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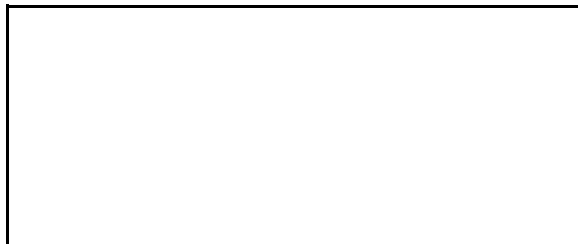
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Editor's Corner

This month's cover story is about Statewide 2005, which was June 3-5 in Palm Springs. For those of you who did not attend, it was a wonderful weekend of music, dancing and teaching. See the cover story on page 4 and some great pictures on page 5 (thanks to Steve Himel and Jane Reed for the pictures).

Dancers Speak has some great contributions by Valerie Daley, Lou Peche and Elaine Kamen.

Jatila and I will be in Bulgaria for the Koprivshitsa Festival in August, and in Istanbul after that. Look for lots of pictures when we return.

— Steve Davis

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Statewide Dancers - see pages 4 and 5.

Federation Corner



As the Publicity chairperson for Federation, my job is to promote folk dancing in general, and specific clubs and events in particular. Here is an opportunity for you to utilize the Federation to help your club:

At the April 10, 2005 Federation meeting, the Finance Committee report made by Lila Aurich recommended and allotted funds for advertising of dance groups in the Federation. They suggested that perhaps small ads could be placed in relevant local papers about your group's dancing night, costs, types of dance, place, and perhaps contact person.

Those of you who are interested, and respond with pertinent information will probably be the first persons that will have some kind of publicity of this type.

I need from you: The above info about your group and whatever local paper you think I should contact, name of publication, whom to contact. It would be faster if there is an internet contact, if not, phone and mailing address. Please send the information to me ASAP: 236 DeAnza St., San Gabriel, CA 91776, (626) 300-8138, sstach236@earthlink.net.

Thank you,

— Sylvia Stachura, Publicity Chair

REFLECTIONS ON STATEWIDE 2005

It is 18 days since the end of Statewide 2005 and I'm home on this day thinking about that adventure (and my son's birthday) and I know that if I don't get these thoughts down they will fly away like so many thistle seeds with the desert wind.

What did I learn? It seems valuable to think about that first because this event has been a marvelous learning experience. Pulling off an event like a Statewide Festival is not an 'I' accomplishment, you know that it had to be a 'We' triumph! But I did learn many things about everyone involved in the endeavor and myself.

The bottom line of what was learned is that we all need to appreciate one another for just being able to get together and keep something alive that all of us love. That is, of course, the dance and the music from so many parts of our planet. But I also relearned how valuable each and every one of us is to each other. How much fun would it be to dance a dance with beautiful music but have no one else there across the room or next to you to appreciate it too? There have been times as I learned folk dances that emphasis on such aspects of the dance as "styling" were so important that leeway for individuals was not given. Under these conditions we become too quick to judge the efforts of others. At "Dancing Under the Palms" I found myself dancing with folks from all over our state and other parts and enjoying the subtle differences each brought to the dance we both were doing. We thank all folks who came and joined us in this annual celebration and hope to see them again and again in future Statewide Festivals and other celebrations too.

We do want feedback from participants that may help us in the future make the Statewide Festival an event more people will want to attend. So I'm not saying don't have or give a critique. Here is how this one came to be:

At the end of my tenure as President of the Folk Dance Federation, South in 2004, at our April meeting, we needed to think about Statewide 2005. That meant: where, when, who, what theme? The discussion at that meeting and communications in advance of the meeting brought us to a decision. We had asked **Dwight Fine** in Palm Springs and **Steve Himel** in the Laguna area about sites. Both areas are busy areas for holidays like Memorial Day weekend but it was pointed

out by former President of the Federation, **Rick Bingle**, that prices go down in June in Palm Springs. So a vote was taken and the when and where were decided. Next the opinions and ideas of many folks were solicited through E-mail and the theme, title and date were finalized: What- "Dancing Under the Palms";



When- the first weekend in June; Where- Palm Springs. **Dwight Fine** (left) was instrumental in helping us locate a super dance floor and hall, the Pavilion. We looked for a person to take on the chairship. Well as it turned out **Michelle Sandler** and **Julith Neff** allowed themselves to be roped into co-chairing the event

with myself.

