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HARWOOD WEEKEND....dancing and so much more....

Seventeen of us trekked up to Mt. Baldy for the third annual Harwood Lodge event the first weekend in October. A core group of Harwood alumni were joined by an equally great group of new attendees. In spite of some thunderstorms Friday morning, we were blessed with gorgeous blue skies, white fluffy clouds and crisp, fresh mountain air.



Group attending 2011 Harwood Weekend: Joyce Carrico, Stephen Bryan Gail Halverson, Jon Reeves, Doris Fisher, Kim Bailly, Eric Fisher, Ric Simmons, Christine Richard, Carol Johnson, Leslie Evans, Arthur Baum, Chris Brooks, Aase Hansen, Bob Brooks, Anthea and Doug Macdonald.



The food photos are Jon Reeves and his assistant Leslie Evans preparing Bananas Foster.



Practicing for the next big dance.



The Saturday evening dance at Harwood was casual.



Saturday evening meal: turkey roulade, green beans with Parmesan crisp, Brussels sprouts and a potato cake.

Our own dedicated Aase Hansen organized the dance portion of the weekend, which included folk dancing on Friday night (think Swedish, Irish & Scottish), a Saturday morning workshop with new RSCDS dances, a Saturday night dance program with some of our well-known favorites, and a Sunday AM workshop. Great job, Aase! The Saturday workshop teaching and dance briefing was shared with popular SGV teachers Doug and Anthea Macdonald, while Bob and Chris Brooks and Ric Simmons and Christine Richard helped out with the Friday night folk-dancing.



The other use for the table in the main room: talking or starting a game!

Dancing was our main objective, but we also enjoyed dining on Jon Reeves' (aka "Chef")delectable meals and desserts, hiking to the local waterfall, playing silly and serious card games (think Spoons vs. Bridge), solving unsolvable 9 piece puzzles, socializing and napping (not at the same time), playing three dimensional Scrabble, practicing musical instruments, etc. etc. One of the best parts of the weekend is getting to know

Christine makes sure we see what's cooking!



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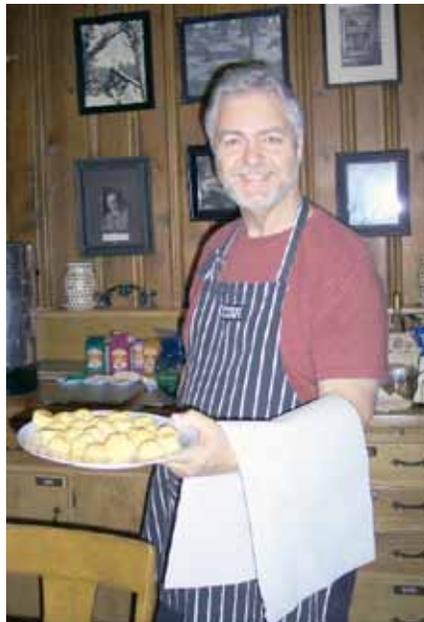




Some people need "silly hats" to concentrate!



Carol, Gail, Chris and Aase try out the Scrabble game.



Ric takes his turn at serving.



Jon pours out the dessert of Banana Foster!

other dancers in an informal setting. Just like a family, everyone pitched in to help with the kitchen and clean-up duties. Leslie Evans was Jon's right hand woman in the kitchen, as well as many others who helped with the food prep, clean-up and serving. If you've never experienced Harwood, you really should give it a try! You're guaranteed to come home with some new dances under your belt (as well as a few more pounds in the same location), sore leg muscles and happy memories.

Our thanks to the Sierra Club for allowing us to rent out the lodge for the weekend, and special thanks to our hosts, Bob & Chris Brooks, without whom we would not be able to use the lodge.

Doris Fisher, Organizer

UPCOMING EVENTS

For those of you who may be new to things Scottish, we have two quintessential Scottish events coming up: Hogmanay and the Burns' Supper & Dance.

Hogmanay was celebrated in earlier days with greater enthusiasm than Christmas, as the latter was seen as too Catholic a celebration for a 17th-century Protestant country. There are many traditions associated with Hogmanay: singing Robert Burns' "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight, a kiss to wish your friends a "Guid New Year" and first footing (may the first person crossing your door after midnight be male, dark-haired, and bearing shortbread and whiskey). For several years now the Branch has celebrated Hogmanay with a dance, good food, and champagne at midnight. Your teacher should have fliers by now. Space is limited at the El Segundo Woman's Club, so turn in your reservation soon.

