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President's Message

I don't know how many of you are aware of the time and effort involved in putting out the monthly Let's Dance Magazine. Some may not be aware that our Editor has to forecast events two months in advance. Problems arise in any publication so at this time I wish to apologize for the that appeared in November's issue. Somehow incorrect Calendar of Events and Council Clips pages were sent to our layout artist. (Oh, aren't computers great?) Regardless, I apologize for those errors.

Now I want to say, realizing that I'm late in doing so, how really upset I was about the recent terrorist attacks in New York and on the Pentagon. Just realizing that someone could gain entrance into our airports and planes to cause such terror is almost beyond belief. I know now that we really have to watch our backs in this regard. Being a veteran of the so-called Korean Conflict, I am truly disgusted with what has happened. I know many of you have done whatever you could to help with money, blood donations, or whatever else, to help in this effort. As Federation/North President, I would like to suggest that the Federation considers contributing some small financial help to aid in the process of getting people in New York back on their feet and I need your help in this matter. I believe that whatever we feel we are capable of doing, can and will, help those in need. If this seems like something folk dancers would like to do, please ask your club representative to make those wishes known to the Federation.

At this time I would like to thank those who attended the Federation's "Welcome to World Dance" that was held on October 7 in Sacramento. A special thanks goes to Drew Herzig, who was the Chairman of this event, and who taught many dances to the 84 people who came. Thanks also to Kolo Koalition, who provided the tasty goodies; to Irene Oxford for the decorations and her husband, Jim, for doing what was necessary in preparing coffee and setting up. Thanks goes to Toba Goddard for making up the flyers for this event, for contacting people, and her help at the front table welcoming people. Thank you to the Sacramento International Folk Dance and Arts Council for all the help they provided and for supporting this event. To all of you who helped by putting away chairs, tables, sweeping the floor and cleaning the kitchen I give you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I am grateful to you, the general public, who came, danced, and made this a memorable experience. Thank You. I hope to see you at one of our many dances. Come and join in the fun.

Greg Mitchell

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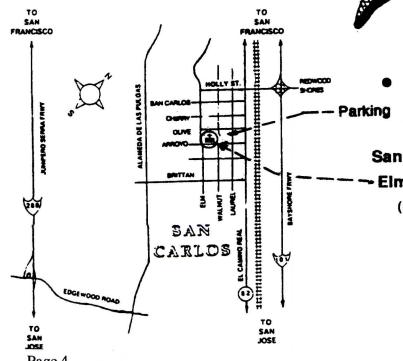
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Let's Dance, December 2001

CALLING ALL DANCERS!

Save Jan. 11 & 12, 2002

The Peninsula Folk Dance Council invites you to the annual Heritage Festival (the first festival of the new year). Come and enjoy a fast paced Friday night dance party, starting at 7:45 pm, with Marcel Vinokur as host! Come back on Saturday afternoon for an institute, starting at 1:30 pm, with Jennifer Kelly teaching Scottish dances and Suzanne Rocca-Butler teaching Bulgarian dances! Saturday night, starting at 8:00 pm, there will be another dance party featuring an exhibition by the Red Thistle Scottish Dancers. Refreshments will be available on both Friday and Saturday nights.

This year the theme is honoring our **Scottish** heritage. All events will take place at the Community United Church of Christ, Elm at Arroyo, in San Carlos. There is plenty of parking space behind the church. Plan to join us for a fun filled weekend! We, of the Peninsula Council, extend a warm welcome to you.

Arden Pierce, Peninsula Council President

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Send <u>future</u> upcoming events information to Manuel Castaneda, 3911 Winding Creek Road, Sacramento, California 95864, (916) 487-7759, email: <u>CarmelitaWCarm@aol.com</u>

Deadline for January 2002 issue is November 1, 2001

Plan ahead! Save these dates for upcoming events:

December 2, 2001 Treasurer's Ball. Veterans Bldg., 126 St. West, Sonoma. Council Presidents

Meeting; Assembly Meeting; General Folk Dancing. Contact Page Masson,

707-833-4181.