Now the work of getting others involved began. **Jane Reed**, with the assistance of Federation Treasurer **Gordon Wall**, became the Statewide Treasurer. **Steve Himel** consented to take on the pre-registration task,



Nancy Mayhew (left) took on the work of getting 'at the door' workers and organization going. A whole team of program persons began working on, voting on and selecting the dances that would be part of the weekend's dancing. They were the **Barrs, Marshall Cates** and **Gordon Wall**.

That whole process was discussed often at the committee's three major meetings. **Karen Wilson-Bell** was our contact with master teachers, **Yves** and **France Moreau** and she was the spokesperson for getting a beginners mini lesson set up. **Beverly Barr** lined up the M.C.'s. Discussion about who to get was also handled by E-mail as was the decision on the band to employ. We got the **Kriss Larson Band** and they were marvelous. They played for us on Friday and Saturday evening. I saw and heard them rehearse at the Ramada which was our hotel headquarters in Palm Springs.

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The Ramada was a wonderful location. They were so gracious and accommodating. It felt good to come to a clean and ready room after a long day of dancing and partying. But the list of participants in our committee is still not complete. **Marge Gajicki** consented to coordinate the vendors and although she made contact with some locals, they were unable to come. But those who did were much welcomed and many of us shopped with them.

Decorations were handled by **Marsha Fenner** with help from **Cheryl Cates**. Marsha carried out our Middle Eastern/Desert theme with a professional and experienced hand. Co-chair **Julith Neff** took on the task of soliciting dance entertainment for our 'exhibition style' concert. We were informed many times that most folks wanted to dance at the Festival and so we decided rather than have a sit-down concert to interrupt the weekend's dancing, we would have this type of concert. Reaching out to local dance groups from a distance is not easy but Julith found just the right combination of folks to inspire and interest our Festival crowd. Michelle Sandler took on the task of soliciting food for the entire weekend's after parties and what a marvelous job she did. With all of you helping, she had a huge assortment of snacks to satisfy everyone.

Valerie Daley put together the fantastic program that kept everyone informed of what we were dancing and when, as well as what was happening throughout the weekend's many events. She also found room to inform us about our instructors, past presidents and include a list of Statewide leaders over a long history of such events.

The Palm Springs team, **Dwight Fine**, **Shelley Miller-Mantel** and **Helen Smith** assisted from the desert. When we arrived early on Friday, June 3 and went to the Pavilion to decorate, they had a group of local folks who came to help. The contact persons at the Pavilion helped us throughout the weekend in setting up, decorating, unloading, and doing the reverse when it was time to clean up. Besides the official names and committee members who came to meetings to work out details, we had wonderful assistance from friends and relatives who jumped in and helped pull the loose ends together and do the countless, thankless tasks that occur during such an event. We thank them with humble and grateful hearts. I thank all those who participated in creating "Dancing

Under the Palms" and who accomplished their respective tasks in such a professional manner.

All this taught me what marvelous folks dancing of our type attracts and brings together in an extraordinary concert of individuals using their talents and dedicating their time to create such a wonderful experience that we all can cherish. It also makes me aware that we have many more people out there who have not yet found themselves ready to dedicate some of that talent to an effort such as a Statewide Festival, a Scene Magazine, a Federation of Dance Clubs that benefit all of us in this community of International Folk Dancers. We saw you there dancing and we know you too are just waiting to get involved with one aspect or other of this lively and lovely movement. So step forward and enjoy the excitement and inspiration you get when you work alongside many willing hands.

Oh yes, there were a number of interesting incidents that make the memory even more cherished. But time and space does not allow for those details here. Ask some of those involved if you wish more personal and (often humorous) adventures.

— Sylvia Stachura

STATEWIDE THANK YOU

I noticed quite a few familiar faces scurrying around at Statewide this year keeping the wheels turning. Thank you all so much. Keeping music, dancing, performers, teachers, musicians, and attendees all on the same page morning, afternoon, and night does not just happen by itself.

I had a great time. Even though I was only there on Saturday, I saw so much I can't recall it all. **Yves** and **France Moreau** couldn't hide the fact that they are not only world-class teachers, but such nice people. Typical folkdancers. Yves was masterful, I think, at making everyone feel comfortable enough to relax and learn. And France took us all on a trip into a small, French-Canadian town to dance on a Saturday night. They both gave such thorough presentations.

The musicians had been down to visit the Laguna Folkdancers weeks earlier to "try a few things" in preparation. It was just a treat to have them play so much music at the festival, and play it all so well. **Jim Garner's** wife spoke of the amount of preparation she had witnessed for this event. I especially enjoyed their rendition of *St. John River*.



