

Florida FolkDancer

January 2000

Camp 2000 News

- ◆ **If you have registered for Camp, This is the packet** mentioned on the postcard Joan sent you. **Please read the notes.** No big deal. We'll all have a good time no matter what. But the notes provide information to help smooth the process.
- ◆ **If you registered but didn't get a confirmation postcard:** this is not a good sign. Unless you sent your registration in fairly recently, you should have gotten a postcard. If you don't get one soon please call Joan Washington at 904-738-4391 to check. She has all the records and should be able to straighten it out.
- ◆ **If you plan to come, but haven't registered yet:** there's a registration form at the back of this issue. Several people, your President included, overlooked the membership fee. We charge this separately instead of including in the price of the Camp because we only charge once per family. Also, it's now after January 15, so please include the late fee.
- ◆ **If you don't plan to come, please renew your FFDC membership a** form is on the back of this issue.

Happy

New

Millennium

A bit late or a year early, depending on how you calculate your milleniums

ITALY

by Carol McGinn

Just as wines of each region are different, so are customs, language, food and problems today. Italy has beautiful landscapes, a sunny mild climate, friendly people and much in the way of historical monuments, art, painting, sculpture, music, theater, opera, architecture, museums, culture, cathedrals, great food and wine, great shopping (Venetian glass, pottery, jewelry, lace, leather), carnivals, pageants, the list goes on and on. The people have dealt with tourists since the Roman Empire, if not before. GO TO ITALY if you have the chance. (If you drive, use your horn a lot.) "Povera Italia," Italians like to say after good food with good friends and proceed to discuss the scandals in government and the pitiful telephone and electric service.

Location: France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia and the Mediterranean Sea border Italy. Two areas within Italy are sovereign: the State of Vatican City (109 acres, created in 1929) and the Republic of San Marino. Jubilee 2000 is the Holy Year declared by the Pope and Italy can expect a flood of tourists. Some cities have tried to limit the number of tourists, but tourism means money.

Size: Italy, with its islands of Sicily and Sardinia, is a bit larger than Florida and Georgia combined. The length of the peninsula is 1,200 kilometers, which compares to driving on I-95 from Miami to south of mid-North Carolina (Fayetteville), 744 miles. Sicily and Sardinia are the two largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Sicily is a little larger than the state of Maryland and Sardinia is a little smaller than Maryland. Three islands lie off the West Coast of Italy. Sicily is at the "toe of the boot." If a line is drawn west of Rome, Sardinia lies south of the line and Corsica (belongs to France) lies north of the line.

Climate: Three-quarters of the country is hilly and mountainous with the Alps in the north and the Apennines down the spine. Weather can be cold and rainy in the north, snowy and extreme in the Alps with peaks into the 15,000 ft. range and hot in the south all year, but the Mediterranean Sea moderates the climate in much of the peninsula and islands.

Italian Dance Background: see Celeste DiPietropaolo's excellent article on page 3 of the Florida Folk Dancer, Nov. 1999. My 1973 Michelin - Italy, p. 23, says, "The old costumes are still worn daily in the Valle d'Aosta, the Abruzzi, Calabria and especially Sardinia, where great folk festivals take place at Cagliari and Sassari." Maybe somewhere today in Italy someone still has, and perhaps wears occasionally, the clothes we folk dancers would call "authentic costumes."

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Language: Prior to 1860 the Italian peninsula was a collection of independent city-states. Each region had a dialect that was hardly understood by others. In 1860 less than 3% spoke standard Italian. In a 1982 survey only 29% used standard Italian at home; most reverting to their dialect. The film industry based in Rome is large and has played a big role in erasing regional dialects.

Politics: Italy has had 55 governments from World War II up to 1998. Scandals abound regarding politicians who become rich while in office. Italy ranked 6th in world economy in 1998, but it is difficult to include the underground economy (economia sommersa) which the Mafia controls. Problems are: too many laws and laws impossible to implement, a justice system that is subject to bribery and incredible delays, and a bloated, corrupt bureaucracy that feathers their nests and gives jobs to family members. The family is a very tightly knit group for most Italians and it would be difficult to find a family that did not have cousins (cugini) involved in political favors and/or the Mafia. "Something as simple as cashing a check or paying a bill can devour half a day. To escape the brambles of red tape, Italians have become marvelous improvisers and corner-cutters. Whenever possible they bypass the sclerotic public sector and negotiate private deals (fra amici) - among friends." 1

Economy: Major industries are textiles/clothing, food processing, metallurgy, chemicals and tourism. Agricultural products are cereal grains, fruits and vegetables, wine grapes and olive oil. The south has lagged behind the north in economic prosperity. The region north of the Po River has the highest per capita income and their taxes support the poorer south

Religion: The Roman Catholic church has a highly visible position in Italy. The great majority of the population are Catholic. Though most families christen their children, most do not attend church regularly. The Catholic faith has been present since Roman times.



