

Florida Folk Dance Council
Box 500 Daytona Beach, FL 32017 (904) 252-5738

FFDC

NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 1986



***** Non-Profit Organization *****
***** U.S. POSTAGE PAID *****
***** Permit No. 1580 *****
***** ORLANDO, FLORIDA *****

PRESIDENT: Julius Horvath, 1018 Berkshire Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32017 (904) 252-5738
EDITOR: Raynette Kibbee, 11428-B Wagon Road, Orlando, FL 32826 (305) 273-9128
TREASURER: Eileen Jacobs, 2221 Lynn Court, Palm Harbor, FL 33563

TIME VALUE



PREZ SEZ

I hope everyone is having a fun-filled summer!!

The George Washington Weekend Camp at Camp Ocala will be held on February 13-16, 1987 and will be a little longer than last year. Camp will start with a get-aquainted dance Friday evening and will continue through to supper on Monday. The schedule and format will be quite different which, hopefully, will satisfy both the advanced and new dancer. (many of these ideas were presented at the FFDC meeting held at Spring Fling) It was also suggested that we have only two, full time registrations; one ending Sunday evening for those who have to work on Monday, and the other at camps end. This would eliminate the big mess of those wishing to attend for only 127 1/2 minutes starting at 12:17 Saturday afternoon and wish fees exactly pro-rated. We are open for comments! There has been a substantial fee increase by the camp. We will try to absorb most but, unfortunately, some will have to be passed on. If we can reduce other expenses, perhaps it might not be too noticeable. With your help, we can do it. We are working hard to find a great teaching staff. Some suggestions were made at the Spring Fling meeting, and other names given in notes and phone calls. When all is finalized, it will be published in the newsletter. (We will still consider further suggestions for both this and the next weekend camps.

We are still looking for a group to sponsor our "FOLKDANCEFEST" for 1987. Please, Please let me know as soon as possible as time is getting short. The council will help!!

Our scholarship fund is growing. Recently added was \$57 from Spring Fling and \$160 by friends of Chuck Setlow. Why not suggest your group hold a scholarship night where a special \$1 surcharge will be contributed to the fund? We can thereby help a lot more attend future workshops and camps.

ATTENTION ARTISTS!!! We need a logo for our 1987 George Washington Camp T-shirts. We cannot offer much, but the logo contest winner will get a free T-shirt and the opportunity of seeing everyone at camp wearing his or her design. Please submit your entries (as many as you wish) so they can be published in the December newsletter...Thanks..

Untill next month, have a happy and safe summer.

Julius

Editor's Notes

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER, I SHALL BE LIVING IT UP IN YUGOSLAVIA -- DANCING, GETTING REACQUAINTED WITH OLD FRIENDS, MAKING NEW ONES, CELEBRATING LIFE WITH MY GOOD BUDDIES.

JULIUS INFORMS ME AGAIN THAT SOME OF YOU ARE NOT GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTERS - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE WRITE TO ME AND SEND ME YOUR CORRECT AND COMPLETE ADDRESS. I WILL CHECK YET AGAIN TO BE SURE I'M SENDING IT TO THE CORRECT PLACE.

NOTE: I MAILED NEW

MEMBER LARRY SHEA'S NEWSLETTER--IT CAME BACK TO ME, SO, IF SOMEONE COULD HAVE LARRY SEND ME HIS CORRECT ADDRESS, WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

ALSO, SHIRLEY BABIAK, I'M TOLD, HAS BEEN SENDING ME THINGS TO PUT INTO THE NEWSLETTER. SHIRLEY, I'M NOT RECEIVING THEM--BELIEVE ME--I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO GET 'EM. IT'S DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO FILL THE NEWSLETTER AS IT IS --I WELCOME EVERYTHING PEOPLE SEND ME. MAYBE MY ADDRESS IS NOT CLEAR: RAYNETTE KIBBEE, 11428 B WAGON ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32826.

