

Florida FolkDancer

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Camp 2001

"Balkan Bash" was amazing. Those who could not come missed something special.

Dance instructors Olga Sandolowich, from Ontario, and Dennis Boxell, from California, offered contrasting approaches to dance instruction. Olga presented many Macedonian dances from her years of experience in the field and with leading choreographers such as Pece Atanasovski and Atanas Kolarovski. Dennis focused on conveying some of the authentic styling which makes it possible for the villagers to dance enthusiastically for hours on those hard stone floors. His careful attention to foot placement, knee flexing, and direction contribute not only to "making it Macedonian," but also to dancer comfort.

The Culture Corners by both teachers provided insight into dances as they were performed then and now (Dennis brought footage of dancers in full authentic costumes shot in 1948, and Olga shared more recent dancing done by members of the Macedonian community in Toronto). Olga warmed us with sweets in the traditional style of Macedonian welcome. She also shared the words to the hauntingly beautiful melody, *Shar Planino*, so that our final rendering of the dance she taught presented vocally as well as physically.

We won't forget Olga's community back rubs at the end of each of her sessions.

Camp drew about 84 folks from all over the state of Florida, as well as California, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, and Michigan. The facility at the Christian Conference Center in Silver Springs is upgrading the cabins – a nice improvement. Many campers thought the meals had also improved. And, the dogwoods were in full bloom for the weekend!

Hats off to John and Barbara Daly of Melbourne and all of their assistants who worked diligently before and during camp to assure its smooth running. It is not an easy endeavor to produce a camp as well run as this year's was. Their contributions to camp as well as John's leadership of the Florida Folk Dance Council is most appreciated by members of the Council.

Displayed at camp was a quilt designed by Terry Abrahams incorporating T-shirt logos from past camps. It was a beautiful display and should be a memorable keepsake for years to come.

Minutes

ANNUAL Meeting Feb. 24, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by John Daly, president. A motion was made and seconded to wave the reading of the minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's report: John gave a short summary of the finances. A more detailed report will be given to the new board when all bills for camp have been submitted and paid.

John announced that we had about 80 people at camp for some of the time. There were about 54 people who signed up for the full three days.

A discussion was had about changing camp location. It was felt that the camp personnel had been very helpful and went out of their way to fulfill all requests made to them. It was decided to return next year.

Election of Officers:

Pat Henderson president

Bobby Quibodeaux vice president

Terry Abrahams secretary/treasurer

Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Passed. All officers elected by acclimation. (Continued on page 4)

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Check the following website for further information on folk dancing in Florida:
www.folkdance.org

Mark Your Calendar:

Spring Fling: March 31, 11 am – 11 pm. Port Orange Senior Center, North Halifax Dr., Port Orange. 386-252-5738 for more info.

Georgia Rang-Tang: March 30 - April 1. Liz Nunan, 404-292-7176, liznunan@hotmail.com.

Classic Greek Isle Cruise (Dance on the Water with Mel Mann): June 29 - July 6. \$975+. 510-526-4033.

Folkmoot 2001: July 16 – 29, Folkmoot USA, PO Box 658, Waynesville, NC 28786

Alaska Inside Passage Cruise (Dance on the Water with Mel Mann): July 17-31. \$1796. (Cruise only). 510-526-4033.

Kentucky Dance Institute. Stew Shacklette, Sandy Starkman, George Fogg and others. July 22-July 28. \$320 by April 1 (\$10 more per month).

Idaho International Folk Dance Festival Tour: July 25-Aug. 6 \$1,199.
Contact Ira Weisburd. 561-393-9193.

Mainewoods Dance Camp 2001: Weekly sessions Aug. 4-Sept. 3..
\$460 week, \$260 for Labor Day Weekend.
www.erols.com/mainewds
908-647-2936.

Please note: We plan to include the names, addresses, phone numbers, & email addresses of all Council members this summer. If you object to this inclusion please let Jan Lathi know before May. 15, 2001.

Meet Your Officers

The following were elected as the officers of the Florida Folk Dance Council for the years 2001 and 2002:

President: Pat Henderson

Vice-President: Bobby Quibodeaux

Newslettter Editor: Jan Lathi

Secretary-Treasurer: Terry Abrahams

Each month we will give a brief biography of the officers. This month we will start with our new President, Pat Henderson.

Pat was born in Adak, Alaska and was an Army brat until 1962 when her father retired and they settled in Panama City, Florida. She went to Florida State University for a bachelor's degree and Emory University for a master's degree in Library Science. Pat has been a librarian at Valencia Community College since 1973 which means that she can retire in two years. A coworker at Valencia introduced her to folk dancing in 1974 and that is where she met Bobby. They married in 1976 and had a daughter in 1981 and a son in 1982. They built a three story A-frame house and with folkdancers' help, built a dance hall behind their house. The kids are now finishing high school and going to college. At the moment, they think folk dancing is square.

Over the years, Pat has been the Performance Leader for the Orlando International Folk Dance Club. She was in charge of Folkdancefest in Orlando twice. She was president of the Florida Folk Dance Council from 1991-92. When Pat is not dancing or being a librarian, you can find her in her vegetable garden.

President's Column

Greetings from your new President, Pat Henderson. It has been ten years since I was first elected as President of the Florida Folk Dance Council. I enjoyed the office then and I look forward to two great years as your president!