Immigration: Many Italian immigrants came to the US over the last 100 years. Between 1870 and 1914 more than 10 million emigrated. Today the Italians vigorously oppose immigration to their country, i.e. the 1997 Albanian influx and North Africans. Between 1899 and 1924,

about 3.8 million Italians came to the US, but about 2.1 million returned to Italy. 1946-1970 about 4.5 million left for Europe and other countries, and about 3 million returned. Many natives leave for jobs outside Italy and consider the move temporary.

Slovenes, Germans, Austrians, French, Greeks and Albanians are minorities living in Italy. Sardinia was colonized in

succession by Crete, Phoenicians, Carthage, Romans, Pisans, and Genoese before the Spanish took over in 1718. Greeks colonized southern Italy and Sicily in 8th Century BC.

Ancient History: Various tribes lived in the peninsula until the Etruscan invaded about 900 BC. The Roman period was about 500 BC to 410 AC when Rome was sacked by the Visigoths, Franks, and Lombards. Charles the Great (Charlemagne), King of Lombards, sort of recreated the old Roman Empire in 800 AD as the Holy Roman Empire, which was not holy, Roman, nor an empire. 1100-1400 independent city-states. 1600-1800 Austria dominated northern areas and Bourbons in the south. 1525-1713 Spain controlled parts of the North. Napoleon conquered Italy in 1800 and was defeated in 1815. The French influenced (if not dominated) the Naples area until about 1500, after which Spain invaded in 1504, followed by invasions by Germans and Turks. As late as 1850 Latin was the language of Italy, not Italian. Feudalism finally disappeared in the mid-1800s. 1866 War with Austria. 1870 War with France. 1887-96 War with Ethiopia. 1914-18 WWI with Allies against Austria & Germany. 1936-39 Italy & Germany support Franco in Spanish Civil War. 1939-45 WWII against Allies.

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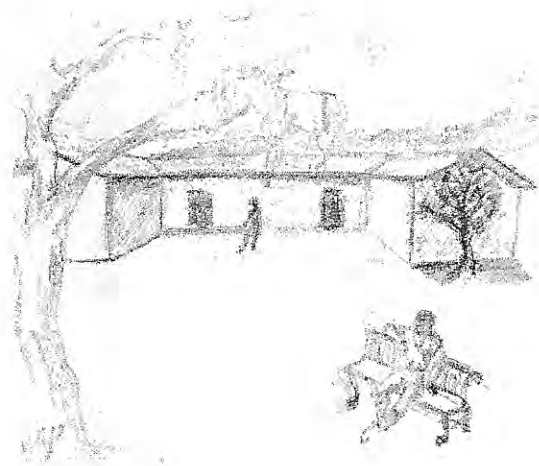
Orlando International Folk Dance Club

The club enjoyed its holiday party on December 15 with a pot luck dinner before dance. We always enjoy doing a mixer to "Jingle Bells" with everyone shaking their bells.

Our Year 2000 party on New Year's Eve as an outdoor party by a bonfire. We did a few dances in the dance studio during the evening. Although we invited everyone receiving this newsletter, we did not have anyone come from out of town. When the dance studio is "completed", we would like to have a weekend party to dance and camp.

We are all looking forward to camp next month--the first camp of the 2000's!

Pat Henderson



We are sorry to report that Terry Abrahams's mother passed away this month.

Camp Information Packet

Registration: Registration begins at 5:00 pm Friday. If you arrive before then, we may put you to work. Please don't arrive earlier than 4. We may not even be there.

Children and Pets: We strongly discourage both, based on some unfortunate experiences in the past. We hope to keep you busy enough that you will not have time to supervise. Also, we, and therefore you, have to pay for children on the facility. Now, we're open to young people who want to learn to dance. Dancing should be a family affair. So if you have a child who wants to participate and has shown himself or herself to be seriously interested, please give me a call and we'll make arrangements.

