

FLORIDA FOLKDANCER

October, 1996

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Randy Andy Pollock

I am looking forward to dancing with many of you on **October 5 (that's almost NOW)** in Pinellas Park at the David Skidmore workshop. For those of you who haven't seen him teach at MIT or perform with the Boston based Mandala, you will be in for a treat!. David has an unbelievable repertoire of great material and is one of the best dance teachers I have ever seen. Even if you missed last month's issue and this is your first time reading this info - try hard to be there this weekend coming up (assuming Terry gets this newsletter out a few days early.) Even though this is very close to the Fall Fling, we couldn't pass up the chance to have David. We hope this doesn't deter you from coming to both events - MORE DANCING - YEAH!!!!

It's also time to start thinking about camp as well. Now is the time to contact me to volunteer to help. (Anything, any time, anywhere) I'm looking forward to seeing Dr. Sandor Timar and his wife, Joe Graziosi and Andor Csompos again. So start practicing your Hungarian posture (yes - it's "earlobes upright" again) and giving weight during couple dances. Please read all the flyers and see ya soon!

"THE SEED OF DANCE WAS PLANTED IN THE SOUL; NOW IS THE TIME TO HARVEST"

EDITOR'S NOTES

Last month when I had to retype everything, I missed a most important event, that was in a column I decided to delete for lack of room. I wanted to tell you ahead of time that Dylan Conway was in town!! I did manage to tell people at the Orlando party, and we made personal calls to all the Tampa people, so it wasn't totally disasterous, but I'm sorry it didn't get printed. At any rate, it was great seeing Dylan. We danced a lot, then went out afterwards and talked forever. Then on Saturday we all went to contra and danced with him some more, partying again afterwards. We all wish he would think to come back, but the best we've managed so far is to get him thinking about the big contra Sno-ball.

I want to thank everyone for sending flyers regarding activities. Except for Florida events (preferably International, or at least Israeli) that relate directly to this membership, I try to give pertinent info in my Coming Events column; (see page 6) you realize that if I used all the full page flyers I'm sent, it would take up too many pages. If you find something interesting in that column and would like more info and don't want to check the phone number or address I enclose there, you can call me and I'll make a copy of the flyer and send it to you. Our local columns are fun, but I feel it's important that we know about all the events that are available to us. Your feedback on whether I am providing you with enough information would be welcome. See ya at the David Skidmore workshop - (our FFDC 25th celebration!) If you need free overnight space, contact me. Terry

SARASOTA GRAPEVINERS

The Grapeviners have had a fruitful summer. A crop of new faces have joined the bunch including some men! We celebrated a couple of birthdays, mine for one. "No, John (Millett), not sweet 16 - Sweet Sixty!" We also celebrated Eva Stunkel's birthday. The Fort Myers group, The Folksingers, joined in the festivities. They came decked out in their costumes and set up a camcorder to record new material for their performing group. I'm sure that they'll incorporate into their repertoire Ma Avarech, an Israeli couple dance demonstrated by Ike and Natalie Steinberg. It's always such a treat when the Fort Myers group joins us. This summer has been a season of dance swapping. Andy Pollock taught us Bicak. Andi Kapplin taught us many dances including Dror Yikra, which has been a favorite on the request list. Lou Paige's Tarantella Montevirginie has been a hit. He even went to the trouble of making a nifty chart of the 7 dance steps. I must say that the new Grapeviners' performance was smashing (with their shoes on, of course). Eva Stunkel taught quite a few dances. She plays the music and demonstrates before instructing. It's helpful to see the whole dance before working on its parts.

