

COLUMBUS FOLK DANCERS NEWSLETTER

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NEWS AND NOTES

Our NC correspondent, John Shaw, writes on Nov 2 that he received a card from the English dancers with the names of those attending the Country Dance Weekend. "I would have enjoyed being there." He has enjoyed reading our newsletter and seeing who was MCing and asks, "Do you still find time to do a longways dance or some couple dances?" Jennifer and he drove out into the NC countryside on a 70° Saturday when the trees had turned color there. "I have seen a number of doctors. None of them, unfortunately have come up with a cure for my back pain or a method of getting me walking unaided. I do feel well, am eating OK and getting heartily tired of hearing about 'Kush/Berry' Keep on dancing."

And on Nov 12 John sent a newspaper list of the participatory dance groups in Durham, NC. Thirteen groups or events are listed: English Country Dance 1, Square Dance 1. Contra dancing 1, Shag dancing 1, Tango 3, Swing 1, Ballroom/Waltz 3 (one of these dances is held in the International Ballroom), a Harvest Ball (\$35 per couple and BYOB) and a fund-raiser swing dance and dinner (\$20 per couple) sponsored by the Band Boosters. An interesting window on another college town.

Former CFD members, Marko and Craig Packard will be in Columbus for Winter WarmUp. Marko is one of the featured musicians playing for that event and Craig, who frequently comes to Columbus takes this opportunity to be here also.

CFD adds its congratulations to Miami Valley folk dancer, Louise Van Vliet, who was chosen to receive the "Alumni Assoc. Effective Educator Award" at Miami University this year. Carole Pappas (MVFD) wrote that, each year the university polls the alumni who graduated from Miami five years earlier to recognize the faculty member who has had the biggest impact on their life. Now retired, Louise was an aphasiologist working with speech and hearing disorders; stroke patients were a specialty. Carole adds that in addition to teaching speech and hearing majors she sometimes taught honors music, multi-cultural diversity, and honors Ohio history. Several summers she worked in Slovakia with students and with stroke patients. In fact she had been a Fullbright scholar there.

On the weekend of Nov 6-7, which was the weekend of the International Festival here, the Croatian dance festival was held in Chicago. Columbus' Selo performed there including CFD members Leslie Scott, Lea Anne Sonenstein, Tom Kangas, Susie Petrak, Suzanne Rizer and Tom Hixon

NEWS AND NOTES.....continued

It is news only to our most distant readers that Ann Kangas was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy on Oct. 23. She went home from Riverside on the 29th and is pretty much back to speed — was at dancing the last two weeks but missed the Hallowe'en party. Everyone reported that Bob did his usual unusual job of MCing that night. Pictures from the Hallowe'en party, here, are courtesy of Suzanne Rizer.



Mixed Bag plays. L to R. Leslie Scott, Tina Gehrres, Kevin O'Neill, Suzanne Rizer, Stan Gehrres, Kathy O'Neill. Featured in front are Avery Buchieri and Henry Kangas.



Sultana's son, Alburuj, played an impromptu solo.



What is Hallowe'en without costumes? L to R: Henry Kangas, Mr. Bones, Avery Buchieri, Swea Kumlein, and the ghost of Shoshi Sonham.



Three generations participate. L to R: Avery Buchieri, Tom Hixon, Suzanne Rizer and Heather Buchieri.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call the City Police not OSU. Phone number is 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 OSU cancels classes on a Wed. evening CFD is automatically cancelled. If OSU is open it depends on Leslie being able to get to the church to open up.