I REALLY HATE FOR PEOPLE TO MISINTERPRET THINGS. THOUGH LESS SO THAN 18 MONTHS AGO, I AM STILL A VERY ACCOMODATING PERSON, ESPECIALLY IN MY CAPACITIES AS OFFICERS. I LEFT THE PRESIDENCY IN ORLANDO IN PART BECAUSE THERE WERE THOSE WHO REFUSED TO SEE THAT PART OF MY NATURE. NOW I'M PICKING UP THE SAME "VIBES" IN THE COUNCIL. IT IS NOT IN MY NATURE TO IGNORE, HURT, OR INTENTIONALLY SLIGHT OR EMBARRASS ANYONE. BUT EVEN IF IT WERE, I WOULD NOT DO IT TO THOSE I ADMIRE AND CARE FOR. SO....IF YOU ARE SENDING ME TIDBITS, ARTICLES, ANYTHING AND THEY ARE NOT BEING PUBLISHED--THERE'S A PROBLEM AND THAT PROBLEM IS PROBABLY THAT I SIMPLY AM NOT RECEIVING THESE CONTRIBUTIONS. I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX AND AM CONSTANTLY RECEIVING MY NEIGHBORS' MAIL. MAYBE THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING - AND THEY ARE THROWING IT AWAY OR NOT FORWARDING IT TO ME. SO WHEN YOU SEND ME THINGS--MAKE SURE THAT MY APARTMENT NUMBER, B, IS CLEARLY WRITTEN. OR SEND IT TO FFDC NEWSLETTER, C/O ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS, P.O. BOX 28076, ORLANDO, FL 32867. THAT IS ORLANDO'S MAILING ADDRESS AND I CHECK THAT BOX ABOUT ONCE A WEEK.

SORRY, PEOPLE, FOR ANY PROBLEMS OR INCONVENIENCE. IF YOU KNEW ME BETTER YOU WOULD KNOW HOW GENUINE THE APOLOGY AND HOW I TRULY WORRY ABOUT DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU.... I DON'T SEE THE NEWSLETTER AS MINE, BUT YOUR'S. I HAVE ENCOURAGED AND STILL ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO IT. ALL I DO IS PUT IT ALL TOGETHER.

TILL NEXT MONTH --

(THAT IS, IF I CAN TEAR MYSELF AWAY FROM YUGOSLAVIA.)

R

ORMOND ODDS AND ENDS



Many, Many thanks to all our friends who helped make our Spring Fling a lot of fun. In addition, we were able to contribute \$57 to the Olga Princi Scholarship Fund...Again, Thanks!!!

One of Julius' folk dance teachers from Transylvania will be visiting America and Daytona this winter. A workshop weekend is being planned and details will be published when finalized. It should be outstanding, with all new and fresh material; some easy, and some very challenging.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all folk dancers for our pot-luck supper and dance, 6 PM Wednesday, September 10th, at the Granada recreation center in Ormond Beach. In addition to the usual food and dancing, a special program will be provided by George Senyk and his group. Join us for a memorable and fun evening..Free..as usual. Hope to see you there....

OBIFD

TAMPA TRIVIA Summer is slower, but we're managing. Our group is small again, but mighty and we continue to have our usual fun on Friday nights, helped by visitors from Sarasota and surrounding areas. Betty Dowd took a fabulous trip to the USSR and will soon write an article about it. Maria Pasetti is soon to leave on her trip in August. I'm back from Blue Star Camp (Fred Berk's dance camp - all Israeli) and count it among my top five weeks of my life. I'm sure my wedding must be above it somewhere! But seriously, it was a wonderful experience, full of great dances, good friends, and a beautiful site. I would be happy to go on and on about it, just ask.... Also my traveling daughter from Australia dropped in as a surprise just in time to greet me back from camp. She will be here 6 months, then back to Aussie Land. In between we are having a big family celebration of my father's 75th birthday. Judith's daughter, Roxana, had a baby boy. Both are doing fine...now we await Corey's. Many plan to attend the Spring Fling - looking forward to seeing old friends, doing good dances. A car full of us attended Orlando's Israeli night and had a nice time - appreciate the good hospitality and great food!