January 11-12, 2002 Heritage Festival. Community United Church, 1336 Arroyo Ave., San Carlos.

Friday Night Dancing: 7:45-11:00. Institute Saturday: 1:00-4:30. Saturday

Evening Party: 8:00-11:00. Contact Arden Pierce at 650-494-1631.

COUNCIL CLUB PARTIES

Redwood Council

4th Saturday Party Napa Valley Folk Dancers Party. Grandview Mobilehome

Park Clubhouse, Napa; CA 94558 Telephone contact 707-258-0519. Classes Every Tues, 9:45-11:45 AM; Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 AM.

Fri., 10:30-AM-1:00 PM.

Petaluma Int'l. Folk Dancers - Hermann & Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave. Petaluma, CA. 94952

2001 Schedule: Every Wednesday. Christmas Party December 15.

Santa Rosa Folk Dancers Class - Wednesdays, Willowside Hall, 5299 Hall Road, Santa Rosa, CA.

Class Nights: 2-4:00 PM., Dec. 5,12.

Party Date: December 19. Telephone contact 707-546-8877

Novato Folk Dancers Class - Lynwood School, 1320 Lynwood Drive, Novato, CA. Contact:

415-892-9405, 8:00-10:00 PM.

San Francisco Council Changs International Folk Dancers, Inc.

Meets the first four Fridays of each month at the Social Hall.

7th Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Avenue San Francisco, CA.

Contact Sidney Messer at 415-332-1020.

December 7 & 14 Changs International Folk Dancers

Teaching Night: Stela McCoy & Craig Blackstone. 8:00-9:30 PM.

General Dancing: 9:30-10:30 PM.

December 21 Changs International Folk Dancers

"Christmas Party." General Dancing and Refreshments: 8:00-11:00 PM.

Program Planners: Joel & Barbara Bruxvoort

December 28 Changs International Folk Dancers. Will be closed for the holidays.

Mandala Folk Dance Center

Every Thursday at St. Paul's Church Hall, 43rd & Judah, San Francisco, 7:30-8:15 PM. Request dancing, 8:15-9:00 PM. Intermediate teaching from 9:00-9:45 PM. Request dancing from 9:45-11:00 PM. First and last Thursdays are always Party Nights. Contact Edith or Paul at 414-648-8489.

Peninsula Council

December 1 Palomanians FD - First Methodist Church, Broadway at Brewster

Street, Redwood City. Contact Denise Heenan 408-249-6104.

December 14 Santa Clara Valley FD - First Christian Church, 80 South 5th St.,

San Jose, CA. Contact Maxine Burnham 408-739-0500.

December 15 Menlo Park FD - Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma at Mielke,

Menlo Park. Contact Marcel Vinoku, 650-368-7834.

December 31 Council New Year's Eve Party. Community United Church, Arroyo at

Elm Streets, San Carlos. Contact Al Lisin, 408-252-8106.

December 31 Menlo Park FD - New Year's Eve Party, Menlo Park Recreation Center,

700 Alma at Mielke, Menlo Park. Contact Marcel Vinokur, 650-368-7834.

Sacramento Council

Selective Saturdays Balliamo! Sierra Two Community Center, 24th St. and 4th Ave.

Contact Doris Beckert, 916-482-8674.

Most First Saturdays El Dorado Scandinavian Dancers. 3100 Ponderosa Road,

Shingle Springs, CA. 2:30-4:30 PM. Workshop; 7-11:00 PM. Party. (Live Music). Contact Marida Martin, 530-672-2926.

First Saturdays Reno Folk Dancers: Studio 214, 214 California Ave.,

Reno, Nevada. Contact Penney Ohnstad at 775-358-6762.