Henrietta Bemis's belly dancing performance and class, including a tent and props, was a great idea. I was man enough to take the class. No one laugh.

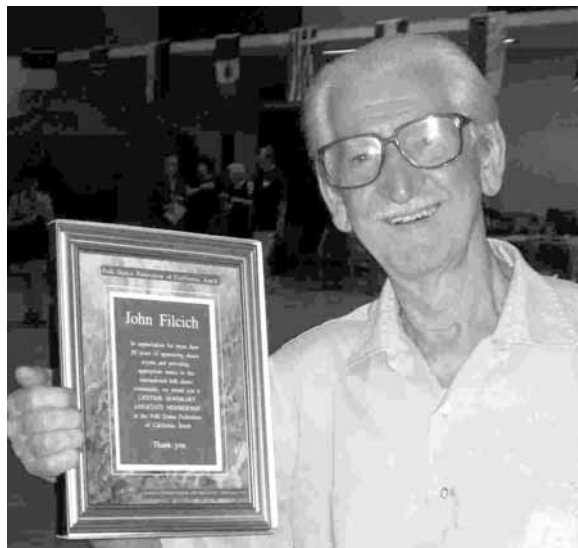
The facility was a nice size and had great A/C as promised. During the teaching it was great to see so many people in one big circle together. Who do I tip for stocking the ice cream sundae bar? I like to think I increased sales by telling others that the sprinkles were vitamins.

If you did not attend this year's Statewide, now you know what you missed!

— *Todd Savitz*



Folk Dance Scene



ELAINE KAMEN'S TRAVEL ADVENTURES

(as told to Laurette Carlson)

During my many years as a member of Westwood, I've had lots of wonderful experiences. These include our travels with **Beverly** and **Irwin Barr**.

A few memories stand out, such as our fall-color tour to Montreal, Nova Scotia and Maine, and the thrill I had when the entire busload of travelers accompanied me to see the exact building in Montreal where I was born. Later we found out how remarkably honest the Canadians are when **Gloria Harris** (a fellow traveler) left her purse in a taxi. She was desperate to recover it and its contents: her passport, travel tickets and money. At the police station to report the loss, she was delighted and much relieved to find her purse awaiting her, with all its contents intact.

On a St. Lawrence River cruise, I was chosen to be the "queen." However, as long as he was not chosen to be "king," **Mike** decided to take a nap during the ordination proceedings. (sour grapes?)

The Barrs legendary New Year's Eve weekends always include a gift exchange. I've had lots of fun with these because, often I would put a small present in a huge box, then wrap it elaborately, using lots of ribbon. Different groups, according to age, are called up to choose a gift. It made me happy to see how so many of the people scrambled to pick the box I had prepared.

In Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in the Teton Mountains, on the way to our barbecued steak and chicken dinner, served in a beautiful patio, we rode in a covered wagon and were shot at by "Indians." One man was killed. (Fortunately, he suddenly revived!)

The Barrs took us to Graceland, Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn. By horse and buggy we were taken to a nightclub for folk dancing. It was much too noisy to hear the music, but Irwin saved the day (evening): He took the tape recorder outside so that we could dance on the sidewalk. Pretty soon, a policeman came along on a bicycle. He got off his bicycle and started to dance with us. Later others joined in also.

In Memphis we had a memorable experience while in the hotel lobby. The elevator door opened and a parade of ducks and ducklings appeared. They marched down a red carpet and then proceeded to go to the fountain area, walking around nonchalantly, some going into the fountain. At a certain time and without direction from anybody, they all lined up and

marched back to the elevator, which took them back up to the 24th floor where they resided.

One morning Mike and I had our suitcases packed and were all dressed, ready to go on a trip to Branson, MO. Suddenly, Mike developed an acute pain in his side. We had to call Beverly to tell her we would not be joining them because we had to go to UCLA Medical Center. When we told the doctor how disappointed we were to be forced to cancel our trip, after examining Mike, he said, "You can't afford to miss a good time. I want you to go on your trip, and I'm going to give you some pills. If you take them as directed, I think you'll be okay." Luckily, my sister **Elvira** was available to drive us to Ontario where we caught a plane for Kansas City. From there we took a taxi and arrived in Branson at 3:00 A.M. Because we didn't know the name of the hotel where the Barrs were registered, the taxi driver drove from one hotel to another until the right one was located.