Poet Robert Burns was born Jan. 25, 1759, in Ayrshire, Scotland. His birthday presents us with the opportunity to observe more traditions. Once again, we will hold a formal dinner-dance with the Orange County Branch at the Ports o' Call restaurant in San Pedro on Jan. 21, 2012. The haggis (don't ask what's in it) is ceremonially carried into the dining room where Burns' "Address to the Haggis" is recited. Dinner is followed by "The Immortal Memory" (a speech about some aspect of Burns' life) and the Toast to the Lassies followed by The Lassies' Reply. Finally, we are ready to dance. Fliers for Burns' should be available before the Christmas break.

Rosemary Abend

LOS ANGELES BRANCH SCHEDULE OF DANCES

2011

DECEMBER

31 HOGMANAY. El Segundo Woman's Club, 541 Standard St. El Segundo. Music: re-

2012

JANUARY

21 BURNS SUPPER. Ports' O Call Restaurant, Berth 76, San Pedro. A combined celebration with OC Branch. Music: Andy Imbrie and Deby Benton Grosjean.

FEBRUARY

25 BEGINNER DANCE. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance Blvd. at Madrona \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. From 7 to 10 p.m. Music recorded

MARCH

24 BEGINNER DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., North Hollywood. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. From 7 to 10 p.m. Music recorded

APRIL

28 MONTHLY DANCE. First Christian Church. 4390 Colfax Ave., North Hollywood. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. From 7 to 10 p.m. Music recorded

2011-12

OTHER EVENTS

OC = Orange County Branch;

SD = San Diego;

SGV = San Gabriel Valley Branch

2011

DECEMBER

10 OC Andrew Rankine Memorial Christmas Ball, Tustin Senior Center, Tustin.

2012

JANUARY

14 OC Monthly Dance, Anaheim Downtown Community Center

February

4 SGV Midwinter Dance. 7:30 p.m. location to be announced

MARCH

31 SD Spring Fling Workshop and Tea Dance. Workshop guest teacher: Ron Wallace.

Work-

High Tea to follow the workshop, then an early evening dance with live music, featuring Hood, Wink, and Swagger.

"They say that haggis proves your intellectual prowess. The more you eat, the more intelligent you get."
— November 2011 issue of Britain magazine, contributed by Rosemary Abend — just in time for our Burns Supper on Jan. 21, 2012.

DEMONSTRATION TEAM

After a shortened summer hiatus, the Demonstration Team went back to work preparing for some of our favorite performances. The Seaside Games in Ventura is always fun because we get to share the spotlight with our friends in the social classes. Ann McBride put together a demonstration that included old favorites like Minister on the Loch and Flowers of Edinburgh, dances from the current program like Dancing Master of Moncton and Cranberry Tart, as well as some of our favorites like Founders Reel and Lord McDonald's Quadrille. Noting the recent death of Ian Powerie, we also added Farewell to Auchterarder to our morning performance.

The calendar for November took us to the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Monica for an enthusiastic audience, a good selection of books in the jumble sale, and lunch of pie and peas. We also felt very privileged to be part of the Branch 45th anniversary celebration at the St. Andrews Ball. We want to acknowledge Jack Rennie for arranging for former Team director Mary Brandon to join the celebration.

With the completion of those demonstrations, we must say good-bye to Randy Scherer, who has been part of the Demonstration Team for more than 20 years. Randy is moving on to a new chapter in his life (it's a very romantic story), and we wish him all the best. At the same time, we will miss his hearty laugh and gentle handing. He promises to make "guest appearances" at Doug and Anthea Macdonald's Sunday class.

Alice Allen



Claudia Pedersen and Deanna St. Amand enjoy a laugh at the Seaside dance Saturday night.



Aase Hansen and Claudia draw attention to their class banner.

