

Ballinger

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It's time I brought you up to date on all the club news. You'll recall the balloting that was done recently to determine whether we should have one or two workshops in 1984. According to the ballots returned, the results were: 30 voted for one workshop; 10 voted for two workshops; ten abstained. Therefore, we will have only one workshop next year and it will be German-Swiss-Austrian. It will be held at the pavilion on May 5-6. Ann Ballinger is chairing the event, and has already done much of her "homework" for this workshop. The instructor will be Karin Gottier from Connecticut.

For your information, the financial results of our two workshops this year were:

- 1) English -- net loss of \$24.80 with a rental fee of \$60.00
- 2) Romanian -- net loss of \$91.40 with a rental fee of \$150.00

Obviously the charge now placed on us by the City of Dayton makes it difficult for us to show a profit from a workshop. We will have a nice advantage next year when we have the workshop here at the pavilion, because there will be no rental fee.

The cost to our club for the summer picnic was \$153.71. If you would like some input as to whether we should have a picnic in 1984 and where, let one of our council members know about it.

If there are any address or phone number corrections to make to our membership list, let Sam Ballinger know about it right away as a new list is being prepared and will be typed very soon.

Jewel and Ken Steed kept their membership lists for the last ten years. I thought it might be interesting to report our membership figures taken from their lists for each of those years. They are as follow:

December 1974	--	35	members
1975	--	59	members
1976	--	55	members
1977	--	70	members
1978	--	79	members
1979	--	80	members
1980	--	87	members
1981	--	89	members
December 1982	--	98	members

The new list for 1983 will be available soon and we can add those figures to this list. However, I'm afraid 1983 will not reflect the gain we had in most of the above years. John Beem moved to Australia, Mike Moser dropped his membership since he will not be moving back to Dayton, Jerry Raz moved to North Carolina, Mark Shaner went out west - where and for how long unknown, and now, to top it all off -- Greg and Pat Solloway will soon be moving to California.

From time to time we hear grumbles that there are too many line dances, too many couple dances, etc. As you can see from the above figures, we must be doing something right. We are an international folk-dancing group, and as such, have a repertoire which includes every type of folkdance -- whether it be fast, slow, advanced, partner, solo, or whatever. It is not very probable that one would enjoy every dance, but