Well - that does it for another month...chou. TERRY

MOUSE MUSINGS With the performance group in hiatus and the Yugoslavian trip still pending, the main activity for the group has been the elections.

New club officers are: Phyllis Kelley, president. Douglas Downer, vice-president. Juanita Schockey, Treasurer. and Elizabeth Whitman, secretary.

Phyllis began dancing with us eight years ago and worked with the performing group as both performer and director. Juanita joined the group in 1981 from Wheeling, West Virginia. She has been a member of the performing group for the past two years with a preference for Balkan and Israeli dances.

Douglas and Elizabeth are newer members, joining in 1984. The club wishes to thank the departing officers; Raynette Kibbee, Katy Warner, Jim Warner, and Pat Henderson. While they are getting a well-deserved respite from official duties, their support will still be vital to the club's ongoing success.

Socially, the highlight of the month was a theme evening consisting of all Israeli dances with costumes and refreshments. The event was especially enjoyable due to several visitors from the Tampa Israeli Folk Dance group.

Condolences to Betty Dowd who lost her father after a long illness.

SARASOTA - SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS Jeanie announced that the correct phone number for information on their country dance group is: (813) 755-6212 Please make this change on your folk dance group listing.

TALLAHASSEE TID BITS Our group now meets on Friday nights at 7:30 PM in the Lafayette Park Community Center...and FREE!! We will be there at least for the summer, and maybe longer. FSU is doing extensive remodeling to their Union Building, so they had to move us to the Moore Auditorium stage. Unfortunately, that did not work out very well. Friday night is not a good night for me, but we are getting a few new people and the room is much better, so I'll bear with it. My work phone number is: (904) 488-4640. Please call me for additional information on folk dancing.

PAT

SARASOTA - From the wandering Babiaks -- On our way north, we stopped off to see our old group in Charleston, SC. At a special get-together we presented the bizarre KIZ HAZNEDEEN and the elegant WELLMALL. As always, Charleston hospitality was heart-warming.

We continued north visiting family and friends, ending up at Buffalo Gap for the Balkan Music & Dance workshop. It was our first experience with American Balkan folk musicians and we were overcome with admiration for their talent, knowledge, and style. We left determined to learn to play an instrument and hear music more intimately. The dance classes were full of beginners and was held in the heat of the day. The evening parties were a series of ensembles which played one hour stints. The dancing level was the most advanced I have seen off-stage. One dance would go on for 10 to 15 minutes until a certain spiritual state was achieved.

That Saturday night we felt our energy give out soon after midnight. As we were falling asleep, I heard the sounds of the Greek ensemble. I got dressed and returned to the dance hall. About 8 musicians were seated in the center of the hall with the dancers moving around them. Joe Grayiosi, the Greek instructor led the line. He is the most energetic expressive, and spontaneous dancer I have ever watched. The inter-play between solouist, band, instrumentalists, vocalist, and dancers was fascinating to see and hear. I longed to have a recording of the evening, but didn't want to leave to get my machine.

Mike & Linda Seltzer from Gainesville were there & we talked about how great it would be to have Joe come to a Florida workshop or camp. Having studied Greek dancing under many teachers here and in Greece, I can wholeheartedly recommend Joe.

Have a Great summer - See you in the fall.... Shirley

PS. We are planning a 1 day workshop in Sarasota, Saturday November first...probably Slavic dances with Elena.

SUN COUNTRY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS OF OCALA will host a workshop, dance,ceilidh on Friday, Sept 19th and Sat, Sept 20th at the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, 511 SE 3rd Street, Ocala.

