

The OPEN MIKE on Tuesdays

The Reston Folk Club meets every Tuesday evening at the Tortilla Factory in Herndon, Virginia, to enjoy music, food and friendship. While some might doubt the benefits of Mexican cuisine on folk music performance, the Tortilla Factory is at the top of the heap in Mexican restaurants in the D.C. area and the Folk Club enjoys the best of it. Normally, we begin arriving about 6:30 for dinner and socializing. Come to the "back room" and settle in for fun. At about 7:30 the MC will open the evening's entertainment with a few, well-chosen, announcements and the first of about 14 performers will come up for a two-song (or an 8 minute) stint. The evening is split into two sessions with a short break at 8:30 and we finish up by 9:45 PM. **JOIN US!**

Side by Side (Doris Justice and Sean McGhee)

February 20, 1990, 7:30PM, at the Folk Club

Tickets (at \$5.00) will be on sale, beginning February 13, at the Open Mike, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. There are only 70 tickets available for Folk Club performances, so be sure to mark your calendars for this event.

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at the Tortilla Factory
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... Preserving Folk Traditions



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The NEW Folk Club

It really isn't new, but things have changed and we want you to know about them. After four and one-half years of existence, the Reston Folk Club is getting organized. Over the summer and fall, nine of your friends labored long and hard to develop bylaws for the club and, on November 28, these bylaws were approved by a vote of the members present. The vote had been announced 4 weeks ahead and a postcard mailing advised you of the time and place.

The primary change to be brought about is the definition of membership. Membership is described elsewhere in this issue. Before, anyone who came to the open mike nights and signed the mailing list was a "member."

Activities of the Folk Club will be managed by a Board of Directors of up to 15 members (currently there are nine): Rose Haskell - President; David Hurd - Treasurer; Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Bev Osburn, Bill Davis, Larry Mediate, Joe Navarrete and Jack Osburn - board members. The board will be expanded as persons come forward and express an interest and desire to be involved in the Folk Club. See a current

board member to learn of the role of board member if you think you would like to participate in that capacity.

The Folk Club is still all volunteer and we are always looking for people who want to become involved in any way. There are plenty of jobs which aren't getting done because there is no one to do them; if you see one and are interested in helping, see anyone who is doing something and ask how you, too, can help. We always need help setting up and tearing down at all of our music activities, you can take a turn at MC if you like (the three who do it most often welcome new, fresh participants), you can become a lead in organizing a Folk Club activity (scheduling for a Colvin Run or Sully Plantation event, or organizing a "Friends" activity like a camping or ski trip).

One of the benefits of the new organization will be more newsletters each year (vice the two or three heretofore). Writers and helpers will be surely needed for that activity, see Larry Mediate (editor) or Dave Hurd (publisher) to see what you can do.

Welcome to the "New Improved" Reston Folk Club - we look forward to many years of continued activity with your help, cooperation and support.

Membership!

Membership in the Reston Folk Club will now be "official," and members will have benefits and dues. The Board approved an annual dues of \$12.00 at its meeting on January 5, 1990. With the publication of this newsletter, we will begin collecting dues and issuing membership cards for annual memberships. Memberships will run for 12 months from the month in which you join, and the payment of dues affords the member the following benefits:

- a. Receipt, by mail, of all newsletters published in the year.
- b. Discounts on ticket price for most "featured performers" at the Tortilla Factory and other Folk Club run "paid" activities.
- c. The right to have their own performances listed in the newsletter (for those members who perform elsewhere).
- d. The right to publish music related classified "for sale"-type ads in the newsletter at no cost.
- e. Participation in "official" Folk Club activities that may be for "members only."

To become a member, just provide your name, address, phone number, and \$12.00 (checks to "The Reston Folk Club") to: The Reston Folk Club, c/o David Hurd, 1405 Cottage Street SW, Vienna, VA, 22180. The same may be turned in at any open mike to any board member.

Features

Since the last newsletter, Folk Club members have enjoyed the performances of Bill Staines (Jan 16, 1990), Pete Kennedy (November), Hazlewood (October) and the Boarding Party (July).

If you didn't get to see and hear any of these excellent performers, you missed a great opportunity. In addition to this newsletter, look for announcements in the local press and on radio stations WAMU ("Bluegrass Bulletin Board") and WLTT (Dick Cerri's "Music Americana"). The performers are wonderful and the ambience of the small setting is excellent to get the most from the performances.

We will feature additional special guests about 10 times each year for your enjoyment. The next newsletter will have a complete rundown of the known guests, but look for Tom Paxton and a wide selection of excellent artists to visit this year.



Folk Club Members Active

The members of the Reston Folk Club have been very active in community affairs. October 21 & 22, Bev Osburn organized group to participate in the Sully Plantation Harvest Days activities sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Bill Davis shared in the MC duties with Bev and, Bill and Don Twist carried our sound system for use in the event. Partici-

pants were Bill Davis, Joe Kolankiewicz, Jim Sandy, Dave Hurd, Gail Thompson, Dave Sterling, Marilyn Dorn, John Cherry, Cathy Carson & Jeb, Vicky Pratt Keating, "Legacy" (Bev & Jack Osburn and Becca & Loren Eastman), Lea Coryell, Ray Kaminsky, Ruth Goldberg, Ira Gitlin, Don Twist, Joan Kennedy and Mark Elliott. Four hours of entertainment was provided for the visitors and, despite windy conditions, a good time was had by all.

At Christmastime, Ellen Kaminsky organized another group of Folk Club faithfuls to provide part of the festivities at the "Christmas at Colvin Run" celebration sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Providing holiday musical entertainment on December 16 & 17 were Ray Kaminsky, Paul Hartke, Joan Kennedy, Lea Coryell, Joe Kolankiewicz, Gail Thompson, Mark Elliott, Bill Davis, Susan Schoebel, Dave Sterling, Jim Sandy, Lou Poehlman, Ira Gitlin, Ruth Goldberg, Susan Thomas and Dick Moore. Ellen and Joe Navarrete served as MCs and Ray Kaminsky and Dave Sterling provided the sound support.

Coming up, Larry Mediate is working with the nursing homes in the Reston-Herndon area to provide some musical variety to activities at the homes. We will make announcements on Tuesday nights about this activity, or see Larry to get details on how you can be part of this very worthwhile community support activity.

Bill Davis, MC extraordinaire, has

been working with the Reston Cable (Channel 8) folks to produce video folk music interviews and performances for broadcast on Cable in the Reston-Herndon area. The show is called "Reston Folk" and Bill has been drawing from the Reston Folk Club members to be his "guests" in these broadcasts. While this is not specifically a Folk Club activity, Bill is certainly a stalwart Folk Club member and any support you can give will be appreciated (Tues - 8PM, Thur - 10PM).

A number of the Folk Club members have gotten together on at least two occasions last fall to have a camp out at Paul Hartke's bottomland "resort" on the Potomac. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was not smiling on the first of these attempts, but it resulted in a nice impromptu get-together to eat the food at Paul's house. Look for more of these camping activities in the future, maybe after the spring rains.

On January 26, Ellen and Ray Kaminsky are organizing a ski outing to Liberty Ski area in Pennsylvania. This is a postponed trip from January 12, so if this newsletter gets to you in time, get in touch with Ellen to get details.

New Year's Eve was a safe and sane one (depending upon your attitude) as Ray and Ellen hosted many of our group in a "picking party" to kick off the decade. From the descriptions of the participants - you shoulda been there! Thanks to Ray and Ellen for their hospitality.