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Kenilworth Lodge Ballroom

With banquet tables removed, it seats 300 in theater arrangement.



Standard Kenilworth Lodge Room

Rooms can be configured with two twin beds, two double beds, or one king-size bed.

President's Letter

John Daly's President's Letter was distributed by e-mail and snail mail. In case you did not read it, here is a synopsis and some new information.

Changes are Coming to Camp Location

Camp Crystal Lake management has decided that they will no longer rent to dance groups. They are willing to have us for one last year in 2008. But after that, we need to find a new place.

Our best choice is the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida. The price is comparable to what we would be paying at the Christian Conference Center in Silver Springs. Kenilworth Lodge will be the site for 2009. The question is, should we move there in 2008, or stay at Camp Crystal Lake?

Kenilworth pros: two dance rooms, wooden floors, climate controlled dance and sleeping rooms, hotel room comfort, less work for those running camp, several board members are familiar with the location.

Kenilworth cons: the larger dance room has pillars; another 140 miles for our people from Georgia to travel. The cost per person will be more than the \$190 it was last year.

Pro or con? Not staying in camp room with friends, not having our own ethnic food cooking staff (and resulting extra work). The alternative if we stay at Camp Crystal Lake would be a lot more volunteer effort.

New Information

John Daly reports that he has received strong opinions on both sides of the question. However, a majority of the board is strongly in favor of Kenilworth Lodge for 2008. Since the board members are the ones who have to make the arrangements and do most of the work, John has decided that it will be Kenilworth Lodge for 2008 and 2009, provided the price negotiations go well. He's trying to keep it to \$230 per person (but it could be a bit more), with continental breakfasts, two lunches and Saturday dinner included. We'll be on our own for other meals. There are numerous restaurants in Sebring to choose from.

Those of you who have attended the Sharpes Assembly in October know there are also villas at Kenilworth. Those are unlikely to be available in February, as they are booked for regular winter residents.

Kenilworth Lodge website: www.kenlodge.com.

Lodge photos on this page and the next are from the website.

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At right: Dancers at Orlando July 4th Party.

Front: Bobby Quibodeaux, Corky (the dog), Lila Gaber, Felicia Gaber. Rear, L to R: Gary Lanker, Fannie Salerno, Claudia Terrence, Willa Davidsohn, Caroline Lanker, Virginia Marszal, Phyllis Dammer, Joy Herndon, Jean Murray (behind), Joe Birkemeier, Lucy Birkmeier, Andy Pollock, Eva Gaber, Pat Henderson *Photo by Brian Quibodeaux*

Orlando International Folk Dance Club

by Pat Henderson

May brought a lot of fires for the state but we were fortunate to have only a couple of smoky days in Orlando. In case you did not hear, the state canceled the 55th Florida Folk Festival because of the wildfires at the FL-GA border.

On May 19, eleven of us from Orlando, Palm Coast and Deland attended the first spring Greek Festival in Lecanto. The band played the most of any that we have seen so a great time was had by all.

We had the following travel in May: Joe and Lucy Birkemeier to Berkeley Springs, WV and then to Buffalo for Joe's high school reunion. Eva Meyer had a nice wine and cheese gathering at her home and, a couple of days later, she and her husband left for London to see their son. Kelly Fagan went to Colorado for her nephew's high school graduation. Yes, this is her sister, Linda's son. Kelly had time to do some hiking and whitewater rafting while she was there.

Jan Lathi and others from Palm Coast have been coming down almost regularly to dance which we are really enjoying. On June 6, we had many visitors: Jan and Arleen Kaufmann (Palm Coast and Flagler Beach/Gainesville), and Gary and Caroline Lanker (Frostproof). Mary Jean Linn and her husband Bill Byars came for the first time. They just moved from Gainesville to Kissimmee.

Travelers in June included Juanita Schockey with her husband, Fred, to Alaska to visit her daughter who has fishing cabins on a river. Ann Robinson attended her annual crafts workshop in North Carolina. Phyllis Dammer and her husband, Ed, traveled to Baltimore, Albany, NY and Pennsylvania. The main event was the high school graduation of Ed's grandson.

