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Prez Sez - Thanks

We did it! We had another successful Florida Folk Dance "Camp"! There were scary moments, as when Ned and Marian sat on a plane for three hours in Dallas because of snow. Dallas! Can you believe it? Remember our joke – that we shouldn't have teachers from Canada because of bad weather, we should hire Californians? Well, we did, and still had the scare! Luckily they came a day early, so that was good. And Željko, who should have been snowed in, was only bothered by a crack in the windshield of the plane, and got here at 7:30 PM instead of 1:30 PM – also, lucky for us he was originally on an early flight. He'd have been here even sooner if I could have found the airport sooner! But all's well that ends well. Z ended up with the start of the flu (you thought he was teasing) but, in spite of that, both teachers taught keepers, every one of them, with joy on their faces, love in their hearts. Proof – there were almost as many of us at review as at the regular sessions! Food? Well, I told you not to get excited. Snacks – great! Floor – great! Song – there. Live music from John and me – sorry, we couldn't figure out when to practice – next time. Here's my list of thank-yous – in alphabetical order. This kind of good weekend doesn't happen without all of us.

Atlantans for coming and for offering to do snacks next year (I'll remember!)
Andi Kapplin for being our demo girl and singing the song with me
Andy Pollock for the wonderful party programs and stopping at just the right second
Bill and Kathie Thompson for coming all the way from Vancouver and being such good dancers and such nice people
Bobby Quibodeaux for being everyone's helper
Caroline for being so conscientious about the newsletter, which we dearly love
Clarion Hotel for putting us up and putting up with us
David Davia for the fencing equipment you donated to my group
David Digby and Dorothy Archer for being the most enthusiastic about my buttons
Ernesto Baizan for still being the most suave man in FFDC
Esther Mazor for coming from Miami, even though her back keeps her from dancing very much
Eva Gaber for making her little girls into dancers
Fagans, for being a dancing family

Gainesville, who offered to do snacks without my asking and did such a good job
How many were there? 85 counting teachers and "spice" – thanks for coming!
I love you all for coming!
Jan Lathi for helping with registration
Jean Murray for being the tech helper
John Daly for keeping track of the money and all the lists and my flowers
Julius for once again doing our videos – it ain't easy!
Kathy Dudek for coming from North Carolina (so good to see her after so many years) and bringing info on dance workshops in NC
Katy Warner for buying Andi Kapplin some chocolate ice cream
Kay Afonso for doing such a good job with the Olga Princi auction and playing music for us as well.
Kelly for being so talented and singing her song from *The King and I*
Liz Nunan for her craft goodies and cards we love to buy
Marian Gault for her absolutely gorgeous cards (and the photos were Ned's)

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