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Fall Fling Fun

by Terry Abrahams

I love it when I get to use three F's – I think the term is alliteration. If not, Caroline will correct me. So! Melbourne (Brevard International Dancers) sponsored yet another very successful Fall Fling on October 29, hosting around 40 of us. We started at 11:00 am, stopped for a delicious lunch, made by all of us (we are really good at this), and continued dancing throughout the afternoon, stopping again for wonderful leftovers at dinner time. And lots of us stayed and danced a few hours more. In the old days we danced from 11 to 11 – and we still advertise it as such, but we never make it to 11 pm any more. We came much closer than some years – managing to dance until nine-ish.

We were pleased to welcome some new people at the Fling. Melbourne has recently recruited a new family, which included two grandparents and the granddaughter. All were good dancers for being beginners.

Usually someone teaches a new dance or so, but this year we had an abundance. Jean Murray taught three dances from Mainwoods Dance Camp; Andi Kapplin taught two she garnered from Vancouver, Bobby Q taught two from The Cruise. John did a review of one of the trio dances we learned two years ago, so lots of teaching. In effect, it was almost a mini-workshop, and I think we all enjoyed it.

This year the dancers missed the wonderful live music of Terry, John and David. We couldn't practice – it was raining on the deck where we usually practice. I think this was a plus for the dancers, a minus for the musicians (and I use that term loosely). But the rain didn't keep it from being a wonderful dance day. Thanks Melbourne! You do such a good job!

Fall Fling Scenes

More photos on pages 11 and 12.



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