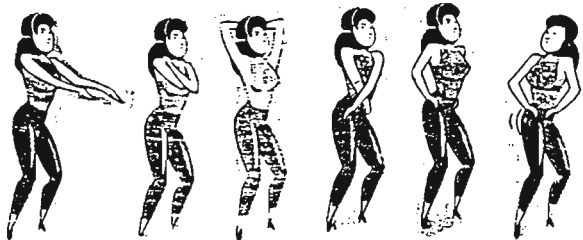
About a dozen of us attended the Scottish Weekend at Sebring. This has to be the biggest Folk Dancing bargain. For as little as \$62 per person, one can get a 2 nite stay at the quaint historical Kenilworth Lodge, two breakfasts, a BBQ lunch, a dinner, dance workshops, a mini-concert given by a young talented piper, 2 evening parties followed by a delectable spread provided by the Orlando Branch. If that's not enough, they throw in a T-shirt too! I mustn't forget the cameraderie. Thanks Orlando - you sure know how to run a great weekend! - Ann Paige

SOUTH BREVARD INTERNATIONAL DANCERS

Went out looking at MiniDisk systems last night. Best Buy is selling of a Sony package with a MiniDisk deck and a portable player for under \$600. When you consider the price of the Marantz portable deck which many groups use, this seems like a good bargain. Square dance callers are starting to use the MiniDisks. They're not quite as good as CD's, but by all accounts are better than cassettes. Certainly a lot smaller. The five boxes of cassettes we carry around could be replaced by about 20 MD's - in a single box about 2.5 x 2.5 x 5. And if you want to replace just one song on the disc - simple, just edit that track. The system does it without disturbing any other material. Was the old track not long enough? No problem, unless the disc is just totally full, it looks around and finds more blank space. The listener never knows.

Durn, I have run on, haven't I.
JohnDaly

P.S. NEED I REMIND YOU, THE FALL FLING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER - (EVEN IF IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE FALL YET).



International Folk Dances

taught by
David Skidmore, from Boston

in celebration of the
Florida Folk Dance Council's
25th Anniversary

Saturday, October 5, 1996
at Pinellas Park Auditorium

10:00 a.m. - Noon	Workshop
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Workshop
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Dance Party

\$15

Sponsored by the FFDC
For more information call (813) 882-4472

7690 59th St. N, Pinellas Park: From I-275 take exit 15, go west on Gandy Blvd., continue over US 19 (34 St. N) onto Park Blvd. (74 Ave. N), go over Railroad Tracks, turn right onto 59 St. N, cross tracks again, and the auditorium will be on your left.

South Brevard International Dancers

FALL FLING N

Saturday, October 26, 1996
11 am to 11 pm
Women's Club
128 W. Michigan
Deland, Florida
\$3.00 per person

Schedule

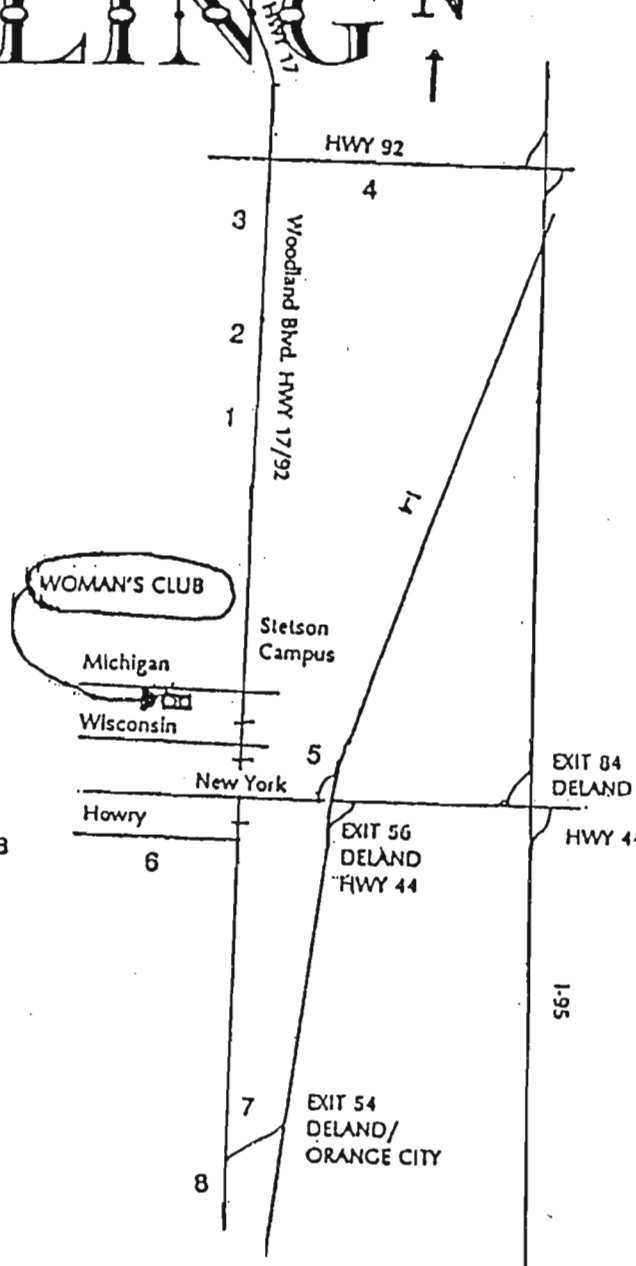
Start Dancing	11 AM
Pot Luck Lunch	Noon
More Dancing	1 PM
Supper Break	5 PM
Still more Dancing	6 PM
Clean Up & Parting	10:30 PM