Photos by Audrey Prest

BURNS SUPPER & BALL

January 21, 2012

Ports' O Call Restaurant, Berth 76, San Pedro

Musicians: Andy Imbrie and Deby Benton Grosjean

Burns Night	JB	Boston 50 th
Maxwell's Rant	RI	Book 18
Culla Bay	SI	Book 41
Jennifer's Jig	JI	Silver City Book
The Spirit of the Dance	SA	TAC 50
Reel of the Royal Scots	RB	RSCDS Leaflet
Corn Rigs	RB	Book 4
Bees of Maggie Knockater	JA	Drewry
Largo Law	SB	MMM I
A Capital Jig	JI	RSCDS Leaflet 2009
The Peat Fire Flame	RA	Bon Accord Book
Tribute to the Borders	JB	RSCDS Leaflet
Scott Meikle	RI	Book 46
The Little Strathspey	SI	Bankhead Book I & II
Major Ian Stewart	JI/A	Book 35
Glasgow Lassies	SB	Book 34
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	RI	Lothian Collection

MARCH BEGINNER DANCE

March 24, 2012

First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave.
North Hollywood.

\$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

From 7 to 10 p.m.

The Brudenell Jig	JB	2 nd Graded Book
Sueno's Stone	RI	RSCDS 4 for 2008
Lochindorb Strathspey	SB	Aberdeen Collect.
Links With St. Petersburg	JI	Book 46
Strathcare	SI	Skye Collection
On The Quarter-deck	RB	The Harbour City
Laggan Bay	JB	2 nd Craigievar Bk.
Corn Rigs	RB	Book 4
The Little Strathspey	SI	Bankhead Book I/II
Pete/Marilynn's Welcome Home	JI	Delaware Valley
Reel On	RB	Reel On
The Rothesay Rant	JB	Birmingham Bk.'73
Asilomar Romantic	SI	San Francisco Coll.
The Dancing Bees	RB	24 Graded & Soc.
Major Ian Stewart	JA	Book 35
New Abbey	SB	Graded/Social Dances
The Pawling Porch	RB	Elaine Brunken

FEBRUARY BEGINNER DANCE

February 25, 2012

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

Torrance Blvd. at Madrona

\$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

7 to 10 p.m.

Granville Market	JB	2 nd Graded Bk
The Blue Route	RB	Delaware Valley Silver
Gardeners' Fantasia	SI	Book 46
Blue Bonnets	JB	Book 3
Asilomar Romantic	SI	San Francisco Col.2
Mary Erskine	RB	2 Bk GradeDance
Corn Rigs	RB	Book 4
Equilibrium	JA	Ian Barbour ScotArch
New Abbey	SB	Graded/Soc.Dance2
Christine M. Phillips	JI	Book 46
The Pawling Porch	RB	Elaine Brunken
Laggan Bay	JB	Second Craigievar Bk
The Peat Fire Flame	RA	Bon Accord Book
Largo Law	SB	MMM I
Links 'St. Petersburg	JI	Book 46
May Yarker's Strathspey	SI	Book 42
Reel On	RB	Reel On

Demonstration Team Has Openings

Can't get enough of Scottish Country Dancing? Want to improve your dancing skills? Consider adding the Demonstration Team class to your dancing schedule.

The Demonstration Team class has openings for people who have danced for two years and have a good knowledge of dance figures and steps. Dancers must be full or associate members of the Los Angeles Branch of RSCDS. The goal of the Demonstration Team class is to present the fun and style of Scottish Country Dancing to a variety of audiences with the focus on dances used in demonstrations. Time is also allocated to dancing style and technique. As dancers become familiar with demonstration dances and gain confidence in their technique and style, they are worked into demonstrations. Team members also dance with their regular classes and participate in scheduled dances.

Demonstration Team classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. at the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center in West Los Angeles. Any dancer wishing more information should contact Ann McBride at mcbridea@cshs.org or 818.841.8161 or 310.4232012.

Ann McBride and Alice Allen

SEASIDE HIGHLAND GAMES

Beautiful Ventura weather was this year's reward for all the Scottish Country Dancers who joined in the festivities at the Seaside Highland Games the second weekend in October. Thanks to the hard work of several teachers, we filled "our" building, McBride Hall, continuously both Saturday and Sunday with class demonstrations and mini-workshops to interest potential dancers.

