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FLORIDA FOLK DANCE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Super Good News! The second statewide folk dance camp is coming - March 2, 3, 4. We expect it to be even better than the first and we expect an even bigger turn-out. Registration blanks, with detailed information, are enclosed with this newsletter. If you need more blanks, write to Jeanie Whitehead, who with Cubby is going to act as registrar.

This is your chance not only to learn new dances but to meet other folk dancers from all over the state. Those who went to the Labor Day Camp remember that one of its outstanding features was the wonderful feelings of fellowship and closeness that grew among the participants. Many of the newer dancers in Florida have probably never had a camp experience and we especially encourage them to make this their first. Participation is not limited to those who are currently members of groups, so please spread the word around to anyone you know who might be interested.

Many people have already sent in \$2.00 and we thank all those who responded to our efforts to raise money for an advance deposit to hold the camp. Jeanie has the list of those who have sent this money and \$2.00 will be deducted from your total fee. You will only pay \$18, or \$10.50 for children 9 and under.

A general business meeting of the Florida Folk Dance Council will be held at the camp. The final form of the constitution will be voted on, so please read or re-read the latest version sent out in the last newsletter. If everyone is familiar with it, the meeting can run a lot faster. We will also accept new members at that time. The Council can use everyone's help in promoting folk dancing in Florida.

More Super Good News! Folk Dancing is growing in Florida. Check your updated directory and you will see 4 new groups listed, in Pensacola, West Palm Beach, Miami, and Miami Beach. Let's try to get around and visit each other whenever possible. And keep on notifying us of new groups.

What's Going On? Where's your news? This section is supposed to be for use of the groups, as a communication channel to let each other know what activities are taking place. Therefore, you have to write in with your group's contribution. We're not too good on picking up telepathic vibrations. Let's hear from you.

Jerry Duke, the former Tallahassee leader, has been rehearsing with Aman, the California based professional dance troupe, and expects to go on tour with them in January. We are sorry for ourselves that we are losing him in Florida but happy for him. Pat and Hal Jung are the new leaders in Tallahassee and they have a new meeting time - 7:30 to 10:30 Sunday nights in the Student Union at FSU.

There seems to have been quite a bit of moving around. Cubby Whitehead's Sarasota group is now meeting in the recreation room of the Sugar Creek Camp Ground Resort, 26 Ave. E. in Bradenton. They hosted a New Years Eve party at their Folk House which was a delightful alternative to the traditional and risky "night on the town." If you have not seen their Folk House, you ought to arrange a visit just for that purpose. You'll then be dissatisfied until you have the same in your backyard.

The Tampa Group has a new meeting hall too. However, it is just temporary until bigger quarters can be found, so it might be good to call ahead. The meetings are now at the Florida Academy of Ballet, 5409 9th Street, just off Nebraska and Hillsboro. Upcoming exhibitions include participation at Disney World in the "It's a Small World" Festival, Jan. 21.

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