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Prez Sez

This is the last issue of the newsletter before camp. And it's getting down to the nitty gritty. Here is what's important for you to consider:

Snacks. We have some volunteers to do snacks, but could use more. Snacks do not have to be extensive, do not even have to be ethnic, although ethnic would be nice. In this case, ethnic should be Turkish or Serbian. Serbian snacks would be Saturday night, Turkish on Sunday. Friday night can be anything your heart desires.

Elections. I have not heard from anyone considering an officer position. It wouldn't hurt to have some new blood running this organization, so give this some thought. Most importantly, Caroline is no longer going to be the editor of the newsletter. If you have any leanings in that direction and would like to give it a go – please contact me ahead of time, or even surprise us at the noon meeting on Saturday. (See [From the Editor](#) for more information or contact Caroline for more details about the job.)

Next most importantly – the position of Vice President, whose main duty is publicity will also be open, as Judy is unable to continue at this time. You could also offer to be President, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer.

Olga Princi Scholarship. We will have two Olga Princi scholars at camp this year. One is Shristi Thoresen, recommended by Caroline and Gary Lanker. Some of you have met her, along with other members of her family, at the Lankers' occasional dance parties or at Fall Fling in Melbourne, or perhaps at the English Country Dance Sharpes Assembly in Sebring in October. She is a student at Warner University in Lake Wales and has introduced other students to folk dancing at the Lankers.

Valerie Dorr was recommended by the Sarasota Grapeviners. Valerie started dancing as a child, but missed dance in her busy professional life in recent years, until she found the Grapeviners. Valerie has been a consistent attendee each Wednesday and is a full-time resident of Sarasota with involvement in the community.

Please give our two Olga Princi scholars a warm welcome at Presidents' Weekend Camp.

Auction and Sales, Trades, and Giveaways. We are not going to have the big live auction we had last year. This year we will revert back to our silent auction with a table for showing items, which will end Sunday after lunch. Bring your items with you. There will be tables set up for the Olga Princi Silent Auction and for private sales and giveaways. If auction items do not sell in the auction, they may be reclaimed, sold or given away by the owner. All items left over on the sales tables will be given to the Salvation Army.

BTW – I will bring the drawing Judith did of me from last year's live auction. I love it! Other items that were purchased at last year's auction will show up at camp in various ways. Look out for them!

Help. If you are coming in early and would like to help with registration, or set up of music and speakers etc. please do so. If you know ahead of time, let me know. You can also help with the silent auction, help play music for the teachers and anything else that comes up.

Other Details.

- Times and places: see [Schedule for FFDC Presidents' Weekend Camp](#) and [Address and Directions to Camp](#).

Folkdancers of Gainesville United!

by Jack Seltzer

When Gainesville folkdancers dance and party, they aren't kidding around. It's a wonderful experience. Closing out 2012, on December 7, we all began by dancing around the tables, chairs and people trying to digest their meal at the local Greek restaurant, Sandy's. Sitting down for some fresh made moussaka and pastitsio didn't put a damper on our enthusiasm – witness the photos below.



At table at Sandy's: around the table, left to right, are Linda, Mireille, Julieta, John, Juanita, Nancy, Arlene, and Jack.

Photo by Jualene. Other photos by Jack.



Dancing at Sandy's led by John and Jack

The local Greek group, Embros, led by the father and daughter team of Leo and Eleni Polopolus, gave us the great sounds of his clarinet and her soprano voice. I'm always amazed by the electronic violin of Anne, now joined by David on bouzouki. They have a very unique sound. Check them out online at www.embrosorchestra.com/bios.html.

Come join us next time. We go to Sandy's every three months or so, before our regular Friday night dance. Check the calendar on our website, www.gjfd.org, for dates.

Moving on to December 31, Jualene brought us over to her magnificent home for the all nighter (until 12:15 AM, actually) of food, fun, music, dancing, lots of chit-chat and some serious talk. We began the festivities fairly early and, with singing and toasting to Auld Lang Syne, at midnight we smilingly welcomed in the New Year. What more can you ask?



Dancing New Years Eve: John, Julieta, Joyce D, Leslie, June, Juanita, Mireille, Linda, and Arlene



Welcoming 2013 – standing: Juanita and her husband, Linda, Arlene, Diane and Max, Mireille, Nancy, Jan, June, and Margaret. On the floor: Jack, Jualene, Leslie, Barbara and Julieta. Others who were there but didn't quite make it to the midnight hour photo were John, Joyce D, Ruth, Joyce S and Grace.

Linda and hostess Jualene on New Year's Eve



March 8 Greek Festival – Melbourne

Place: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church,
5965 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL

Time

Information: www.saint-katherine.org

March 9 – 14 Hungarian Folk Dance and Folk Music Camp, "Napraforgok"

Place: Camp Frontier, 18050 U.S. 301 Wimauma, FL, in the Sarasota area

Contact: napraforgoktabor@hotmail.com

Information: napraforgoktabor.org

March 15 – 17 San Antonio Folk Dance Festival

Place: Our Lady of the Lake University,
San Antonio, TX

Contact: info@safdf.org

Information: safdf.org

March 21 – 24 National Folk Organization (NFO) Annual Conference

Place: several venues in Las Vegas, NV

Information: www.nfo-usa.org

March 22 – 24 Playford Ball Weekend

Place: Cohn Adult Learning Center, 4805 Park Ave.,
Nashville, TN

Contact: 615-385-1129, wilkinsoned@comcast.net

Information: www.nashvillecountrydancers.org

March 22 – 24 Chicago Spring Festival

Place: International House, 1414 E. 59th St.,
Chicago, IL

Contact: 847-331-7842

Information: www.chicagospringfestival.org

Look for more event, tour and cruise notices on the calendar of the FFDC website.

Folk Dance Tours

July 28 – August 11 Jim Gold trip to Bulgaria, Macedonia and Greece

Led by Jim Gold

July 30 – August 12 Jim Gold Hungary Tour

Budapest, Folk Festivals and Jászberény Folk Dance Camp

Led by Adam Molnar

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