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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Are we hot enough yet? We surely have some "hot" dancers gliding their feet across Kellner these days. It is wonderful to see you dancing so well. So many of you continue to improve your

skills and inspire the rest of us to try and do the same. I'm constantly running into people and hearing about the lessons they are taking or the dance camps they have been to. Some of you will have an opportunity to see some new choreographed routines at our Anniversary Ball on June 27th. I'll tell the rest of you all about them on the web page after the event, but right now this has to go to "press."

There will be no board meetings for Spirit of Citrus until September, so if you have pressing concerns that you think I should deal with before then, just call or email me about them. I'll see what I can do to improve the situation.

I know a lot of you are concerned about the heat at Kellner. Last dance, Jack went early to turn on the air so that it would have a chance to cool down before you all started to arrive, and I do think it helped. It is often well over 90 in there when we first go in, quite a challenge for any air conditioner. One thing that would help a lot is when you arrive, open and close the door as quickly as you can! I can still hear my mother in my ear admonishing me with, "In or out, I'm not heating the outdoors!" In Illinois, you worry about heating the outdoors; here we are wrapped up in not cooling it artificially. So, just scoot on in, and form your line to buy your tickets inside. Thanks a bundle. All your dance friends will be thanking you too.

Before you know it, it will be time to begin thinking of themes for the 2010 year of dance. While it is impossible to have much of a meaningful meeting with all of the 85 members of Spirit of Citrus, we do need your input on these themes. Some questions to think about are:

- Should we have more or less "dress up" type dances, either with themed clothing or special outfits?
- How do you feel about themed music, like we had for USO, or will have for Hot Latin Nights?
- Should we have more "dish to pass" or less of them?
- What do you think of the birthday dances?
- Should we have more or less exhibition dances?

While I realize I could presume that if we hear nothing from you, it means all is fine and you want more of the same as we have been having. This, however, is dangerous, as those who have a firm opinion or "ax to grind" will make their ideas known (as they should!). Consequently, if those are the only ones we hear from, we begin to presume that is how everyone feels. This may or may not be accurate. Therefore, please make your ideas known to us, either by email, phone calls, or just the old-fashioned way by talking to us at the dance. Remember, squeaky wheels tend to get the oil.

A little reminder: if you are aware of a member who has been ill or has had some surgery, please find out from them if it is okay to share the information, and then let me

know. I then can let all everyone know and arrange to have a card sent to a friend who could use some words of encouragement.

Thank you to all of you who have been so supportive of our chapter. Some of you are so faithful in attending; I feel we should begin giving out gold stars to those who are always there. I'm laughing now, knowing you are all rolling your eyes at the former educator. Seriously, you are a wonderful group, and I enjoy doing what I can for you. Spirit has a great team of workers, so all I have to do is just let them do their thing. As my father said, soon after he said, "Hit the deck", "Carry on".

Barb



DANCE PARTIES IN REVIEW

Since our last newsletter, we have enjoyed some entertaining events. Our USO dance had attendees enjoying special treats, as well as, music from the 40's compiled by Bill Dimmitt. We were even treated to a special appearance by "Andrew and his Sisters" performing *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*.

Heidi and Steve entertained us with a Two-Step routine at our Country Dance. How Heidi kept from getting dizzy doing all those turns, we'll never know.



Special Appearance - *Andrew and his Sisters*



Dancing put a smile on the face of our attending Veterans

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Of Special



Join us in welcoming our newest members – VIC & MARSHA JAMNIK



Dance Spree

The Sprit of Citrus was represented at the **All Florida Dance Spree** in May by ten of our members. Those in attendance were: Young & Youngja C., Deborah I., Donna K., Barb & Jack K., Steve S., Joana S. and Lloyd & Kathy C.. We proudly marched in the parade of chapters carrying our banner and sporting our red chapter shirts. **We won the team match!** Participants were: Barb & Jack - Cha Cha; Jack & Deb - Fox Trot; Steve & Joana – Waltz; and Steve & Kathy - Swing. **Workshops were taught by Pat Inscore Laaski and Butch Phillips. There were vendors** with lots of dance shoes, clothes and accessories. It was so nice for all of us to be able to sit together at our VIP table in the ballroom. These tables are a great idea! The floor was in wonderful shape and the rooms even had “sleep number” beds! We danced our little feet off and had a great time. Check out www.socdancer.org for some great photos!!! The Dance Spree in 2010 will be in February – hope you can join us.

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*Dancing Made
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July 11th



"Beach Ball" - Enjoy a fun-filled night of dancing at the beach. Wear your favorite summer attire. Music by Bill Dimmitt

August 22nd

"Hot August Nights/Latin Dance" - Join us for a trip South of the Border. Tonight we'll put a little more emphasis on Latin tunes. Brush up on your Cha Cha and Salsa and get ready for a night that's so HOT HOT HOT. Music by Butch Phillips.



Coming in September

September 26th



"Dance at the Mall" It's that time of year again. Join us in showing Citrus County how fun dancing is at our FREE dance at the Crystal River Mall. 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Music by Butch Phillips

"Dancing Lifts the Spirit," so join us at these upcoming special events. We look forward to seeing you there.



-Debbie

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!!!!!!

**Spirit of Citrus
July - August
Dance Schedule**

July 11th - "Beach Ball" - Music by Bill Dimmitt

July 25th - Birthday Dance - Music by Butch Phillips - Complimentary Cake will be served.

August 8th - Birthday Dance - Music by Bill Dimmitt - Complimentary Cake will be served.

August 22nd - "Hot August Nights/Latin Dance" - Music by Butch Phillips

September 5th - Birthday Dance - Music by Bill Dimmitt - Complimentary Cake will be served.

September 19th - NO DANCE

September 26th - Free "Dance at the Mall" - Crystal River Mall - 1:00 - 4:00 pm - Music by Butch Phillips

Our dances are held at the Kellner Auditorium, Beverly Hills Jewish Center. Admission: \$5 members, \$7 non-members. A complimentary dance lesson will be given at 7:00. Open dancing is from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Ice and coffee provided.

More local dance opportunities -

July 18th and August 1st, 15th & 29th

7:30 pm - 10:00 am - Admission: \$5 pp

Kellner Auditorium

Music by Bob Arthur - 746-5845

**Ocala's Corner
July - August
Dance Schedule**

July 1st - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

July 22nd - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

August 5th - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

August 19th - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

Dance Lesson at 7:00 p.m. - General Dancing at 7:30

Admission: \$6 members - \$8 non-members.

For additional info call Jane Burr at: (352) 873-4020 or

visit their website at www.usadanceocala.com

Ocala's Dance Center, 3438 E. Silver Springs Blvd.,

(Publix Rt. 40E Shopping Ctr.) Ocala - Every Tuesday -

8:00 - 10:00 pm - Admission \$3.00 & Thursdays - 7:30 -

10:00 pm - Admission \$5.00 - For info call (352) 351-2423