

THE SOCIETY OF FOLK DANCE HISTORIANS

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REPORT TO MEMBERS, at June 30, 2026

Dear Friends,

During 2026, the Society became quiet busy. The **folk dance history** question that began 2026 has turned into a book that knowledgeable friends are proofing, now. A conversation about **Philip Thornton** led to another SFDH publication about Thornton's idiosyncratic 1990 lecture on **Balkan music and dance**. Both of these publications will be available as soon as time permits. Keep an eye on our FaceBook page and on our SFDH.us website.

In other matters, we:

answered 16 research questions sent in by people from across the US and abroad. Questions ranged from a deep dive into *Hooshig Mooshig* to anecdotes about the origin of the *Cajun Laendler*. No other library in the world could have answered all of the questions that we answered.

answered 9 other questions, such as availability of previous SFDH publications, donations, and the executive director's position.

received a gift of \$200 and a grant of \$1000.

continued to expand the Society website during 2026 under the direction of Webmaster Dick Oakes, who has now moved to Washington (state). Our increased internet presence may account for the wide range of questions that people now send.

The remainder of 2026 has started with a bang, with four research questions arriving before I got this typed!

I know I speak for the board in thanking all of you who continue to send messages of support and appreciation, and special thanks to those who sent financial support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron".

Ron Houston, Ph.D., Trustee