Misunderstandings can occur so easily. In Seattle we were to meet everyone in the hotel lobby. We waited and waited there, but no Barrs nor anyone else appeared. We couldn't understand what happened, not knowing that this hotel had two lobbies and the other one was where everyone had gathered. The bus left without us, but we eventually caught up with them.

In Russia we took a cruise on the Neva and Volga Rivers. When in Moscow we were surprised to see that a McDonald's had just opened. Another surprise was to hear the *Macarena* being played in a dance hall and seeing Beverly and Irwin get up and dance with the Russians.

Germany bombed Dublin, Ireland, during World War II, and many homes were destroyed. Streets had newly built replacement homes interspersed with the old homes, which had not been touched by the bombs. Mike (an avid photographer) took quite a few shots of these unusual sights, only to have his suitcase containing his camera and film stolen when we got to England.

The Barrs' trip to Arizona also went to Las Vegas. During a two-hour lunch break, I had a chance to play the slot machines. With my first nickel, I hit the jackpot and won \$30, all in quarters. What to do! How to gather them all? Michael searched around and found styrofoam cups to hold the loot.

In this way, I've shared a few of my happy travel memories with other Westwood members.

— *Elaine Kamen*

Dancers Speak



OH THE THRILL OF THE MORRIS DANCERS!

Before the first light of that first day of May, we made our way to the end of Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara (above) where the ancient "traditions" of Morris Dancing were already underway.

Two teams were decked out in their whites with vests, ribbons and bells: Monarch Grove Morris and Rising Phoenix Morris. The magic of their dance coaxed that lazy sun up over the horizon and even managed to get it to peek through the clouds at dawn. They danced to live musicians playing traditional British folk tunes on fiddle and accordion, sometimes flashing white scarves or clashing their wooden staffs! It was wonderful! The high energy of the set dances punctuated by the jling-jling of bells and chwok-chwok of whacked staffs was exhilarating! Oh! If only my knees were better, I'd find a way to learn these "traditions"!

Once they danced that May morning's sun into the sky, a Maypole was erected and bystanders were encouraged to take part in the dance of the Maypole.

Unite and unite, and let us all unite

For summer is a-comin' today

And whither we are going we all will unite

In the merry morning of May"

And truly, all over the world, there were teams of Morris dancers, marking summer's arrival by dancing the rising of the sun that day. Later, we sang a few songs a capella, including a favorite of mine, "Wild Mountain Thyme."

Next year May Day falls on a Monday. I am hoping there will be Morris dancers gathering pre-dawn somewhere near, before running off to start the work week. I want to feel that joy again!

— Valerie Daley

DANCING WITH TWO LEFT FEET. (6)



Emily Post writes: "Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others." If you have that awareness you have good manners, no matter if the foot you step on is not your own.

Since we have known each other for many years we are pretty much aware of each other's feelings and have honed our manners to each other. Where we have to watch out are our manners to the newcomers to our groups.

Understanding their feelings is the first step in making them welcome to the group and making them part of our folk dance family. The best way to understand how they feel is to remember how you felt when visiting for a first time a foreign country. It all seemed very strange. The language was different and in some countries even the signs were unreadable. If you wanted to communicate with the locals, unless you were fluent in the language, it was very difficult.

Welcome the newcomers to our folk dance group since they are strangers in a strange land. The music we play and love sounds very different to their ears. The new steps are difficult to follow and their bodies distort in many ways as they try to follow the dance. They cling for dear life and grab the hands or shoulder of the person next to them, as they try to keep their balance. Not knowing anyone in the group is probably the most uncomfortable thing for them.

So, what are folk dance good manners to the newcomers?

Not much different from any other good manners. Welcome the new folkdance immigrants. Smile and introduce yourself and any other members of your clique. Find out their names and where they live. Tell them how much you appreciate their joining the group. Tell them the names of the dances and where they come from. Dance next to them and gently help them with the steps.

Most of all, make them comfortable in this new land, so that they start the beautiful folkdance journey on the right foot.

— Lou Pechi

Palm Springs



August 2005



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Calendar

Note: Federation Events are in Bold.
CALL TO CONFIRM ALL EVENTS.