What to Bring: The facility provides a cabin with four walls, a heater, bunks for six people, plus a bathroom with plenty of hot water. You should bring anything else you might need. Good suggestions are sheets or a bedroll, pillow, blankets, sleeping bag. Don't forget a flashlight. The weather is often remarkably nice, but it can be cool, and Florida does get its share of liquid sunshine. So bring warm clothes and rain gear for the walk between the dance hall and the cabins.

Silver Springs has grown up a lot in the last few years. There is a Wal- Mart nearby so if you forget something it won't be a disaster.

Diet: On the more recent registration forms we just asked "diet" rather than "vegetarian." The more open-ended question has brought a huge variety of responses. If you've been here before, I'm sorry to tell you that the kitchen hasn't changed, although the manager has promised a salad bar and fruits. As to meals, there are really only two choices: 1) regular, and 2) vegetarian.

Refunds: We hope nothing will happen to prevent you coming to Camp. If a problem arises, refunds in full will be available until February 4. After that, we have to pay certain costs, whether you come or not, and any refunds will be based on that.

For more information, please call John or Barbara Daly at 321-951-9623 prior to the start of camp. After the start of Camp, well, come on over.

President's Column

I want to thank all those who registered for Camp prior to January 15th. It truly helps us when people register a little early. We don't have such a last minute rush.

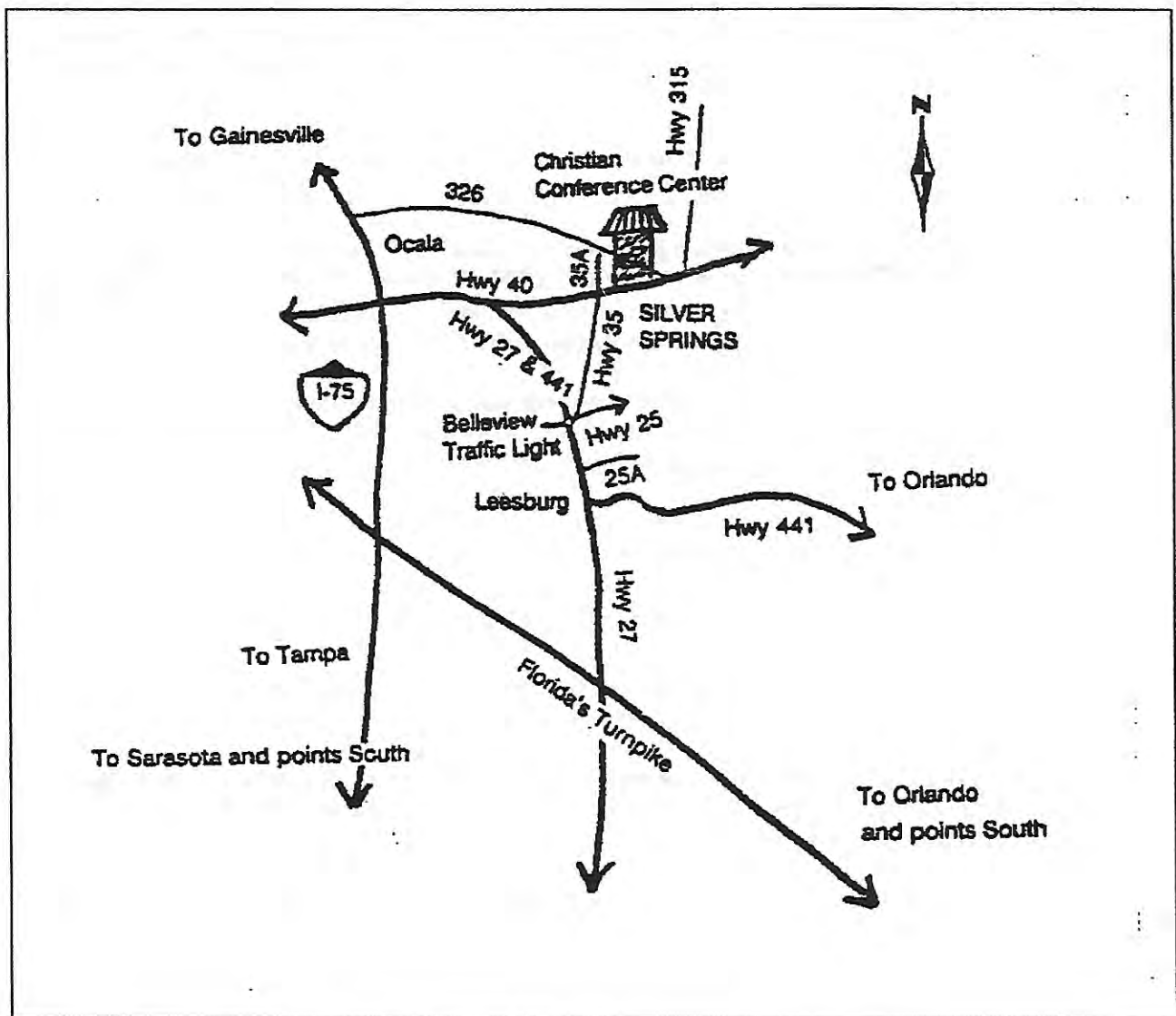
Barbara and I are two of the worst for registering late for events. It certainly isn't too late to register. Bear in mind, however, that we have to give the facility a count for meals by February 4. We will allow for a few extras, but there could be a problem if you wait too late.

