

COLUMBUS FOLK DANCERS NEWSLETTER

September 25, 2013

Summit United Methodist
16th Ave. & Waldeck
Wednesdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.

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Guests: 1st visit free. Thereafter, \$3 a night

WED Sept 25. Marcela Amaya.
Teaching: Informal

WED Oct 2. Ann Kangas.
Teaching: Informal

WED Oct 9. Leslie Scott
Teaching: Informal

WED Oct 16. Sultana Nahar
Teaching: Informal

WED Oct 23. Marilyn Chambers, MC.
We celebrate Bill Stewart's
90th Birthday!!
Teaching: Informal



Bill celebrating his
85th in 2008



WHY DID SULTANA GO TO INDIA?

In early September she told us with pride and excitement that she had been chosen to be part of the OSU-India joint program to plan for setting up STEM schools in India.

A little background here helps us to understand the full impact of her announcement and her excitement. In 2009 President Obama and Prime Minister Singh agreed to collaborate on building an enhanced India-US partnership in Education. Eight US Universities were asked to focus on specific educational aspects.

OSU's project is partnered with the Aligarh Muslim University with the Project Title: "The STEM Faculty Project: Training the Next Generation of STEM Faculty at Higher Education Institutions in India."

STEM, meaning Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, has become a focus of many school systems in this country with several increasingly noted in the Columbus area. In fact Sultana's son, Alburuj, graduated from METRO, which is one of, if not the first, STEM high schools in the Columbus area.

India is planning for its future and the future of 600 million young people under the age of 25 now and into the 21st century by planning to build over 50,000 new colleges and institutions of higher education.

Since this is the start of the joint program, Sultana and the other partnership delegates are specifically asked "to launch a pilot project to train graduate students as world-class faculty in STEM subjects." and "it is recognized that continual involvement by STEM faculty in advanced scientific research is essential to this endeavor."

It is humbling to realize that our friendly and always smiling Sultana, who is an active leader in our International folkdance group and who particularly enjoys some of our most vigorous dances has such a role on the world's stage. We are very glad that she is a part of our "village".

WED Oct 30. Halloween Party!!! Barb Molonson.
Bring incr-edible food to share, wear something to scare if you dare, but come anyway, we don't care. And Mixed Bag will scare up some music for us — ghostly, perhaps, but not ghostly.

Teaching: Only the Phantom knows — be there or be-ware.

FRI Oct 25. Committee meeting 7:30 at Marilyn's

WED Nov 6. Chris Gecik
Teaching: 7:30-9:00 Class Week #1: World Tour of Dances
9:00-10:00 regular dance program

WED Nov 13. Marcela Amaya
Teaching: 7:30-9:00 Class Week #2: World Tour of Dances
9:00-10:00 regular dance program

WED Nov 20. Ann Kangas.
Teaching: Informal

WED Nov 27. Leslie Scott
Teaching: Informal



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