoria, Ms Perkins and her false teeth, and everyone else in Clydes Corners practice the Hammurabi Hop, they still do it incorrectly.

Your Obedient Servent, Rodney Bylyngosh

FFDC Directory

SUNDAY

CLEARWATER Scottish Dancing, 7:30pm
John Marsden (813)447-6176
ST PETERSBURG Eckerd College Folk
Dancers 6-7:30pm. Dick Bredenberg
(813)867-5061
TALLAHASSEE FSU International Folk
Dancers 7:30-10:30pm. Pat Jung
(904)576-3028
WEST PALM BEACH nights. June Volpi
(305)848-2072

MONDAY

DAYTONA BEACH International Dancing
7:30-10pm Susan Horvath (904)
255-5767
LEESBURG International Folkdancing
7:30-9pm. Tom/Helen Sears (904)
787-5333 days; 787-0861 eves.

TUESDAY

HALLANDALE International Folk Dancing
7-10pm Clarice/Bernie Adler
(305)233-3117
LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN Folk Dancing
7:30 pm. Donna Roe (813)683-0320
MIAMI Israeli Dancing 7:30-9:30pm
Yosef Yanich (305)576-4330
MIAMI Univ of Miami International
Folk Dance Group. Ira Weisburd
(305)538-3966

WEDNESDAY

MIAMI International Folk Dancers
7:30-10pm. Ginny/Manny Corwin
(305)444-3730
ORLANDO International Folk Dance
Club 7:57-10:30pm. Dave Digby
(305)422-2028; Larry Wartell
645-0290
SARASOTA The Folksdancing 1st &
3rd Wed. Cubby/Jeanie Whitehead
(813)755-6212 or 755-7005

THURSDAY

TALLAHASSEE FSU International Folk
Dancers 7-10pm Bob Weinstein
(904)222-7576

FRIDAY

FT LAUDERDALE Folk & Round Dance
Class 2-4pm Abe/Vivian Halpern
(305)791-8833
GAINESVILLE Univ of Fla Folk
Dance Club 9-12M. John Ward
(904)376-0224
MIAMI City of Miami International
Folk Dancers. Every other Fri.
9-10:30pm. Marilyn Roth (305)
856-1314; Joe Knight 595-0666
MIAMI Scottish Country Dancing
7:45-9:45pm. Ken/Isis Hilton
(305)667-9059
MIAMI BEACH Israeli Dancing 9-1
Yosef Yanich (305)576-4330
MIRAMAR Irish/American Ceili Club
4th Fri. Mary Borden (305)
625-1652; Jack Smith 587-5552
PENSACOLA Tzigany U of W Fla
7:30-? Jim Marsh (904)438-3284
Drew Harris 434-3744
TAMPA 7-10pm. Judith/Ernesto
Baizan (813)257-0001 or
245-1881

SATURDAY

FT LAUDERDALE Around-the-World
Dancers. 1-5pm Bea/Phil Stat-
nick (305)771-5287
MIAMI Univ of Miami International
Folk Dance Group. Ira Weisburd
(305) 538-3966
MIAMI Israeli Coffee House
Yosef Yanich (305)576-4330

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HALLANDALE Workshops, Internation
al folk dances. Bea/Charles
Kaufman (305)929-5359
MIAMI Belly Dance Lessons. Linda
Hyams (305)573-7956
MIAMI-FT LAUDERDALE Belly Dance
Lessons. Karen Gillis (305)
763-1193
SARASOTA New College Folk Dancers
(during school term) Elaine
Feder (813)349-6413
WEST PALM BEACH Folk Dancing.
Rose/Sam Kanars, 129 Easthamp-
ton, Century Village 33401

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LOUISIANA: TUESDAY - BATON ROUGE
Israeli Dancing 7:30-10pm
Vonnie R Brown (504)926-1095
WEDNESDAY (&SUNDAY) -BATON ROUGE
8:30-11:30pm. Vonnie R Brown
(504)293-4503
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Happy Holidays, y'all!

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7th Annw.

The Miami International Folk Dancers, who pioneered Folk Dancing in the Miami area, have just celebrated their SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY. We are still enjoying dancing -- and would like to invite you to dance with us when in the Miami area -- every Wednesday night 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Church. Contact Ginny Corwin, 4410 SW 13th St, Miami (305)4443730.

Coming

April 9-10-11 4th Annual LA Spring Folk & Ethnic Dance Fest
LSU, Baton Rouge LA
April 17 Folk Fest, Tallahassee
May 1-9 Dimensions '76, Orlando

Deadline

Deadline for January issue is Jan 5. In the future, the deadline will be the 20th of each month (beginning Jan. 20, 1976) so that every issue will be mailed by the 1st of the month following. Thanks. *Beadie 4*

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