Groups participating were the Los Angeles Branch Demonstration Team, the Clan MacLeod Dancers, and the Agoura Hills, Bakersfield-Lancaster, Chatsworth, Santa Barbara, Valley College and Ventura classes. The workshops were taught by Frank Ibbott on Saturday and Doug and Anthea Macdonald on Sunday. Aase Hansen was coordinator.

A good-size group continued Photos by Audrey Prest dancing Saturday evening at the informal dance, held this year at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. The dance was preceded by a concert by the duo Peat-Fire Flame.

Audrey Ramsay Prest



Photos by Robyn



The Valley Class

**LOS ANGELES BRANCH
DEMONSTRATION TEAM**



Photos by Deanna St. Amand



SANTA BARBARA CLASS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION



Photo by Karen Kerman



Photo by Robyn George



MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATED
Among the issues raised at our AGM last June was keeping the RSCDS headquarters apprised of our current membership. Thanks to the efforts of Jon Reeves and Frank Ibbott, the membership list has now been updated — and all members should be receiving mailings from the Society, including the Scottish Country Dancer magazine.

Photos by Karen Kerman



CHATSWORTH DEMONSTRATION



Photo by Karen Kerman

SEASIDE DANCE: SATURDAY DANCE



Photos by Audrey Prest



HALLOWEEN DANCE



FIRST PRIZE:
Gail Halverson as Haste to the Wedding.



Robyn George as the stewardess
on Flight of Fancy.



Photos by Bob Harmon

The gates open so "OUR GANG" may proceed in.

Roberta Gotfried and Jim Bell carried for Gang the Same Gate.

INTERBRANCH DANCE

**Deadline for
MARCH
Ghillie Callum
January 24, 2012**



The Dancing Bees



Photos by Audrey Prest





Jennifer's Jig

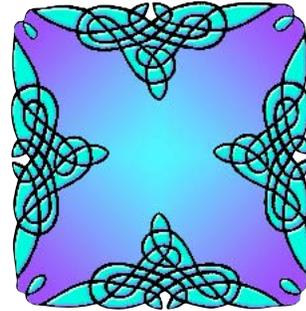




Musicians



Montgomery's Rant



Bauldy Baib's Fiddle



CLASS REPORTS VALLEY COLLEGE

First I'd like to apologize for extending my ditziness on the dance floor to my duties as class recorder! At least on the dance floor I show up (even when those who have danced with me before beg me not to), but our newsletter segment has actually gone missing of late ... so here it is, along with my good intentions for the future! And not the kind of good intentions that a certain road is paved with either!!

I chatted with the recently absent Sue Higgins. She's been so crazy-busy at work even she wasn't aware of how many classes she's missed! But she hopes to be back and I hope it's because she misses us as much as we miss her.

Here's a story from Jo Solomon I'll bet you haven't heard before. Her uncle, who lived in the Yorkshire Dales (James Herriot country for all you fans of the vet-turned-storyteller's books), sadly passed away recently. Sorry, Jo. His funeral had to be delayed for seven days because of the annual, weeklong Scarecrow Festival! It caused such a terrible traffic gridlock on the area's only road it made the 30-mile hearse ride virtually impossible! Being late to your own funeral because of traffic sounds very LA. Being late due to a Scarecrow Festival, not so much.

Kathrin King Segal's new novel, "We Were Stardust," has just been published. By all accounts, the novel is great — fiction with, I suspect, some aspects of Kathrin's own successful former career as a backup singer in New York thrown in. I look forward to reading it! She's a busy little bee, already preparing for that wonderful Christmas concert a lot of us go to each year. Steve Kaplan was especially busy this summer and fall with his Comedy Intensive Screenwriting seminars. He was in Galway, London and Sweden, but was home long enough to also do one right here in LA and celebrate the big six-oh! with family and friends. He and Kathrin visited his family in July and spent five days on a boat off Bimini, Bahamas, along with a wacky New Age group, communing with dolphins. I get the distinct impression that, given the choice, any trip reunion will be with the dolphins.

Jeff Altman went on an amazing trip to Turkey this summer. It included hot air ballooning over what appears to be a virtual fairyland. (He has pictures. Ask him!) In Cappadocia, he stayed in a hotel with rooms carved right into the side of a cliff. He toured the Harem, home of the many concubines of the sultan, at the Topkapi Palace. There was a boat trip to a sunken city, swimming in the warm water of the Mediterranean, lots of fascinating history and even more fascinating, and delicious, food!

