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Winter Weekend in St. Lauderdale

THE AROUND THE WORLD DANCERS OF FT LAUDERDALE, LED BY BEA AND PHIL STATNICK ARE HAVING THEIR WINTER WEEKEND GET-TOGETHER ON DECEMBER 17-18-19, 1976 AT AVON PARK.

THE 1975 WEEKEND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, AND EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ENJOYING AN EQUALLY GOOD DANCING EXPERIENCE, IF NOT BETTER.

THE GROUP HAS BEEN MEETING ALL SUMMER ON SATURDAYS FROM 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. AT THE HOLIDAY PARK SOCIAL ANNEX, 841 NE 7TH AV, FT LAUDERDALE, STOPPING THE SESSIONS TO ATTEND THE PAPPAS AND VYTS BELIAJUS WORKSHOPS. WE HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE DAYTONA BEACH WORKSHOP AND TO SAY THAT THE "OLD TIMERS" ENJOYED VYTS WOULD BE PUTTING IT MILDLY. IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEWER (YOUNGER) DANCERS TO BE EXPOSED TO THE REPERTOIRE OF MR FOLK DANCER HIMSELF.

IN OUR HECTIC LIFE SCHEDULE WE MUST FIND THE TIME TO DUST OFF OUR OLD RECORD COLLECTION AND REVIVE THE CULTURE AND DANCES OF A BY-GONE ERA, WHICH CAN ONLY BE KEPT ALIVE BY OUR OWN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUPS, SINCE ONLY FEW ETHNIC GROUPS EXIST WHO SEEK TO FOSTER THEIR HERITAGE.

IN OUR FT LAUDERDALE GROUPS WE ENJOY DOING THE OLDIES AS DONE WHEN WE STARTED DANCING A LONG TIME AGO, AS WELL AS THE NEW ONES DONE TO CONTEMPORARY MUSIC.

IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE EVERY SUMMER TO SAY "GOODBYE" TO HALF THE DANCERS IN ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY, ONLY TO FIND THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S ATTENDANCE HAD JUMPED TO THREE TIMES AS MANY. THE ROOM HUMS WITH WARM GREETINGS, HUGS AND KISSES, EVERYONE TALKING AT ONCE BEFORE THE DANCING STARTS, DURING RECESS. AND AT THE END OF THE SESSION WHEN THE GOODBYES FILL THE AIR AGAIN. THE GREAT TOGETHERNESS WE FEEL FOR EACH OTHER MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE.

THE "AROUND THE WORLD DANCERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF FT LAUDERDALE, 2999 NW 33 AV, ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF W OAKLAND PARK BLVD, MEETS EVERY TUESDAY. PHONE 771-5287 FOR INFORMATION ON HOUR OF MEETING.

BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL OFFER THE AROUND THE WORLD FOLK DANCE COURSE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BRANCH, MEETING WEDNESDAYS 7:30-9:30 P.M. STARTING OCTOBER 13, 1976. PHONE 581-8700 EXT 228 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

- BEA STATNICK

Daytona's Vyts' Success

DAYTONA BEACH'S INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS HELD THEIR FIRST INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE WEEKEND WORKSHOP AUGUST 20-22, SPONSORED BY THE FLORIDA FOLK DANCE COUNCIL.

INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS VYTS BELIAJUS INSTRUCTED. THE PERSON CREDITED WITH BEING THE FIRST TO INTRODUCE AND TEACH INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING TO ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, VYTS WAS AT ONE TIME RESTRICTED

ETHNIC GROUPS, PRIOR TO WHICH FOLK DANCING WAS RESTRICTED TO DANCES OF ONE PARTICULAR NATIONALITY OR SECTION OF A COUNTRY. VYTS IS NOT ONLY THE FIRST PROMOTER AND ORGANIZER OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING, BUT HE IS ALSO A MASTER TEACHER. WITHIN MINUTES HE IS ABLE TO TEACH RATHER INTRICATE DANCE STEPS AND PATTERNS TO DANCE STEPS AND PATTERNS TO NON-FOLK DANCERS. VYTS TAUGHT THE "GRAZIELLA MAZURKA" AN ITALIAN DANCE TO JOY BRYON PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TV CHANNEL 2, LIVE FOR THE TV AUDIENCE.