First Saturdays Kolo Koalition Party Nights. Contact Laura Leonelli at 915-739-6014. YLI

Hall. Regular Classes: Wednesdays, YLI Hall, 7:30 PM.

December 8 Pairs & Spares. Christmas Party Theme: Reindeer Capers. Dancing:

7:30-11:00. Class most Thursdays. 7:00-9:00 PM. Contact Chuck

Paulsen at 916-428-6992.

December 31 First & Last Dancers. New Year's Dinner Dance and all-night party.

7:30-??? Need reservations. Theme: Mystic Ball. Valley Oaks Grange,

5th D Sts., Galt. Contact Eda Scheuffele at 916-682-2638.

Fall 2001 BBKM. YLI Hall, 27th & N Streets. Meets 3rd Saturday of the month.

8:00 PM - ???. Contact Barbara Bevan at 916-923-1555.

Fall 2001 Sacramento Cape Breton Step Dancers. St. Francis School Lunchroom,

2500 K St. Class: first Sunday. of the month & third Saturday. Contact Gail

Erwin, 209-745-9063.

Fall 2001 Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, YLI Hall, 27th & N Streets. Contact

Carol La Russa, 530-753-7567.

Fall 2001 Nevada Co. Folk Dancers. 7:30 PM. Methodist Church, Nevada City.

For information on dates Contact Dave Unterman, 530-272-2149.

All classes are held at Live Oak Park Recreation Center at 1301 Shattuck Ave., **Berkeley Folk Dancers** Berkeley, CA 7:45-10:00 PM. Contact Naomi Lidicker, 510-524-2871.

Evening of Live Music. International dance program featuring David Strong, December 14 fiddle. Live Oak Recreation Center. \$5 - BFD Members; \$7 - non-members.

Contact Marianne Frey, 510-527-6488.

Berkeley Folk Dancers New Year's Party. Live Oak Park Recreation December 31

Center, 9:00 PM - Midnight. Refreshments. Contact Ed Malmstrom at

510-526-8413.

Club Weekly Class Schedules

Mondays Tuesdays

Advanced

Beginners Level Claire & Al George 510-841-1205 Lone Coleman & Mark Anderson Louise & Bill Lidicker 510-528-9168

Wednesdays **Thursdays**

Advanced/Int. Intermediate

Norm Gelbart & Yaqi Zhang

510-525-0174

Fridays

Request Nights 7:45-10:30 PM

Napa Valley Folk Dancers. Grandview Mobilehome Park Clubhouse, **Fall 2001**

4130 Byway East, Napa 94558. Contact Frank & Elsa Bacher, 707-546-8877.

Novato Class. 1320 Lynwood Dr., Novato. Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 PM. Fall 2001

Contact Anne Arend, 415-892-9405.

Fall 2001 Santa Rosa Folk Dancers. Veterans Memorial Bldg., Maple Ave.,

Santa Rosa. North Room, 2:00-4:00 PM. Contact the Bachers.

Fall 2001 Petaluma Folk Dancers. Herman & Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave.,

Petaluma 94952. Contact the Bachers.

Fresno Folk Dance Council Activities 2001

December 31 New Year's Party - Lafayette Social Hall.

Where to Dance in Fresno

Tuesdays Fresno Danish Dancers Clovis Senior Center.

> 6:30-9:00 PM. Contact Wilma Anderson, 559-292-3176. Central Valley-CAFY, Lafayette Center. Preston St., West of Blackstone. Contact Fran Ajoian, 559-255-4508.

McTeggert Irish Dancers, Beginners. 5:30-6:30 PM. Wednesdays

Intermediate & Advanced. 7-8:00 PM. Contact Maureen

Hall, 559-271-5200.

Fresno International Folk Dancers. Pinedale Senior Center Saturdays

Contact Kent Peterson, 559-226-5010.