AUGUST

- 3,4,5,6 *Fiesta Mercados, Old Spanish Days.* At de la Guerra Plaza & Mackenzie Park, Santa Barbara. Market, concerts. Free. Info: (805) 962-8101.
- 5-14 *Flamenco Festival*, performances at Irvine Barclay Theatre. Info: (949) 854-4646.
- 6 *Getty Family Festival*, gamelan, flamenco, Chinese, Sephardic music. 10:00 a.m. at 1200 Getty Ctr. Dr., L. A. Info (310) 440-7300, www.getty.edu.
- 7 *American Roots Music Festival*, 2:00 – 7:00 at the Skirball Center, L. A. Sponsored by Folkworks. Performances, art projects, workshops. Info: (310) 440-4500, www.skirball.org.
- 11 *Viajem*, flamenco singer and dancer perform 8:00 at Skirball Center. Info: (310) 440-4500, www.skirball.org.
- 12 **Mid-Summer Party at West L.A. Folk Dancers.** See OTS. Info: (310) 202-6166.
- 12, 13, 14 *Gipsy Kings*, perform at Grove of Anaheim. Info www.gipsykings.com.
- 13 *Veselba Bitov* playing Bulgarian folk dance music at Cafe Danssa; 11533 West Pico Blvd., in West LA. See OTS. Info: (310) 478-7866
- 13, 14 *Multi-Cultural Dance & Music Festival*, at Oak Park, Santa Barbara. Dance, music and food from around the world. Free. Info: (805) 966-6950.
- 13, 14 *L.A. Tofu Festival*. Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Info: (213) 473-3030.
- 18, 19 *Warsaw Village Band*, perform 8:00 Thursday at Skirball Center, and on Friday at noon and 8:00 at California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., L. A. Free. Info: for 8/18, (310) 440-4500, www.skirball.org, for 8/19, (213) 687-2159, www.grandperformances.org.
- 26, 27, 28 *Greek festival*, St. Nectarios, Covina. Music, dancing, food. Info: (626) 967-5524.
- 27 *Early California Fandango*, ball dances of 1781. 8:00 at UCLA Powell Library. Free. Info: www.geocities.com/HistoricalDance.
- 27 *Korean Dance Festival*, 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, L. A. Info: (323) GO1-FORD, www.FordAmphitheatre.org.

SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 *Labor Day Dance Away*, Contradance Weekend, at Cedar Glen Retreat, Julian. Info: (435) 634-0339, cannon@alumni.caltech.edu.

- 3, 4, 5 *Greek festival*, Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Long Beach. Music, dancing, food. Info: (562) 494-8929.
- 5 **Labor Day Party with the West L. A. Folk Dancers (Monday), 7:30 at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost. Request Program, potluck. See OTS.** Info: Beverly at (310) 202-6166.
- 8 **Dennis Boxell** guest teacher at Narodni International Folk Dancers. Balkan dances and styling. Info: (714) 932-2513.
- 9,10, 11 *Greek festival*, St. Sophia Church, 1324 S. Normandie, L. A. Music, dancing, food. Info: (323) 737-2424.
- 9, 10, 11 *Greek festival*, St. Paul, Irvine. Music, dancing, food. Info: (949) 733-2366.
- 10 *Pacifico Dance Company*, Mexican music and dance. 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, L. A. Info: (323) GO1-FORD, www.FordAmphitheatre.org.
- 10, 11 *Greek festival*, SS Constantine and Helen, Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Music, dancing, food. Info: (760) 942-0920.
- 15-18 *ziviLA Tambura*, 2005 Tamburitza Extravaganza. Instruction, dances, concerts, dinner, 20 orchestras. See OTS. Info: Tom Yeseta (818) 954-1597, zivila.tambura@earthlink.net.
- 16, 17, 18 *Greek festival*, St. Anthony, Pasadena. Music, dancing, food. Info: (626) 449-6945.
- 17 **Fandango at Guajome Adobe Regional Park; Vista. Early California food, music and dancing. Richard Duree as "El Tecolero"; Dunaj Folk Ensemble and the Living History Society will perform and lead dances of Early California.**
- 18 **Dunaj Folk Ensemble** perform traditional folk dances of Bavaria and the Tyrol. 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. at Oktoberfest Alpine Village, Torrance
- 20 **Zhena Folk Chorus** perform with Hradistan Folk Orchestra from Czech Republic. 7:00 at Wayfarers' Chapel, 5755 Palos Verdes Drive S., Rancho Palos Verdes. Info: (310) 377-7919
- 20 **Trip to Wisconsin**, join Beverly & Irwin Barr and the West L. A. Folk Dancers on this exciting destination. Info: (310) 202-6166. See OTS.
- 22 **Homecoming Party.** Narodni International Folk Dancers. Info: (714) 932-2513.
- 22,23,24,25 *Greek festival*, St. John, Las Vegas, NV. Music, dancing, food. Info: (702) 221-8245.