Aase's daughter Lisbeth joined her in attending the Danish

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Sisterhood convention in San Francisco. It makes me a little nervous thinking about all those Danish women congregating, knowing what a force of nature just one of 'em is!

Aase's class had a great group dancing at the Seaside Games and they gave a wonderful performance! Christine Richard, Ric Simmons, Claudia Pedersen and Audrey Prest were joined by friends who felt sorry for us because we were short of people this year! Thanks to Linda Boucher, Edie Archibald, Pat Zschoche and Karen Kerman, we ended up with a great group. And we're all part of the SCD family anyway, right? Aase not only directed our group, but she also coordinated all the class demos, audience participation, and workshops!

I celebrated the Canadian Thanksgiving in October: turkey on the menu, and a lot of plaid and flannel on the guests. My daughter Jess is finally coming home from grad school in London, though first she and her dad Brian are taking a great trip to Holland, France and Israel. I feel like I'm spending more time in the air than on the ground in classes and at dances, and I hope that changes because I miss you guys!

Hope to see you all soon on the dance floor.

Robyn MacGarva George



Some members of the Long Beach class, plus friends, at a demonstration at El Dorado Park in August. From the left, Wilma Fee, Khue Duong, John Cahill, Roberta Gotfried, Karen Kerman, Janet Olsen, Joyce Carrico, Steve Bryan, Norm McCallum and Jim Bell.

LONG BEACH

The dancing season is in full swing now as we approach the holidays. After the Interbranch Dance in late September, Joyce and Stephen, our newest members, ventured to Harwood for fun, dancing, and a weekend of fellowship. All enjoyed a marvelous time. "Steve and I had a great time ... The food was fantastic; the mountains were beautiful; the dancing was awesome, and last but not least the camaraderie was terrific. Steve especially enjoyed the spoons and Rich Man, Poor Man games. Our weekend near the top of the mountain was on top of the world!"

Seaside Highland Games, the season's first "local" festival, was sampled and enjoyed by all attendees. The weather in Ventura, perfect for the Oct. 8-9 weekend, helped four of us take pleasure from the many demos, workshops, and other events associated with this festival. On Saturday Jim danced with the LA Demonstration Team while Karen participated in Aase's Valley College class demo. Roberta joined us Sunday as she and Jim danced with the Clan MacLeod Dancers, and that afternoon Sarah assisted in a demonstration by the Chatsworth North Valley class. Of course, there was audience participation after each class demo, enabling us to dance as much as we wanted, which was practically nonstop for some.

The week following Seaside, five of us helped the Macdonalds celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Anthea and Doug! All enjoyed the occasion and, of course, the dancing.

Now as we head into final preparation for the Christmas Ball and the Burns Ball, come join us Saturday mornings at El Dorado Park. Happy dancing!

Karen Kerman

AGOURA HILLS

We were very intrigued a few weeks ago when the photographer from the local throwaway newspaper – the Acorn (What else when our largest city is Thousand Oaks!) – walked into our classroom and proceeded to take pictures of us from every angle, some even requiring that he lie flat on the floor in a corner of our studio. So it was disappointing when not even one picture appeared in my issue the following week. Finally, I discovered that there are separate versions of the paper for Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, and Simi Valley. One photo appeared in the Agoura Hills issue, probably the least interesting from our point of view – part of our warm-up – but it was the editor's choice.

However it does document presence of three of the newest dancers in the class, Vivian, Niki & Stephen. Since then, yet another one has joined, Jan Allen – things are looking up!

Frank Ibbott



From the left: Vivian Deutsch, Niki Murillo, Barbara Hoff (just), Angie Outmesguine, Stephen Murillo, Heather Nicksay, Frank Ibbott, Orisje Nesbitt.

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Also present at the demonstration were Laura's husband Matt, and their two sons, Glen, and Peter. The audience participation found the whole family up dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Matt has been able to attend several North Valley classes this fall, and we're delighted to have him.

October found Alice Allen redecorating her condominium from reroofing to some new appliances and interior paint colors. The project is now complete, even down to getting rid of the temporary cardboard storage boxes. She and her kitties are enjoying their new digs.