We are still working with the schedule. The meal times are rigid, and we have to fit the instructor's time into that framework and still leave time for breaks. My plan to start dancing at 8:30, has been firmly rejected.

We have received three applications for Olga Princi scholarships and will announce the final selections first of February.

Directions to Florida Camp 2000 Christian Conference Center Silver Springs, Florida

Location: The Camp is held at the Christian Conference Center just east of Silver Springs Florida. From I-75 take Hwy 40 east about 10 miles through the town of Silver Springs. The camp is on the left about 1/2 mile east of the Silver springs Park. From I-95 or U.S. 1 take Hwy 40 west. The Camp will be on the right as you approach Silver Springs. Unless the road has changed since last year, it will be just as the road widens from two lanes to four. Please see the enclosed map. For the brave of heart, 326 may represent a useful shortcut as it bypasses the town of Silver Springs.



Florida Folk Dance Council, Inc
Florida Camp
President's Day Weekend
February 18-21, 2000

REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

First Names: _____	Diet? _____	T-Shirt? _____	Size: _____
_____	Diet? _____	T-Shirt? _____	Size: _____
_____	Diet? _____	T-Shirt? _____	Size: _____

(Add a sheet for more names)

CAMP FEES:

FFDC Membership (one per household) = \$ 10.00

One day, three meals, ON campus	(#) _____ x	\$80.00	= _____
Two days, six meals, ON campus	(#) _____ x	\$115.00	= _____
Three days, nine meals, ON campus	(#) _____ x	\$150.00	= _____

One day, three meals, OFF campus	(#) _____ x	\$70.00	= _____
Two days, six meals, OFF campus	(#) _____ x	\$95.00	= _____
Three days, nine meals, OFF campus	(#) _____ x	\$120.00	= _____

Tents = full OFF campus fee + \$6.00 each day per person (#) _____ x _____ days x \$6 = _____

RV's = full OFF campus fee + \$20.00 each day per vehicle _____ days x \$20 = _____

T-shirt(s) (#) _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Camp Video \$15.00 = _____

Contributions to Olga Princi Scholarship are appreciated (but not required) = _____

IF POSTMARKED AFTER JANUARY 15, 2000: ADD \$10.00 = _____

(waived if you contributed at least that much to the Scholarship Fund)

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ _____

Please Note: Remember that dancing, like any physical activity, carries the risk of injury. We dance on a concrete floor. The Camp environment is rural with limited lighting and rough walkways. Neither Florida Folk Dance Council, Inc., or its members, officers, or directors have the resources to cover the costs of injuries or illness. While we don't want to discourage anyone from coming to Camp, your attendance is your representation that you have adequate insurance or other resources to cover your medical costs, lost wages, and pain and suffering without recourse to the Florida Folk Dance Council or its officers, directors, or members should you suffer some injury.

Make check payable to "FFDC

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Membership Only

Even if you're not coming to Camp, keep in touch with Folk Dance in Florida. Renew your membership in the Florida Folk Dance Council

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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