

COLUMBUS FOLK DANCERS NEWSLETTER

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30 W. WOODRUFF

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Wednesdays, 7:30-10:00

NEWS AND NOTES.....

CFD and many in the wider dance community, in fact, were pleased when Lea Anne Sonenstein and Tom Kangas announced their engagement in mid-October. Wedding plans are not definite as yet.

At the International Festival the Recreational Folk Dancers of Columbus booth was awarded 1st place in the Education category. CFD members involved in planning and executing the background display were, Suzanne Rizer, Laurel Tigner, and Ann Kangas. The accompanying DVD showing 3 vignettes each of the 8 Rec Folk groups was the painstaking work of Chris Gecik and Lea Anne Sonenstein editing the filming done by Lea Anne and Ann over the last 2 years. In the West Hall Leslie Scott, Chris Gecik, Ann Kangas, Betty and Richard Searles performed a few dances on stage before inviting the audience to participate in other dances.

CFD participated in NBC4 Health & Fitness held in the Convention Center on Sunday, October 23. Dancing continued even at the end of the assigned time slot when there was no group following. Various costumed mascots though few other attendees joined in.

Right: Joan Moore stands by what could be CFD's mascot — but is really "Sparky" for the Columbus Fire Dept.



Shown below are: Alburj Rahman, Sultana Nahar, Joan Moore, The NBC Peacock and Leslie Scott. Not pictured



are Bill Stewart, and Ann Kangas.

NEWS AND NOTES.....continued

The total of the charitable donations raised for the evening with Daniel Sandu comes to just over \$750. This calculation includes an amount for the Salvation Army and opportunities which Chris and others found to double a donated amount going to the Red Cross.

The International Festival celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The first one — then called United Nations Day — was Oct. 24, 1955. Included in the program was a brief history of the festival. I skimmed it to see what I could learn of the participation by the groups who now form RFDC as recorded in this synopsis.

1956 "Folk dancing was enjoyed."

1958 "Entertainment was held throughout the day and included ...Israeli Dancers from the Hillel Foundation..."

1962 "Entertainment includedThe Whetstone and Columbus Folk Dancers..."

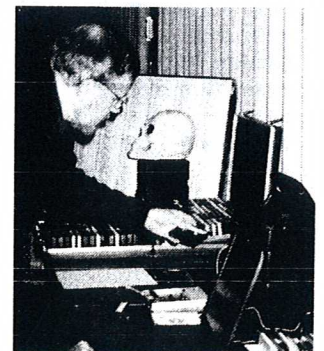
1964 "Ellen Hartman and Margaret Schwab served as Entertainment Chairpersons." Ellen was a charter member and leader of Whetstone Folk Dancers. Margaret was a CFD mainstay for many years. Ellen's name continues to appear through 1990.

1974 "Mimi Chenfeld, Bill Stewart...performed. Betty Shaw took charge of the Folk Festival..." Betty's name appears several times through 1981 and Mim's through 2000.

1979 "Entertainment was arranged by Elizabeth Hartman Distelhorst..." Elizabeth, better known to us as Betsy was Ellen's daughter, very active in Whetstone and at one time President of CFD.

1990 "...Scotland.....Welsh dancers performed."

2000 "....Joan Moore provide exciting projects for the Children."



Bob Snider MCs the Halloween party,

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call the City Police (614-645-4545) not OSU. Phone number is also shown on upper right corner of our Dry-Erase easel (where we write the list of dances) and on our request list. Ask someone to use a cell phone as phones are not easily available in the church.

In case of snow — or weather emergency. If Columbus declares a Level 2 (or 3) emergency or if OSU cancels classes on a Wed. evening CFD is automatically cancelled. If in doubt call 261-7181 for a voice mail message.