Motels (keyed to map)

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| 1. University Inn
800-345-8991 | 5. Quality Inn
904-738-3440 |
| 2. Orange Tree Inn
904-734-0670 | 6. Deland Country Inn B & B
904-734-4244 |
| 3. Deland Motel
904-734-5177 | 7. Chimney Corner Motel
904-734-3146 |
| 4. Holiday Inn Deland
904-738-5200 | 8. Days Inn (Orange City)
904-951-4391 |

For More Information Call:

John or Barbara Daly -- 407-951-9623
Wally or Joan Washington 904-738-4391



COMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP:
Teacher: **DAVID SKIDMORE,**
October 5, Pinellas Park Auditorium
[See Flyer]

FALL FLING: October 6, Deland
11-11 {see Flyer}

IRISH CEILI: (party and dance) SAFETY
HARBOR RESORT, OCT. 11. 8:00 Call
726-1161

FOLKDANCE AND YOGA, Oct. 18-20.
Ellenville NY, Jim Gold, 201-836-0362

BALKAN: Teacher: STEVE KOTANSKY
NOVEMBER 1-3, New Orleans. Live
Music. Call 504-486-2276 or email:
BenWaMa@aol.com.

ROUMANIAN WORKSHOP:
Teacher: **MIHAI DAVID, November**
9. Gainesville [See Flyer]

ISRAELI: Teachers: SHLOMO MAMAN,
AVNER NAIM. Machol Miami 1996. **Dec.**
22-25, Call Peggy 305-891-1819.

RUSSIAN: Parksville, NY Teachers:
Alexandre Antchoutine, Misha and
Natasha Smirnov, Dec. 27-Jan.1. Jim
Gold 201-836-0362

HAWAIIAN SWANG HOLIDAY with Danny
and Ann Robinson, **Jan. 7-22 (1997)** 1-800
448-1266

NEW MEMBERS CHANGES OF ADDRESSES ADDED/REPAIRED E-MAIL

Change of address:
Circe Davenport and D.A. Tyler
2888 Jamaica St.
Sarasota FL 34231
941-927-8159

Diane Kralick
9131 College Pkwy Ste 13B
Fort Myers, FL 33919-4827

New Members:
Marie Armstrong
P.O. Box 382
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

Jeana Kibel
12882 88th Ave. N.
Largo, FL 33776
Phone:
(has new Israeli group in St. Pete, meets
Wednesdays - also monthly 1st Saturdays at
Tampa JCC)

E-Mail Changes/Additions:
Andi Kapplin:
AKAPPLIN@WORLDNET.ATT.NET
Marilyn Rath:
marcele@lotus.mpt.com.mk

Donations:
From Orlando International Folk Dance
Ensemble to Olga Princi Fund

I'm looking for addresses for Arlene Fradkin
and Myriam Lemay

SPIFFS International Singers and Dancers

We suffered a great loss recently. Pedro Trakas passed away the beginning of September. he was an excellent dancer and singer and directed the International Singers and Dancers for many many years. His wife Anna, (now retired) was the Executive Director of SPIFFS, and he played a very important role in the success of the singing and dancing groups. Our sympathy to Anna and his daughter Joanne Baizan. I only had a year with him and enjoyed every minute of it. he was always enthusiastic and energetic and could dance a mean tango. We all miss him greatly and wonder how we will get along without him.