Claudia welcomed her daughter Erika and family back home in September. They had completed a five-year government assignment on the island of Guam, and Erika will be looking for a Scottish Country Dance

class in the area of Walnut Creek in Northern California. Claudia looks for

CHATSWORTH/NORTH VALLEY

We are off and dancing into the fall and winter seasons. We began with our class participation in the Seaside Games demonstrations. Participating dancers were Laura Husman, Linda McWade, Audrey Prest and Claudia Pedersen, who were joined by guest dancers Elizabeth Lund from the Beverly Hills class and Sarah Guernsey from the Long Beach class. Elizabeth had joined our Thursday night class for the summer months and we were pleased to see her parents, Mary and Andrew, who are themselves former dancers in the L.A. Branch, there to enjoy seeing her dance.

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SANTA BARBARA

We had such a wonderful time at the Seaside Games! Lots of spectators, and willing participants, too. We envied the lovely banners the other LA Branch classes had hung around the hall and are determined to find our old banner or make a new one. We deserve it!

With some difficulty we scraped together a three-couple demo set without having to borrow from other groups – this meant a first-timer would participate, but disaster was averted by firm veterans. Never mind who. Our teacher Frank Ibbott already made a graceful apology.

The demo people were Sarah Stelck, Robert Winokur, Diane de Avalle-Arce, Susan MacNeil, Rachel Watkins and Polly Holcombe. Christine Carlin, Susan MacNeil and Sarah Stelck enjoyed the concert and dance afterwards. "The live music was exceptionally good," said Susan. Our future plans include dancing at the Santa Barbara Scottish Society's St. Andrew's Dinner on November 19. Anybody want to join us? Email Robert Winokur, robruagh@west.net. Or just come dance with us Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at Gail Towbes studio in Santa Barbara.

Diane de Avalle-Arce

A THREESOME IN EUROPE

On Sept. 27, three dance teachers — Rosemary Abend, Joan Baker (Arizona) and Wilma Fee — arrived in Rome, Italy, ready for a 16-day adventure in Europe, starting with four nights in Rome, which is a fun and exciting city. We visited the Vatican, the Ancient Appian Way (400AD), the Catacombs and many sites in the city. It was Rosemary's birthday the day we arrived, so after a power nap, we found a typical Italian family restaurant, not far from our hotel, (remember, not far from our hotel!). It was full of Italian families and we ate the Italian way, Italian salad with anchovies, pizza, a glass of wine and tiramisu for dessert.

After dinner we wandered around Rome for about two hours. It was a beautiful, warm evening and we took in all the sights, including St. Peter's Square by night, with all 140 statues of holy men looking down on us, and the lovely fountains lit up. Just outside Vatican Square we found our first gelato store — yes, had one and it was delicious. Needless to say, it was the first of many gelatos! Around 10 p.m. we headed back to our hotel, but WHERE WAS IT? We spent at least an hour going around and around several blocks looking for the Olympic Hotel. We realized that all the streets have similar colored buildings. Wilma remembered that opposite our hotel, on the street, were three very large trash containers but that was the case on most side streets. Rosemary remembered she took photos from our bedroom window looking along our street, so we checked out the photos in her camera — however, all the streets looked the same as ours. We finally found the hotel, blaming jet lag for our stupidity. We laughed ourselves to sleep that night.

On day five we took a taxi to the Port of Rome, Civitavecchia, to board the Star Princess cruise ship. On this cruise we visited several ports, including Monaco (where Wilma and Rosemary lost Joan outside the cathedral!). Monaco was beautiful, very hilly but lots of flower gardens. Next port was Livorno, where we visited Pisa and its leaning tower. It was raining quite heavily, so Joan bargained for a 2 lira half umbrella from very pushy vendors, which she tried to resell to other tourists on our way back to our bus. Next port: Naples and a three-hour visit to the Pompeii ruins. It was 97°, too hot for Joan, so she turned back. Wilma and Rosemary carried on, viewing many remains of some bodies encased in plaster, the brothel house, etc! The whole Pompeii City ruins were amazing.