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— Beverly & Irwin Barr

"CAMPS REVIEW" WORKSHOP WEEKEND OCTOBER 28-29-30, 2005

It makes us all feel so good that the Camp Hess Kramer Workshop Weekend has become so popular. We intend to keep the spirit of the camp at a high. It is the wonderful combined vibes that everyone feels during the weekend. If you haven't heard about this great feel-good weekend, or you just have not had the opportunity to attend, note the date, October 28-29-30, 2005. Plan ahead and don't miss it.

The Camp Hess Kramer Institute Workshop Weekend in Malibu is a "Camps Review" workshop with excellent teaching, great parties, good food, hiking, walking, reading, visiting with old friends and meeting new folk dancers. The warm, friendly atmosphere makes this weekend so special. It brings folk dancers from many different areas and groups together, and our folk dance family grows. The dancers go home from this weekend with lots of new dances and feeling happy.

This year's teaching staff will include Beverly Barr, teaching International dances, James Hudson, teaching English Country dances and Gary Diggs, also teaching international dances. Although James has been teaching for a long time and is a very experienced teacher, we welcome him to his first time teaching at this workshop weekend.

The weekend includes your accommodations, six wonderful meals, snacks, parties, a silent auction (we always come home with a treasure), dance workshops, and dancing, dancing, dancing. The teaching will include new dances from the recent camps.

If you want more, there's hiking and/or nature walks, the ocean, reading, listening to music, and whatever else your imagination can come up with, if you find the time. A full-page flyer is in this issue of Scene. We are now accepting registrations for the weekend.

Info: call Beverly at (310) 202-6166.

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24 *Greek festival*, SS Constantine and Helen, Lancaster. Music, dancing, food. Info: (661) 945-1212.

25 **Oktoberfest, Balboa Park, San Diego.**
Federation council mtg. at 11:00 a.m. See OTS.
Info: **Bob Barckley (619) 286-0355** or
gbsham@san.rr.com.

27 *Vivar Brasil Dance Company*, 8:30 at Ford Amphitheatre, L. A. Info: (323) GO1-FORD,
www.FordAmphitheatre.org.

OCTOBER

1 *Southern California Playford Ball*. English country dance, music by Interfolk. 7:00 –11:00 at Bethany Church, Long Beach. Info: (310) 793-7499,
www.geocities.com/sbecd.

15, 16 *Orange County Ragfest*. Fullerton. Info:
www.Ragfest.com.

22 *Avalon Ball*, Avalon, Catalina Island. Full dress ball on the famous Casino Ballroom in Avalon. Dance to the music of the 20s and 30s. For information: www.avalonball.com.

27 **Halloween Party! Narodni International Folk Dancers. Wear your favorite costume. Info: (714) 932-2513.**

28–30 **Camp Hess Kramer Workshop Weekend on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Malibu. See OTS and ad on pg 13. Info: Beverly Barr (310) 202-6166.**

30 *Harvest Festival*, Rancho los Alamitos, Long Beach. International folk art fair with folk dance performances and folk artists from countries around the world.

31 **Halloween Party with the West L.A. Folk Dancers (Monday), 7:30 at Brockton School. Request program, pot luck snacks, costumes optional. See OTS. Info (310) 202-6166.**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

10/22,23 *Fresno Autumn Harvest Festival*. Institute Saturday, dancing Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. At CSUF, Barstow & Cedar Sts. Info: Fran (559) 255-4508.

11/25, 26 *Kolo Festival*, Russian Center, S. F. Ahmet Luleci, Jerry Duke, others. Live music. Info: (415) 338-1990, jcduke@sfsy.edu.

OUT OF STATE

ARIZONA

11/11–13 *Dance in the Desert*, contra dance camp. YMVCA camp, near Tucson. Info: (520) 408-6181,
dancecamp@ftm.org.

MAINE

8/13–9/5 *Mainewoods Dance Camp*. 3 one-week sessions, plus Labor Day weekend. Info: <http://www.mainewoodsdancecamp.org>.

MASSACHUSETTS

8/21–28 *Balkan Music and Dance Camp*. Berkshires. Info: (510) 549-2124.

9/3–6 *Labor Day Weekend*, English and American dance and music. At Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth. Info: sawyerp@acm.org.

NEW MEXICO

8/4–7 *New Mexico August Camp*, Yves and France Moreau, Becky Gordon. Info: mwnyman@unm.edu.

OREGON

8/25–28 *Balkanalia!*, music and dance camp. Info: (503) 234-9088, www.balkanalia.org.