MR BELIAJUS WAS GUEST INSTRUCTOR AT THE LOCAL YWCA FOLK DANCE CLASS FOR 18 MEMBERS AND 12 VISITORS FROM THE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP. AMERICAN, ENGLISH, SWEDISH AND HUNGARIAN DANCES WERE TAUGHT. VYTS WAS ALSO GUEST INSTRUCTOR AT THE DIXIE SQUARE DANCE CLUB THURSDAY EVENING AND GAVE THE SQUARE DANCERS AN INSIGHT INTO THE VARIETY OF FORMATIONS FOR AMERICAN FOLK DANCES HE TAUGHT. VYTS SPENT A WEEK IN DAYTONA BEACH AREA PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND WORKSHOP. HE WAS BORN IN LITHUANIA AND NOW RESIDES IN DENVER CO.

THE WEEKEND WORKSHOP BEGAN FRIDAY EVENING WITH A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCES, INCLUDING TWENTY DANCES FROM LITHUANIA, MEXICO, IRELAND, ITALY, GERMANY, AMERICA, ENGLAND, SWEDEN, HUNGARY, MACEDONIA, SLOVENIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND GREECE. TEACHING SESSIONS WERE HELD FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON, AND SUNDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON AT CITY ISLAND RECREATION HALL, IN DAYTONA BEACH. A SPECIAL SESSION WAS HELD SATURDAY EVENING AT THE WINDSOR APARTMENTS WHERE SENIOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATED. ORGANIZER OF THE WEEKEND WAS SUSAN J HORVATH, LOCAL FOLK DANCE INSTRUCTOR.

SEVENTY PERSONS FROM AROUND THE STATE AND ONE VISITOR FROM VIENNA AUSTRIA PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKSHOP EVENTS.

- SUSAN HORVATH

"SUSAN HORVATH IS TO BE CONTRATULATED ON THE FINE JOB SHE DID IN SECURING THE VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR DANCING AND EATING DURING THE WEEKEND WITH VYTS! VYTS, IN HIS INIMITABLE STYLE, TAUGHT MANY DANCES, AND THE GROUP LOVED THEM." - SAM & ROSE

West Palm Beach dances

THE SCHEDULE OF DANCE CLASSES IN WEST PALM HAS BEEN SET. MONDAY NIGHT - 7:30-10, ADVANCED; TUESDAY 10-11 A.M., BEGINNERS; WEDNESDAY 10-12 NOON, INTERMEDIATE. CLASSES ARE HELD IN MAIN CLUBHOUSE ON MONDAY NIGHT AND IN HASTINGS CLUBHOUSE ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. BOTH CLUBHOUSES ARE LOCATED IN CENTURY VILLAGE, WEST PALM BEACH. PHONE 686-7145. INSTRUCTORS ARE SAM & ROSE KANARS

AT THE RECENT WEEKEND IN DAYTONA A SMALL FLIGHT BAG LEAKED OUT TWO PATCH CORDS FOR A CASSETTE RECORDER. THESE CORDS BELONG TO SAM & ROSE KANARS, AND IF ANYONE SHOULD NOTICE THEM LURKING AROUND ANY DARK CORNERS, PLEASE LET THE KANARS' KNOW.

- SAM & ROSE KANARS

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.
- WEST PALM Hastings Clubhouse,
Intermediate Sam/Rose Kanars
686-7145 for info.

TUESDAY

- HALLANDALE International Folk Dancir
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
- FT LAUDERDALE Around the World
Dancers of the Jewish Comm Ctr
Bea/Phil Statnick 771-5287.

- WEST PALM Hastings Clubhouse
Beginners Sam/Rose Kanars
686-7145 for info

- WEST PALM BEACH International Folk
Dancing, 1-3 pm Archie & Zoe
Juris (305) 968-3152

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

- HOLLYWOOD Around the World Folk
Dancing Course, Broward Comm
Coll. 581-8700 Ext 228 for info.

- WEST PALM Main Clubhouse, Advanced
Sam/Rose Kanars 686-7145 info

THURSDAY

- TALLAHASSEE FSU International Folk
Dancers 7-10pm Bob Weinstein
(904)222-7576
- WEST PALM BEACH Scottish & Eng-
lish Country Dancing 7:30 pm
Mac & Helen Reiskind, Howard
Park Clubhouse

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. ~~7:30~~ 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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No August News!!

As of July 20, no news came into the newsletter. Your editor will not print a newsletter with no news. Hope this explains lack of August newsletter.
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