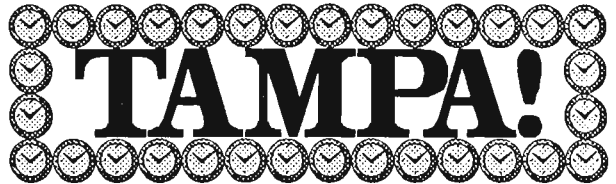
The fall seems to have brought with it people anxious for performances. Trying to work around everyone's schedules is difficult at times. There are so many places that want performances during the weekdays! Sometimes I have to go out and do them by myself or we have to cancel.

I have added another time slot to my Middle Eastern Dance classes on Wednesdays at Bay Vista Recreation Center here in St. Pete - 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. It looks like I may also teach on Thursday evenings either at SPIFFS or some other location.

The Sahnobar Dance Ensemble is going to be performing at the Festival of the Nile in Orlando on Oct. 11 and Epcot on Oct. 12 and 13. A kind of mini tour in Orlando. We are all very excited. We will also be performing with our band (a totally live show) at the Theatre of Memory in High Springs on Oct. 26. On Nov. 2, we will perform at SPIFFS International Ball at the Coliseum. This is a colorful event. The flags of all countries that are members (we presently have 55 different ethnic groups) of

SPIFFS will be along the stage. Most of the groups come dressed in their native outfit. Each group chooses an ambassador. We are served dinner, entertained, then a band plays and we all dance the night away on the biggest dance floor you have ever seen! If anyone is interested in attending let me know, I think the tickets are \$25.

Well, hope to see everyone at the workshop on October 5. Happy Dancing
karen sun ray



↑ [Clocks - ticking away - come this weekend]

Andy, Bill Schwarz and Terry went to the Gainesville Swing and Lindy Hop - great fun!

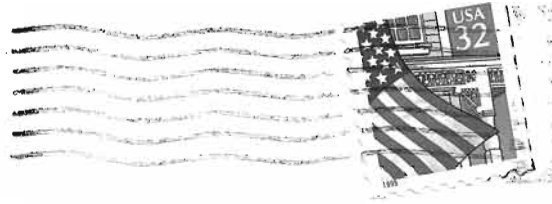
Performance coming up end of September for an International Day at Curtis Hixon Park - we're still managing to get enough together to do a nice little 15 -20 minute piece. Still would be nice if some new blood wandered into Tampa...

Our "back to Friday night" group is going nicely. We enjoy our new digs. Last Friday, my daughters threw me a surprise birthday party - at the Center, managed to get the contra dancers to change their Friday venue to Kate Jackson, so dancing and fun (to live music) was had by all and I really was surprised! Couldn't have been nicer. The band, headed by Kathy Aagard, learned some international numbers for the occasion. It was terrific! Thanks to all dancers who contributed in some way - it really helped me over that horrid hump!

See you soon, I hope.

Terry

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Where to stay in Gainesville if you don't want "sleeping bag" space: (And hurry up - it's a Football Game Day)

Gainesville Lodge
413 W. University Ave.
352-376-1224

Scottish Inns
4155 NW 13th St.
352-376-2601

Holiday Inn
7417 W. Newberry
352-332-7500
(Exit 76 off #175)

Travelodge
3103 NW 13th St. (Hwy 441)
352-372-4319

Days Inn
7516 W. Newberry
352-332-3033
(Exit 76 off #175)