For information on other Federation activities call 510-558-6862

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Syrto Kofto
Greece (Thessaly, Epiros, Peloponisos)

Syrto Kofto (seer-TOH koff-TOH) is a variation of Syrto, the most common dance in Greece. It is very old, identified in the works of ancient writers like Homer. Syrto is characterized by variations in rhythm, pattern, and style, both individual and regional. The form described here is popular in Thessaly, Epiros and the Peloponisos. The Kalamatiano rhythm has a distinctive leaping (pidikto) style, in contrast with the more common Syrto (dragging) with a sedate gliding. The kofto (cut) form is characterized by a short pause in the musical phrase. Both dramatic and playful, it encourages variations. The dance, with many variations, was taught by Athan Karras at Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2001.

Music:

CD: Athan Karras - The Spirit of Greek Dance, Band 1

Cassette: John Pappas - Elliniki Hori, Side A/5.

Rhythm:

meter = 7/8 = 3/8 + 2/8 + 2/8 = SQQ; counted here as 1, 2, 3.

Formation:

Mixed open circle facing center, hands joined in W-pos. Leader is on the right end.

Styling:

Lively.

Measures

7/8 meter

PATTERN

INTRODUCTION. Begin dance at the choice of the leader

I. BASIC SYRTO STEP

- Moving in LOD, step on R to R (ct 1); step on L behind R (ct 2); step on R to R (ct 3). 1
- Turning to face LOD, step fwd on L (ct 1); step fwd on R (ct 2); step fwd on L (ct 3). 2
- Facing ctr, step on R to R (ct 1); step on L across in front of R (ct 2); step on R in place (ct 3). 3
- Step on L to L (ct 1); step on R across in front of L (ct 2); step on L in place (ct 3). 4

II. KOFTO STEP.

- Repeat Fig. I, meas 1-3. 1
- Jump in RLOD onto both ft (ct 1); hold (cts 2-3). 4 Dancers indicate 'kofto' by raising arms slightly; they may shout "Yassou."

III. GYRISMA (turn to left - CCW)

- Repeat Fig. I, meas 1-3. 1 - 3
- Release hand hold and turn once CCW in place (L,R,L) (cts $\underline{1},2,3$). 4
 - IV. GYRISMA DEXIA (double turn to right CW)
- Repeat Fig. I, meas 1. 1
- Release hand hold and turn twice CW while moving in LOD (L,R,L,R,L,R) (cts 1,2,3,1,2,3). 2 - 3
- Resume handhold and repeat Fig. I, meas 4. 4

IV. KATO (squat down)

- 1 Repeat Fig. I, meas 1.
- Facing LOD, bring L to R, sharing wt, and squat (ct 1); rise and step fwd R, L (cts 2-3).
- Turning to face ctr, close R beside L and squat (ct 1); rise and step on L across in front of R (ct 2); step on R in place (ct 3).
- 4 Repeat Fig. I, meas 4.

V. PSALIDI (scissors step)

- 1-2 Repeat Fig. I, meas 1-2.
- Step on R to R, kicking straight L leg fwd across in front of R (ct <u>1</u>); repeat ct <u>1</u> with opp ftwk and direction (ct 2); repeat ct <u>1</u> (ct 3).
- 4 Repeat meas 3 with opp ftwk and direction.

VI. PSALIDI PIDIMA (scissors leap step)

- 1-2 Repeat Fig. I, meas 1-2.
- Facing ctr, leap onto R to R, kicking L across in front of R (ct 1); leap onto L to L, raising R leg fwd with knee bent (ct 2); leap onto R in front of L (ct 3).
- Leap bkwd onto L, raising R leg fwd (ct 1); hop twice on L, R still raised fwd (cts 2-3).

