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President's Proclamation

OK then! This will make some of you happy, some of you not, but it makes me very happy. I have moved the "camp" again. Let me say that differently: Pat and I have found another hotel.

1. It is more centralized to all of us - it's in Kissimmee (Orlando, to you out-of-staters)
2. It has a large wood dance floor.
3. The dance room looks out onto the pool and tiki area, yet is private.
4. It has no columns.
5. The rooms are **so much cheaper**, it's unbelievable – thank you bad economy!
6. The rooms have been recently remodeled, so are clean and pleasant, stocked with microwaves and refrigerators.
7. Breakfast comes with the room; the rest of the meals will be marvelously catered.
8. We will all be on the first floor.
9. It is near many restaurants for before you arrive and after you leave.

I admit it is not quaint, but it is also not musty. I admit it doesn't have puzzles to work on, but there are side booths in the dance room, and I just

might provide some puzzles for Jean and his friends. I admit it's not as close for some people, but is more centralized over all, and not difficult to find.

The venue is *Westgate Inn and Suites* at 9200 West U.S. Hwy 192 in Kissimmee. If you are thinking of bringing your non-dancing family, it is five miles from Disney with free shuttle to Disney, Universal and Sea World; there is a bar with pool table, a heated swimming pool (no Jacuzzi, darn it), an electronic game room, a kids' playground, fitness room, cribs and rollaways, or suites for families with children.

We will have a space available for our "sales", for our snacks (and a place to store them), for our culture corners. I can't tell you how much the weekend will cost you yet, but it could possibly be less than last year, since the rooms are such a good price! It will depend on how much the instructors are charging these days. I'll tell you more about it when the time comes. (Last issue I told you it would be at least equal to last year's price, but this is lookin' real good!) In the meantime, start "talkin' to the feet" in your groups. Tell your northern friends to think about

coming. We could use a few more people, and even though we are listed in dance magazines, I'm surprised more northerners don't come down to combine the warmth of Florida with a little side vacation.

I put "camp" in quotes, since we're not at a camp anymore, but we've had "camp" for so many years, Pat and I are thinking we should still call it camp – but "camp" instead. BTW, this is our 30th camp!!! By the next issue I will have the instructors, a flyer for your group, and the T-shirt design. That stuff will be followed at some point by the registration forms, which will forever be a thorn in everyone's side – it is so difficult to get every situation in a little space.

I was excited to see so many people showing up at Orlando and Sarasota's World Dance Day evenings. I attended the Orlando evening and it was great to dance with so many (even though just a touch crowded). These groups are really going gangbusters! Let's hope a lot more of these dancers come to our "camp"!

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