Lots of activities to do on board the ship, but at the end of a busy day, we enjoyed the "Movies under the Stars," with

Stars," with warm blankets and popcorn. The next five ports were the Greek Islands, all beautiful with lovely Adriatic Sea views, friendly people and extremely small streets. Joan found out you have to jump into store entrances when the mini golf carts/vans came by to pick up trash or make deliveries or you would get crushed to death. Weather in Greece was hot and beautiful.

Next port was Split, Croatia, a beautiful part of old Europe. Venice was our final port and we stayed onboard for two nights. The ship's captain promised a beautiful arrival into Venice and said we should get up at 7:30 a.m. to watch the ship sail up the Grand Canal. Wilma was in charge of setting the alarm for early rising that morning. She had two cell phones with her, one from USA and the other from UK. The alarm went off in time to get up before the steward would deliver breakfast to our room. That morning's conversation went something like...

Wilma: Get up, sleepy heads!

Joan and Rosemary: What time is it?

Wilma: 7:30.

Rosemary: It's still dark outside!

Joan and Rosemary: My clock says it's 5:30.

Wilma: You forgot to put your clocks ahead 2 hours.

Joan: Are you sure you not looking at your UK phone and it's in UK time?

Rosemary: The sun isn't up yet!

Wilma: My cell phone says it's 7:30 a.m.

Rosemary: Breakfast hasn't arrived yet!

Wilma: Let's put on the TV and see what they say?

TV: Time is 5:35 a.m.

Joan: Oh for ---- sake, I am up now, I may as well take a shower.

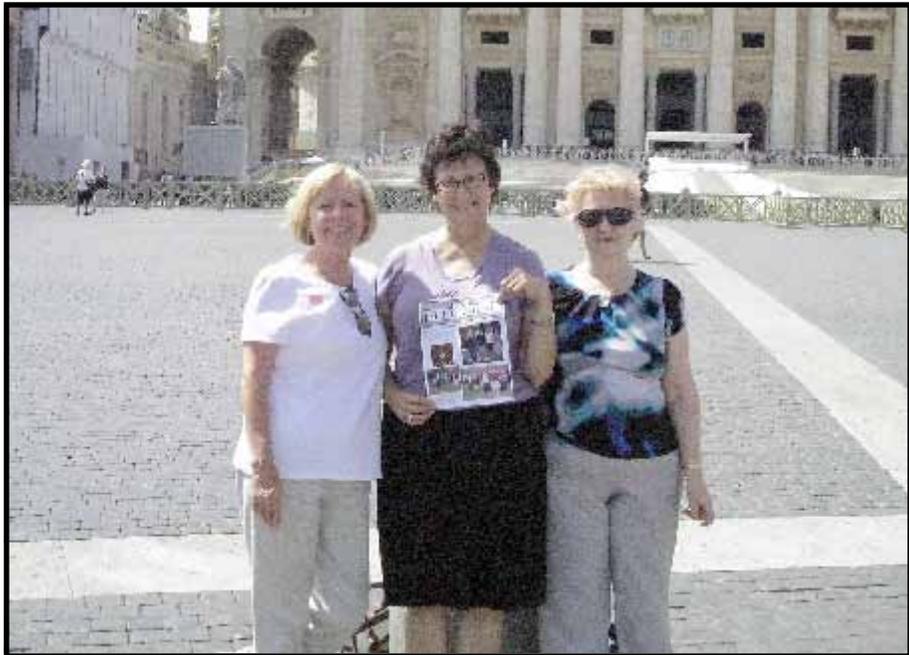
Rosemary: I'm going back to sleep.

Wilma: Very quietly laughing under the bed covers: I'm glad this time-keeping job is coming to an end soon!!

After Venice we each went our separate ways: Joan back to the States, Wilma and Rosemary to London. Rosemary stayed in London, having tea in Buckingham Gardens, visiting with Eric and Belinda (previously L.A. dancers) and attending the London Ball. Wilma went up to Scotland to visit family.

It was a great experience, and we Three Maidens had a great trip. What's next on the Bucket List??

Wilma Fee & Rosemary Abend



Before boarding the Star Princess for a 12-day cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean, Wilma Fee, Rosemary Abend, and Joan Baker paused to have their picture taken in St. Peter's Square. What is Rosemary holding? Could it be a copy of the Ghillie Callum?



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