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The Big Give SA Presents Powerful Fund-raising Opportunity for TIFD/SAFDF by Lissa Bengtson



The Big Give S.A. is an annual 24-hour day of giving, and this year San Antonio Folk Dance Festival/Texas International Folk Dancers will be a part of it. It happens in a 24-hour period, on May 3, 2016. It brings donors and nonprofits together by creating a shared region-wide experience, connecting people to the causes that matter to them the most.

Last year the San Antonio area raised \$4.3 million dollars for 882 charitable causes. The minimum donation is only \$10, but organizations can qualify for various monetary prizes, which increase the donations received AND create a fun, competitive atmosphere.

An example of great fund-raising last year was the Congregation of Divine Providence, the founders of Our Lady of the Lake University. OLLU students helped the Sisters mount an appeal in the wee hours of the morning from 2 to 3 am. They had previously notified their known donors and all the student body that the wee hours were their focus. They had computers ready in their meeting hall, and lots of refreshments for donors that came by. As a result, they had so many donations during that time that they won the "most number of donations" prize for that time period, which doubled their fund-raising effort-up to a 5-digit amount!

We're not asking for wee-hour heroics, but from the comfort of your home computer, at some point during the day of May 3, help us by donating to [SAFDF in the BIG GIVE!](#)

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What's Happening at the IFCC by Lissa Bengston

IFCC Folk Dancing Moves to Sunday Afternoons

Folk Dancing at the International Folk Culture Center has moved to Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. Previously on Friday nights, Sundays during the day seem to be a more accessible time for many people. Some folks don't enjoy driving at night, others had many competing activities on Friday nights, and still others enjoy some organized exercise on a Sunday afternoon when they have free time and fewer pending deadlines.

Dancers are treated to healthy refreshments (mostly fruit) each Sunday, and have the option of staying for more dancing with the Bluebonnet

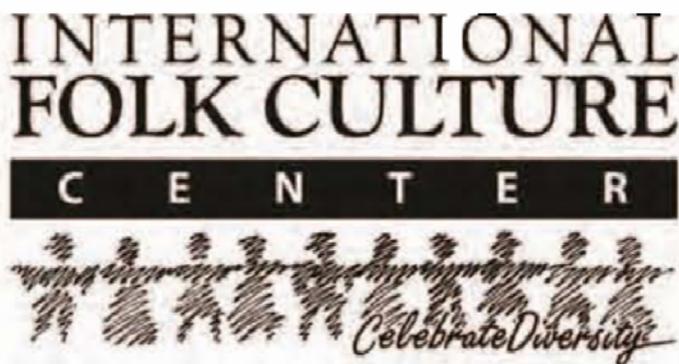
Scottish Country Dancers, who meet from 3 to 6 pm. Dancers who attended 8 of the 10 Sundays preceding the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival will be awarded a full scholarship to the Festival. Dances during the two-hours of fun include international folk dances as well as U.S. line dances.

International Folk Dancing to Be Represented at San Antonio's Siclovía

San Antonio Folk Dance Festival, the International Folk Culture Center, and other San Antonio folk dancers will participate in this year's Siclovía, a free bi-annual event that turns several major San Antonio streets into a safe place for people to exercise, bike, walk and play. Siclovía takes place Sunday April 3, from 11 am to 3 pm.

The route is car-free for 5 hours and families can enter the route at any point via biking or walking. Dogs are welcome! Exercise classes along the route, which wanders through streets of downtown San Antonio, offer samples of healthy family-friendly activities. The IFCC/SAFDF will sponsor an International Folk Dance Stop, to spread the word about our favorite form of exercise. We're allowed to hand out 5x7 postcards with information about dance times and locations, and will mention TIFD's participation in The Big Give SA! Join us!

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Board Elections



Board Officer Elections from Texas Camp

During the general meeting for all members at Texas Camp on November 28, 2015, three candidates ran for TIFD Board: Bruce Bostwick, RosieLee Camacho Salinas and Holly Plotner. The three nominees were elected by unanimous agreement of the membership. Congratulations to the 3 new Board members.

The current TIFD Board members are: Sara HornTalbot (TIFD president), Lissa Bengtson, Rikki Nicolae, Emily Clement, Garry Karner, Holly Plotner, Gary O'Berg, Bruce Bostwick and RosieLee Camacho Salinas.

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SAFDF Certified Awesome is Coming Soon! by Lissa Bengtson

San Antonio Folk Dance Festival is a partner of SA2020, a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving a vision of San Antonio by the year 2020. The vision was determined by San Antonio citizens in 2010, who identified 11 "cause" areas where improvement was needed. SAFDF fits into the vision through the Arts & Culture Cause, and the Health & Fitness Cause. As a result of this partnership, SAFDF is being connected to other like-minded organizations, and has been "Certified Awesome" by SA2020. The [SAFDF Awesome page](#) has information about the event and registration and donate buttons.

The vision, determined by San Antonio citizens for the year 2020, is lofty: "Our residents are among the healthiest in the nation with access to quality education and economic opportunity. San Antonio is the safest big city in the U.S. and our neighborhoods are connected with residents who are engaged civically. The city is growing, but is sustaining its natural resources as a respectful steward. San Antonio has public transportation that is recognized as a model of efficiency, a vibrant downtown, a diverse and thriving creative community and a local government that's responsive and accountable."

It's still not too late to [register online](#) or register when you arrive for SAFDF. Either way, we look forward to seeing you in San Antonio at our AWESOME event!

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A vibrant poster for the 58th Annual San Antonio Folk Dance Festival. The background is a bright yellow with radiating lines. In the foreground, a woman in a traditional red and black folk dance costume with a white headscarf is captured in a dynamic dance pose. In the background, other dancers in similar costumes are visible. Text on the poster includes: "58th Annual SAN ANTONIO FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL", "Our Lady of the Lake University", "(3) Days of Workshops March 18 - 20, 2016 www.safdf.org", "Concert March 19, 2016 7:30 p.m.", "Tickets \$5 - \$15 Discounted Prices Available Online https://safdf2016.eventbrite.com", and "For more information email: info@safdf.org". At the bottom, there are logos for tifd, OLLU, United Way, and Light One Candle.

NTTDS Celebrates 30 Years
by Gary O'Berg



On Saturday, February 20, the North Texas Traditional Dance Society celebrated their founding in 1986. That's 30 years of balance and swing! The caller was Linda Mrosko with music by Bambi and Thumper. Many of the original members attended and danced the night away.

The North Texas Traditional Dance Society's 26th Annual Spring Contra Dance Weekend When In Doubt, Swing! Takes place in Dallas, Texas, on April 15-17. Susan Michaels is the caller with music by the Syncopaths. Check out [the WIDS website](#) for more information and to register.

Calendar

March

Set for Spring English Country Dance Weekend, Dallas, TX, March 11-13, 2016.

<http://www.nttds.org/setspring16/home.html>

58th Annual San Antonio Folk Dance Festival, San Antonio, TX, March 18-20.

safdf.org/

April

When in Doubt Swing, Dallas, Texas, April 15-17. <http://www.nttds.org/wids2016/home.html>

May

Music and Dance Tour of Macedonia, May 1-11, 2016, organized by accordion player Goran Alachki. Details at alachki-tour.com. Contact David Golber, at dgolber@aol.com.

July

2016 Bulgarian Folk Music & Dance Seminar, Plovdiv, Bulgaria July 24-30.

<http://www.folkseminarplovdiv.net/>

November

Texas Camp, Bruceville, TX, November 23-27.

tifd.org/event/texas-camp-2016

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