Once again, Kelly Fagan is playing Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha* at the Bay Street Theater in Eustis. Opening night is July 20 and there is free admission on July 19 for the dress rehearsal.

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Summertime in Tampa

by Terry Abrahams

As we all know, the Florida Folk Festival was cancelled, and G'ville and Orlando had faux festivals. There was a jam session at Sara Mitchell's house on Sunday, which helped a little. Bill Schwarz and I went to Orlando, but it just wasn't the same as when it's outdoors in the park. I went home early and attended a party given by my daughter for my first granddaughter's birthday and my other granddaughter's high school graduation, which was more fun.

I headed for New York, where I attended a festival that included one of my sister's one-acts. Her play has made it to the quarter-finals now. It was great, of course. While in NY, I also saw Avenue Q (absolutely a riot), Gray's Garden (a Tony winner for sure) and another set of four one-acts. Some of the actors being friends of my "theatre" niece, we all went out afterwards for drinks and food. In between shows, we took my sis' granddaughter to the Bronx Zoo, my first time, and that was fun. If the cabs just didn't cost so much to the airport, it would be perfect!

Dancewise, Russell has returned to Michigan and we miss him already. Many of us are in and out of the city for the summer. We'll keep dancing with as few as there are left, but if you're headed this way, call Andy (or someone) to make sure we're dancing. Mickey (my cook daughter) has been invited to cook at Buffalo Gap (Judith will be there) and is very nervous. I'm having to convince her she can do it.

After my trip to Toronto (see [Terry does Toronto](#)), I turned around and went to Miami for the fencing nationals the next weekend. Guess I'd worn myself out - didn't do as well as I would have liked there.

Recipes from Florida Camp 2007

Monastery Gyuvetch (Bulgarian)

This dish used to be prepared at the Rila Monastery kitchen. Rila Monastery is one of the famous Bulgarian Visitors attractions - a monastery which has survived many attacks by the Ottoman Turks and has provided a shelter for many innocent people.

1 kg (c. 2 lb 3 oz.) braising beef
 4 medium tomatoes
 120 g (4+ oz.) mushrooms
 1 cup rice
 1 onion
 150 g (5+ oz.) olives
 a bunch of parsley
 2 tbs vegetable oil
 25 g (c. 1 oz) butter
 1 tbs sugar
 2 1/2 cups beef stock
 Black pepper, paprika and salt

Cut the beef into cubes or small pieces and fry in a pan with a little oil for about 5 minutes. Add the chopped onions, beef stock and paprika. 5 minutes later add the mushrooms and rice and simmer for about 15 minutes. Add the chopped tomatoes, add salt to taste, the butter, 1 tbs sugar and whole olives, and cook for further 5 minutes. Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F). Transfer the contents of the pan into a baking dish and cook for about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and pepper before serving.

Split Pea Soup (Hungarian)

Sargaborsoleves (shar-ga-bor-shol-levesh)

Hungarian pea soup is so thick and hearty you can spoon it up like a porridge. It is full of sweet carrots, parsnips and parsley leaves and roots, onions, yellow peas and ham.

Ingredients:

1 lb. Split yellow peas
 1 Small ham shank or smoked pork butt
 1 Large onion, chopped
 4 Med. carrots sliced
 3 Ribs of celery
 1 Parsley root diced
 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
 1 Parsnip root diced
 1 Bay leaf
 2 Whole cloves
 6 Whole peppercorns
 3 Quarts of water
 1/4 cup of pearl barley (optional)

Wash and drain yellow peas and place in soup pot with 3 quarts of cold water. Add ham or pork butt, along with vegetables and spices and optional barley. Bring water to a boil, turn down heat and slowly cook until all veggies and peas are soft. Taste for seasoning, and now add required salt. (Ham and pork butt are salty, do not add salt at the beginning of cooking). Cooking will take about an hour and a half. If the soup is not as thick as you like it, cook it a little longer. The soup should be thick, like a peas porridge. Serve in a large bowl with a slice of ham or pork butt in each serving. Add a crusty bread and salad for a satisfying one dish meal. Makes 6 servings.

Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2006 - April 30, 2007

| Expenses | |
|---|--------------------|
| Newsletter | \$518.53 |
| FL Dept. of State | 0.00 |
| Office | 10.28 |
| Camp 2007 | |
| Syllabus | 80.92 |
| Food | 4,813.85 |
| Instructor | 1,294.32 |
| Decorations | 0.00 |
| Snacks | 48.24 |
| Facilities, Insurance., B&B | 3,624.36 |
| T-shirts/Buttons | 437.33 |
| Refunds | 1,087.00 |
| DVD | 160.37 |
| Cash expenditures | 400.00 |
| Total Expenses | 12,475.20 |
| Income | |
| Dues | 1,065.00 |
| Camp (fees and \$400 cash) | 13,190.50 |
| Total Income | 14,255.50 |
| Net Income 2006/07 | +\$1,780.30 |
| Respectfully submitted, Pat Henderson, Past Treasurer, FFDC | |

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October 24-29 "Dance in the Land of Heaven" International Dance & Music Festival

Place: Nepal

Folklore Groups, Folk Dance & Musical Groups, Ethnic Dance Groups, International Dance & Musical Group and Folk Musical Groups from around the world are invited to participate. People are asked to register as ensembles.

Price: 310 Euro per person (not including transportation to/from the festival)

Registration deadline: September 30, 2007

For more information, see: www.nepaldance.com

Contact: Festival Organising Committee
TEAM - The Entertainer & Movers Pvt. Ltd.
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Terry Abrahams writes: "...what a hoot! We should publish it for fun. OR we should think about going!!!!"

Other Summer Dance Camps

Here are several other summer dance camps in the U.S. that may be of interest. This information came from searching the Internet for "Folk Dance Camps". Only the dates, general location, website and contact information are listed here.

Stockton Folk Dance Camp

Sessions: July 22 - July 28, 2007 and July 29 - August 4, 2007, Stockton, CA

www.folkdancecamp.org

Bruce Mitchell, Director, Stockton Folk Dance Camp, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211

Jan Wright, registrar, 36676 Viola Meadows Court, Shingletown, CA 96088, jmwright32@frontiernet.net

Southwest International Folk Dance Institute (SWIFDI) New Mexico August Folk Dance Camp

August 2-5 2007 New Mexico Tech Campus, Socorro, New Mexico

www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/

Directors: Hart Lewis, hartlewis@juno.com, 505-690-1869;

Lisa Bertelli, lisa.bertelli@earthlink.com, 505-983-1321

Registrar: Noralyn Parsons, 505-275-1944

Iroquois Springs Balkan Music and Dance Workshop

August 11 – 18 2007, Rock Hill, NY

www.eefc.org

East European Folklife Center, P.O. Box 12488, Berkeley, CA 94712-3488, office@eefc.org, 510-547-1118

Mainwoods Dance Camp

Sessions: August 11 - August 17; August 18 - August 24; August 25 - August 31; August 31 - September 3 (Labor Day Weekend), Fryeburg, Maine

www.mainwoodsdancecamp.org

Contact before August 4: Mary Zaleta, Registrar, Mainwoods Dance Camp, Inc., 6288 Porter Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823-1548; 517-351-2158; info@mainwoodsdancecamp.org

Balkanalia! Balkan Music and Dance Camp

Thursday, August 23 - Sunday, August 26, 2007
Portland, OR

www.balkanalia.org

Balkan Festivals NorthWest, 1537 SE Madison St., Portland, OR 97214

Buffalo on the Danube - Labor Day International Folk Music & Dance Camp

August 31-September 3, 2007, Timber Ridge Camp, High View, WV

www.dancingplanetproductions.com/danube.htm

Registration address: WMADI, 9609 Pinkney Court, Potomac, MD 20854

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