



Country Dance and Song Society of America

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English and American Folk Music and Dance

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Dear Members and Friends of CDSS:

It is that time of year again--when we are each asked to consider what the Society means and has meant to us and to the communities across the country which it influences and affects, and then to give as generously as possible to the annual Fund Appeal.

The Society, fortunately, has survived the most severe financial crisis in its 61 year history--thanks in part to the very gratifying response to last year's appeal. But donations from members and friends of CDSS are still a vital element in the Society's precariously balanced budget.

It is important to remember that CDSS is a national organization, and that Headquarters provides services for all its constituents. Twelve new centers have applied for membership in the Society this year, so that we now have 46 centers across the continent. CDSS provides information and sales at a constantly expanding rate. It is involved in research in traditional dance, music, and song. It is increasing the number and diversity of programs and events offered both at Pinewoods Camp and across the country. Yet we feel that the demand for what CDSS has to offer far outstrips the Society's ability to respond--and the only direct solution to this problem requires more money than is presently available.

We know that many of us have contributed substantially to Pinewoods Camp, Inc., and Pinewoods is of great importance to us all. But it is also most important that this does not take away from our support of the Society. The camp, without CDSS programs, would be of very little interest to any of us.

Please make your tax-deductible contribution as large--and as soon--as possible. If we all continue to work together, the Society will thrive as we know it deserves to do. As the villagers sing every May Day in Padstow, "Unite and unite, now let us unite. . ."

Yours faithfully,

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