Fri - Ceilidh - 8 to 11 PM \$2.00

Sat - Workshop - 9 to noon & 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Dinner - 6 PM

Gala - 8 PM to Midnight....All Saturday \$6.00

Send checks to: Gene McConnell, PO Box 4649, Ocala 32678 phone (904) 351-4709 or 622-2995 for details

Limited hospitality rooms available if requests received by Aug 30th



It is with a very heavy heart that I must announce the sudden death of our dear friend CHUCK SETLOW who passed away on July 24th as a result of a heart attack. Many of his friends have made contributions to our scholarship fund in his honor and memory. Chuck will be greatly missed by all his fellow folk dancers.

Dear Florida Folk Dancers:

August 5, 1986 Dubrovnik

As we expected, with Katy Warner in charge, the Balkan Festival of Dance '86 is non-stop activity. This is a mixed group of young and old advanced dancers, high-energy types eager to learn dances, songs, geography, history and even Serbo-Croatian. (Jim Warner is steadily expanding his vocabulary, speaking Yugoslav at every opportunity.)

This is our fifth visit to Yugoslavia, but we have never been so involved with Yugoslavians as on this tour, which gathers up Yugo's as we go, getting personally acquainted with everyone from hotel manager to relatives of Floridian friends.

One of our dancers in Sarasota, Mica Milojevic, telephoned his niece in Smederevo Palanka and she and her husband came to the hotel. We visited their new home and then Vladanka and Meodrag came to dance and party with us at Hotel Pokajnica. Vladanka was proud to show in her grandmother's Sumadija costume and do "MORAVAC."

We have learned a good assortment of dances and hope to add some of them to the Florida repertory.

We are still planning to have a one-day Slavic workshop in Sarasota on November 1 to present a few of our favorite Ukie and Ruskie dances and to review the dances of the Balkan Festival of Dance '86. (We hope it will be a reunion as well with our Tour-mates coming to Sarasota to share anecdotes, show their slides and display the costumes and folkware they purchased!)

Do videnje

Demetrius and Shirley Babiak

August 24, 1986 Belgrade

We leave for USA tomorrow on JAT airlines and we are thinking of homefolks and Florida folkdancers. We love the dances we learned from Trajce and Dejan Simeonowski and hope those who attende the tour from Orlando will propogate those dances in the US. The Warners' (Katy's lovely sister, Quinn) took video tapes of events and dances which will stir up memories of the good times at Velika Plana.

We all went to Bulgaria for the KOPRIVSHTITSA festival at the end of the dance session. It turned out to be a reunion. We met many former dance partners, groups led by Karl Finger, Ricky Holden, Jaap Leegwater and OPA tours. We ran into our former teachers, Yvonne Hunt of Athens, Patrick Rivet of Aix-en-Provence, Joe Graziosi of New York, Jerry Raz of Berkley, and Janet Steinberg and Molly Portner of Sarasota. We met a Finnish copuple we knew from the session in Yugoslavia last year and Muhumet the Tunisian we danced with in Germany two years ago. All-in-all, there were 1200 American spectators at this event where 12,000 Bulgarians performed on seven outdoor stages.

We said farewell to Americans in Sophia and took a bus south to Bansko in the Pirin mountains for another 10 day workshop in Bulgarian dances. We had 6-8 hours of classes every day from 2 famous choreographers Guenio Guenev from Gabrovo and Kostadin Ruichev from Blagoevgrad.

Now we are heading for New York and if all is well with our family, we'll probably go up to Maine and Canada before returning to Florida in Mid-September.

We really enjoyed the July "Spring Fling." It was fun just dancing (with no instructors).

Best Wishes, Babiaks

NEW MEMBERS - Norma Huff, Georgia

NEW GROUPS - Contra and Olde Tyme Square Dance, Tampa Second Saturday of the month
Contact Craig, 831-7350

Plantation, Florida Jewish Community Center Lauderhill, Florida
Cypress Chase Condo Contact Wolfsons (305) 741-5345