WASHINGTON

8/7–14 *Ti Ti Tabor Hungarian Dance Camp*. All Saints Center; Raft Island. For information: Pat Wigney, (541) 344-8153 or pat@tititabor.org.

10/1,2 *FD Festival*, presented by Int'l Folkdancers of Richland. Joe Graziosi teaching Greek dances. Info: (509) 375-4079, rjpuigh2@aol.com.

10/22, 23 *5th Annual Turkfest*, Seattle Center.

WISCONSIN

10/28–31 *Chagigah*, Israeli Dance Camp. At Oconomowoc (near Milwaukee). Info: (847) 251-2676, PhilipbMoss@hotmail.com.

FOREIGN

BULGARIA

8/4-7 *Koprivshitsa Festival* Koprivshitsa. The largest of Bulgaria's folk festivals and only occurs every 5 years.

8/8-13 *Bulgarian Seminar*, Plovdiv. Classes in instruments, dancing, singing, culture. Info: <http://seminar.lyutichushki.com/>.

CZECH

8/6–13 *Summer Folk Dance Week*. Tabor. Classes, dance with locals, tours. Info: dvorana@mbox.vol.cz.

GREECE

11/9–13 *World Congress on Dance Research* meets in Cyprus. Info: www.cid-unesco.org.

TURKEY

9/5–10 *Kusadasi International FD Festival*. Info: www.asefolk.org/english/kusadasieng.htm.

On the Scene

VESELO HAPPENINGS FOR AUGUST

- Aug. 6 Stockton dances will be taught.
Aug. 13 **Fun For All Night**
Aug. 20 Stockton dances will be reviewed.
Aug. 27 **Nostalgia Night.**

— *Lu Perry*

NARDONI INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS

- Sept. 1 Nancy Atwood: MAICA
Sept. * Guest Teacher: Dennis Boxell.
Sept. 15 John Matthews: STARO LES NOTO.
Sept. 22 HOMECOMING PARTY
Sept. 29 Sirley Hansen: KLAYZMER (Israeli)
Oct. 6 Shirley Hansen: KLAYZMER (review).
Oct. 13 Henrietta Bemis: BAL DE JUGON (French)
and SHOW OFF YOUR LADY (mixer).
Oct. 16 Narodni's Board Meeting
Oct. 20 Henrietta Bemis BAL DE JUGON and
SHOW OFF YOUR LADY (review).
Oct. 27 HALLOWEEN PARTY
New web address: www.narodni.org

— *Shirley Hansen*

WIM BEKOORY AT PITTSBURGH CAMP

Please let your groups know **Wim Bekoory** will be teaching at Pittsburgh camp this year, Sept. 16-18. I just heard it confirmed from the camp director himself! Wim is not on tour -- he will be in the U.S. on vacation, and Pittsburgh twisted his arm....

Details when I have them. Tx

— *Bart Carpenter*

WEST L.A. FOLK DANCERS - PARTIES

Mid-Summer Party on Friday, Aug. 12, 2005

Let's have another party before the summer season is over. We love parties and we love having the folk dancers from various folk dance groups come together for our parties. Summertime is a good time to get around and visit friends.

Labor Day Folk Dance Party, Sept. 5.

Our annual Labor Day Party is expected to be the same wonderful evening as always. Partying and

dancing with good friends from near and far is the best way to top off the holiday.

Halloween Folk Dance Party - Oct. 31.

Come have a good time celebrating with us on Halloween. Maybe we won't recognize you all costumed and masked. Join us either with or without a costume. Dance and have fun.

High energy parties are planned with an "All Request Program" played by Beverly & Irwin Barr. Bring snacks or desserts for the pot-luck table. Parties begin at 7:30 p.m. and end when you get too tired to dance.

The West L.A. Folk Dancers meet every Monday and Friday evenings in W. L. A. with regular teaching and dancing your favorite dances with this very friendly group. We love having parties to celebrate all holidays and special days and have our far-away friends join us to dance.

We look forward to seeing you at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost, W.L.A. (between Barrington and Bundy, one & one half blocks north of Santa Monica Blvd.) For information call (310) 202-6166.

— *Beverly & Irwin Barr*

CAFE AMAN

Come join us at Cafe Aman on Saturday August, 13th, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. We will have some Bulgarian folk dance music provided by **Veselba Bitov**.

At Cafe Danssa; 11533 West Pico Blvd., in West LA, between Sawtelle and Barrington, on the north side of the street, upstairs. Tel: (310) 478-7866. Street parking.