SEQUENCE: The music includes 14 eight measure phrases ending in kofto. Karras danced the Syrto twice during each phrase - the first was Fig. I or a variation (Figs. III-VI); the second was always Fig. II. (Kofto); each pair was danced twice. His overall sequence was:

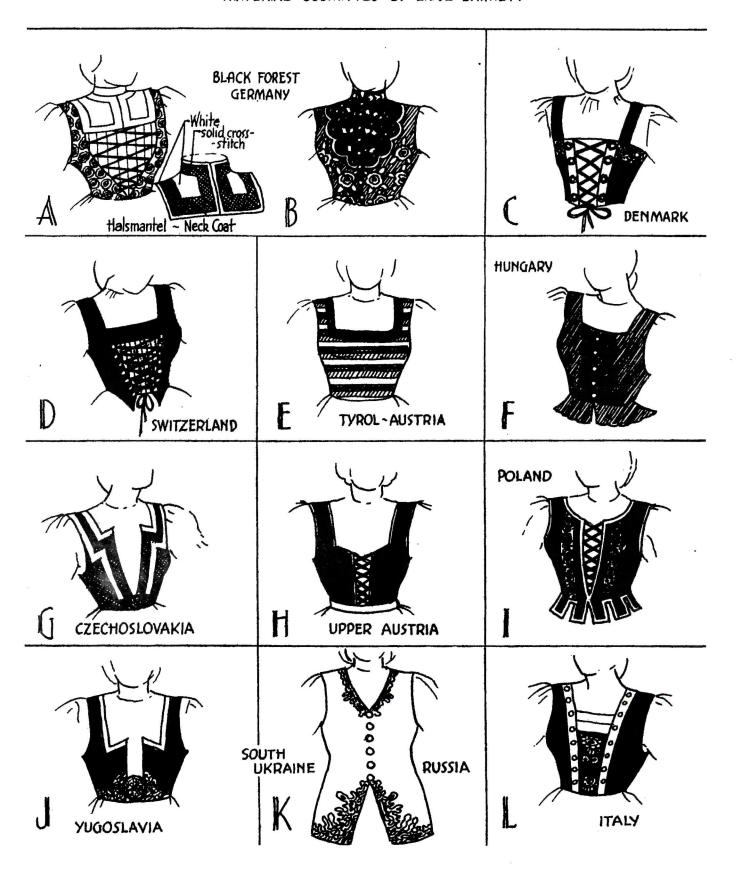
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Women's European Bodices Men's Peasant Costumes

Irene Oxford, Sacramento, recently brought me a copy of the 1949 Yearbook Issue of Let's Dance and suggested that I might want to recycle some drawings of women's bodices and men's peasant costumes that ran in that issue. Liesl Barnett and E. Elsocht submitted the material. Hopefully, these pictures might help those who want to add to their folk dance costumes. Thanks, Irene, for bringing this material to our attention.

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BERKELEY FOLK DANCERS

Naomi Lidicker reports the following: The first evenings of live music were such a success we are featuring the third one on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 PM, at Live Oak Park Recreation Center, Shattuck at Berryman. David Strong, fiddler, and Charlie Hancock, accordionist, will play international dance music for everyone's pleasure. Please join us. BFD members: \$5.00; non-members: \$7.00.

The annual New Year's Eve Party will, of course, be Monday, December 31. It's a wonderful, warm way to see the old year out and welcome the new year in with friends, family and dance. Join us from 9:00 PM to midnight at the Live Oak Park Recreation Center, Shattuck at Berryman. The donation for BFD members is \$5.00. For non-members the donation is \$7.00.

Coming in January 2002, will be BFD's Inaugural Ball. Save the date. The time is 7:30 PM. Advanced reservations are required. Watch for further information in the January 2002 Let's Dance Magazine.

PENINSULA COUNCIL

Arleen Marshall reports the following: The 60th anniversary of the Docey Doe Folkdance Club was celebrated on October 27, 2001. The theme of the party, beside the anniversary, was OCTOBERFEST. As usual, everyone who had German costumes were them.

Docey Doe Folkdancers recently lost a long-time member and good friend, Bob Edwards. He is survived by his lovely wife, Marthe Edwards. They were married 62 years.

SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE & ARTS COUNCIL

Sacramento continues to be very active. The Federation held a beginners festival, **Welcome to World Dance**, in Sacramento this past October which was very well attended. Thank you, Sacramento Council, for your support as well as to everyone who attended and enjoyed the "world-wide dances" taught by our very capable Drew Herzig. Thanks to Federation President Greg Mitchell for laying the groundwork needed for this event.

Plans are going strong for our annual New Year's Potluck and Dance to be held on January 6, 2002. Watch for further details.

Bruce Mitchell, Statewide 2002 Chairman, continues plans for **Statewide 2002 – Gold Country Festival**, which will be held in Rocklin, on May 17, 18 & 19, 2002. All indications are that this will be a very special Statewide and we hope all of you will attend. Watch for further information in future Let's Dance Magazine issues.

Happy Holidays from Sacramento!

NADINE MITCHELL

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Now that the Folk Dance Federation has activated the Scholarship Committee we must move on to the next phase which is funding.

At a recent meeting of the Folk Dance Federation the Executive Board, a scholarship fund was established.

The interest earned from some of the Folk Dance Federation savings accounts will go to the scholarship fund along with any donation up to one hundred dollars. With the decline in interest rates, the interest income will fall short of our goal to award two one-half scholarships to the Stockton Folk Dance Camp. If this is a program that you have been waiting for you might consider a donation to the scholarship fund.

Make checks payable to the Folk Dance Federation and mail them to: P. O. Box 789, Kenwood, California 95452.

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I wish to apologize to all the associate members and subscribers of Let's Dance Magazine for the errors that appeared in the November 2001 issue. The October Calendar of Events appeared again instead of the correct November entry. Even more embarrassing and confusing was the Council Clips segment, which was a year old. I can understand how the Calendar was missent but can't offer any explanation for a repeated article from 13 months ago. I can't even find it in my file listings. Regardless of all that, it is my mistake as it happened on my watch and I take full responsibility for it. I will do my best to see this doesn't happen again.

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Holiday Recipes-

In honor of the upcoming holidays, here are a few favorite recipes for entertaining from the cookbook "Cooking With An International Flavor" published by the Folk Dance Federation. Enjoy!

Champagne Punch

6 oz fresh lemon juice

6 oz fresh orange juice

6 oz frozen lemonade

1 fifth Southern Comfort

1 qt 7-Up

2 qt champagne

1 at club soda

Red food coloring

Mix all together in a large punch bowl with ice.

Dump Cake

In a 9" x 13" pan, dump one large can crushed pineapple. Over this, dump one can cherry pie filling spread evenly. Over this, dump one package yellow cake mix - dry. Melt 1/2 cup butter or margarine and drizzle over the cake mix. Top with chopped nuts of any sort and bake until fruit bubbles up through cake mix, and top is nice and brown. Very rich! Serve in 2 inch squares.

Pumpkin Pie

1 cup pumpkin

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1 cup canned milk

1 or 2 tablespoon melted butter

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 tablespoon flour

dash salt

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ginger

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix all together and pour into 9-inch unbaked pie shell. Bake 1 hour in a slow oven until done in center.

Crab or Shrimp Mold

2 3-oz packages cream cheese

1 7-oz can crab or shrimp

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 Knox gelatine, dissolved in 3 tablespoon water

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup mayonnaise

3/4 teaspoon Lawry's salt

Dash of garlic salt

Heat soup, add dissolved gelatine. Add cream cheese, stirring until melted. Cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients. Put into mold and refrigerate. Serve with crackers or raw veggies.

Banana Nut Bread

1-1/2 cups mashed bananas

1 heaping teaspoon honey

1/4 cup oil

1 egg, beaten

1 teaspoon almond extract

1 cup wheat flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Place bananas in a mixing bowl. Stir in honey. Add oil, egg and extract. Stir. Sift dry ingredients together and stir into banana mixture. Add nuts. Pour into a greased, floured pan and bake at 350 for about 40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

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