I hope that everyone enjoyed camp as much as I did (even though I did not bounce quite right

all the time!) We danced at least 9 dances last night with our group and that is without reviewing any of them ahead of time. We finally have some beautiful new dances to teach beginners. Camp does not have to be a struggle to learn several very difficult dances.

At camp, we voted to survey the members on the date for camp. Did the weekend after President's Day work better? Will having all upgraded cabins next year entice more dancers to stay on site? Please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey in this newsletter whether or not you attended camp. We have to decide on a date as soon as possible. You can also email me at henderp@hotmail.com.

Orlando International Folk Dance Club

By: Pat Henderson

It has been a difficult three months for me since I last wrote this column. I lost my father to lung cancer on February 13, just 10 days before camp. I appreciated all the comfort I received from my friends during camp. Being at camp helped to take my mind off the past stressful three months.

As you have already read, I am the new president of the council and Bobby is the new vice-president. It was Orlando's "turn" to be in charge. With email and frequent state wide dance events, it should not be a problem to have the other officers in different cities. Orlando was the city that began the idea of the officers all coming from the same city or area. I am looking forward to this office in the age of the Internet for communication and information.

Dance events since Thanksgiving included a Holiday Party in December and a Valentine's Party on Valentine's Day. Bobby and I taught dances on January 13 to members of the International Education Association. We met people from all over the world. We were particularly amused by a German man who requested Alunelel since he did it every morning! Little did he know that he would run into a folk dance teacher in the United States that knew the same dance! A group of us performed on January 24 for RISE, seniors who volunteer their time to work with other seniors.

Kelly Fagan appeared as Dulcinea in Man of La Mancha for five consecutive weekends in Mt.

Dora. It is such a treat to have a great singer and dancer in our group. In fact, our club gave Kelly a scholarship so that she could attend her first camp. Our club recommended Deane Jordan for the Olga Princi Scholarship which he did receive. I know others at camp enjoyed meeting these two members of our village.

We will look forward to seeing a lot of you at Spring Fling. We are also planning a 30th Anniversary party for our group. More on that later.

Palm Coast

By: Jan Lathi

The **Grand Haven Dance Club**, which meets every Wednesday 4 - 5:30 pm, celebrated it's first anniversary last October with an ethnic costume party. The group took their leaders to the Palm Harbor Club for lunch in December. This beginner group of about 12 dancers has progressed consistently and is currently learning *Shir al Etz* and some basic "Sevens & Threes" Irish style dancing in honor of St. Patrick's Day. JoAnn Urgese and Yutta Ramponi are traveling abroad to Australia and Germany respectively. The club can now accommodate visitors who sign in as friends of the Lathis.

The recently formed **Palm Coast International Dancers**, which meet on selective Thursdays at either the Flagler County Library in Palm Coast, 6-7:45 pm, or the Ocean Marina Recreation Hall in Flagler Beach, 7 - 9:30 pm, welcome visitors. The group is a mixture of old-time folk dancers and neophytes to the art of dance. We attempt things like *Kvar*, *Daronee* and *Triti Puti*. Call Jan or Amar Lathi, (904-447-8396) for more specific information.

Neither group charges for the evening.

Mixed-up Mixers

Following is a list of scrambled mixer names mixers. Can you unscramble these mixed-up mixers?

ptaa tapa	ttlcniaa rxeim
sda rfeetns	ttna shees
aaorcitn zlwta	fjyfi xmeri
seenetnse gwi lkwa	tpahc znta
rbea stnseeeiics	rvalei

Minutes - cont'd:

Motion made and seconded for Jan Lathi to be newsletter editor. Passed unanimously.

It was announced that our website is the contribution of Julius Horvath. It is www.folkdance.org. (*)

Motion made and seconded to ratify the actions of the officers and directors for the past year. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to have the weekend after Presidents Day remain for folk dance camp. Discussion followed. Vote taken 23 in favor, 16 opposed.

The new officers will decide.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Roth, Sec.

* John Daly wishes to amend the statement to read:

"It was announced that our use of the website, www.folkdance.org, is the generous contribution of Julius Horvath who owns the site."

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Note from the editor: Due to the difficulty in emailing documents that include photographs, we will not be including pictures in the newsletter. We will attempt to email the Florida FolkDancer in the future to as many of you who may elect to do so with a new subscription. Please check the website mentioned above for photos. We would welcome "filler items" (to be used in future issues) such as ethnic recipes, news about accomplishments of Florida dancers, brief games or puzzles, trivia questions, dance bumper stickers or sayings, ethnic holiday articles (such as May Day or Chinese New Year), etc. Mail or email to the editor.

CAMP SURVEY

Please fill out the following survey and mail to:

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You can also email me at: henderp@hotmail.com

I (did, did not) attend camp this year. (Circle one)

I did not come to camp for the following reason:

Choose one statement to complete:

I prefer camp to be on President's Weekend because:

I prefer camp to be the weekend after President's Weekend because:

OR:

_____ I would come to camp either weekend.

I would like the following teacher(s) or nationalities to be considered for future camps:

Is there anything else (besides a wooden floor and stronger coffee) that you could recommend for improvements for next year's camp.

Your completion of this survey will help the officers to make the camp as enjoyable as possible.

SPRING FLING

March 31, 2001

11 am – 11 pm

Port Orange Senior Center, North Halifax Dr., Port Orange.

386-252-5738 for more information

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