

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUG 2024

“When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It’s to enjoy each step along the way.” – Wayne Dyer



As I sit here sipping my flat white, my mind is drawn back to the excitement of Roberto Bagnoli’s recent workshop online. What a journey it was! He successfully made an otherwise challenging set of

dances into a delight to learn and follow. My nearest and dearest already has all his taught dances set up as a playlist for her own teaching in upcoming dance classes. This leads me to say that this FDA virtual workshop with Roberto Bagnoli was very well received, by 70+ registered members.

Now here’s a bonus to your dance journey. It’s my recommendation that as many of you as can make it, travel to the “Balkan Boogie Workshop”. This is scheduled, for 31st August in the Folkdance Canberra Hall (114 Maitland Street Hackett ACT). There will be 5 Talented Musicians plus the outstanding Yorgo Kaporis teaching and leading an afternoon of fun and entertainment with music from the Balkan Region. This event starts at 1:30 through to 4:30pm, all for the small cost of \$20 for FDA members.

Overall remember, until next issue:

Please take the time to invest in the dance journey you and others have embarked upon. You can do this as many before you have done, just jot down a few words to share in the next issue about ...

1. a dance workshop you have enjoyed,
2. a favourite dance you have learnt (maybe from a recent dance teacher - Roberto?),
3. a special dance event you have been part of,
4. maybe some dance resources you have found useful, or
5. a story about a person who has inspired you to dance.

This is something we could all be doing, and by so doing, we share our lively spirit for culturally specific dance that inspires our life’s journey.

Remember ... “Dancing is more than a destination.... it’s a journey ....” So get up and .... DANCE.

*Paul*

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Here I am in the middle of winter and a much looked forward to break where I have been trying to catch up on everyday things. During term time there always seem to be events which for some reason or other occur on my dancing days, so I put them off until the holiday time, but this does mean that the days are always pretty full.

Getting together with family is always nice, and it was good to see at least one great grand daughter is keen on dancing even though it is “Hip Hop” – so many girls today want to play football. Maybe in time she will take on folk dancing.

We have received many great articles from our members this month – your efforts are always welcome – thank you so much for spending the time. These include:

- South Australia has achieved 50 years and Anke has forwarded quite a number of photos from over the years.
- Another item received from Yudit in the Blue Mountains regarding her memories of Maureen.
- Anna has again been to Rhodes where she spent six days at a workshop – how lucky she is being so close and able to attend such an event.
- Lyn Beard has forwarded a history of dancing in Brisbane

You will find the advertisement regarding the Balkan Boogie Workshop in Canberra on page 5.

Don’t forget that there is a Zoom Workshop with Lee Otterholt scheduled for 13 October 2024. Read about Lee on page 7.

Till next time.

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