WISCONSIN & MICHIGAN TRIP with the BARRS

What's in Wisconsin? That's the question and we have the answers. We took two trips to Wisconsin and one trip to Michigan ourselves to plan this very exciting trip. Wisconsin will be a surprising experience. There is more to see and enjoy than you can imagine. We saw such interesting things that we have never seen anywhere else in our travels.

We're including Michigan and Mackinac Island as an option. Then, of course, you will experience 3 of the 5 Great Lakes and the beautiful and legendary Mackinac Island, featured in many old movies. There are no motorized vehicles allowed anywhere on the island. The entire trip will be 13 days, Sept. 20 - Oct. 2, 2005.

On the Scene

You can take the Wisconsin portion (only) for 8 days, Sept. 20 - 28, 2005.

We will fly to Wisconsin and motorcoach through Wisconsin, staying 2 nights at each hotel. Driving time on the motorcoach is not more than about 1 hr. at a time. Wisconsin will surprise you. It will be a memorable trip.

In Michigan, besides Mackinac Island, we will also visit Mackinaw City, Traverse City, the Dutch city of Holland (it's just like the country of Holland), and Grand Rapids.

We have the added bonus of the fall colors at this beautiful time of year in the midwest. Of course there is always folk dancing included when you travel with Beverly and Irwin.

With so much to see, there's too much to write about. We would love to tell you about it and give you the details. Call and talk to us about it.

See the ad on page 16. Info: (310) 202-6166.

— *Beverly & Irwin Barr*

ziviLA TAMBURA, TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA

This annual Tamburitza festival will be held this year in Los Angeles. The dates are September 15-18, and it will be at the Marriott Hotel near LAX. Four days of events including instruction, dances, concerts, and a banquet. 20 orchestras will attend and will be playing simultaneously in the various meeting rooms of the hotel.

Tickets can be obtained from Fran Pehar, 2648 Mary St., La Crescenta CA 91214. Info: Tom Yeseta (818) 954-1597, zivila.tambura@earthlink.net.

DANIEL SANDU WORKSHOPS

Thank you all for your assistance with the recent **Daniela Ivanova** workshops. What Daniela is to Slavic dancing, **Daniel Sandu** is to Romanian. The guy has charisma, charm and great teaching style. He made his first U.S. appearance earlier this year and he came to my group in PA. He taught a difficult 2000-year-old Romanian men's dance, *Calus*; a gypsy dance from a Romanian-speaking village in Hungary; and a Romanian dance set to Latin (!) music, which he calls "Balkan Rhumba." Daniel is also into tap, and his repertoire includes "Hora Boogie Woogie" and "Maramures Funk." His workshops are a lot of fun, and

he teaches to all levels (including my wife's first-graders...). Highly recommended!

He will be visiting relatives in Orange County for two weeks in late October; I have offered to help book workshops for him.

He is asking \$225 for an evening workshop. For \$300 he will do afternoon/evening. Alternately he will do a workshop one week and return the following week to review. This latter approach was wildly successful with my group. We learned an incredibly difficult dance on Sunday, and having him review it on Wednesday at our regular dance night ensured its continuity in our repertoire.

Daniel will be in a rental car and does not need hospitality, greatly simplifying logistics. If you can put together a series of contiguous workshops, I'm sure he'd be open to negotiation. Please feel free to contact me for additional information at (717) 234-3844 (Eastern time)

— *Bart Carpenter*

SAN DIEGO OKTOBERFEST

The San Diego Oktoberfest Dance Festival will be held on September 24 & 25. On Saturday from 12:30-4:30 a 'learn to dance' workshop in Recital Hall. Sunday will be the dance festival from 12:30 - 5:00 dancing, exhibitions by Lindy Hoppers and young Polish/Hungarian dancers, vendors, food, drinks, singing.

Federation Council meeting will be at 11 a.m. Info: Bob Barckley (619) 286-0355 or gbsham@san.rr.com, or look on the website for a downloadable flyer:

www.hofshi.net/idasdc/#events

Thanks!

— *Georgia Sham*

CRUISE WITH BEVERLY & IRWIN BARR

We are doing it again, Nov. 7 - 11, 2005 (Monday - Friday). A repeat of our wonderful four night folk dancing cruise on the same ship as last year, the Paradise Cruise Ship, leaving from Long Beach, again at a fabulous discounted price. This is the third consecutive year that we are taking this 4 night cruise. It is so popular because we dance a lot on board. Folk dancers love it.

It is very important that you send your deposit in early. We have a block of cabins at a discounted price