



Russian Heritage

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New Season. Exciting Programs.

Saturday, September 28: Travel Reports! Poetry! Pizza!

ПУТЕШЕСТВИЕ! ПОЭЗИЯ! ПИЦЦА!

We begin the year with a special program at the Russian American Club (2920 Beach Boulevard in Gulfport) on Saturday, September 28. Come at 5 pm to reconnect with old friends and meet new people interested in Russian culture and life in Russia today.

Our light supper of pizza, salad, and cold drinks will be served at 5:30 pm, for only \$7.00 (Students attending will be our guests for dinner, no charge). The program will include a presentation by USF students who studied in Russia this past summer, led by USF Professor Olga Oleynik. Their “puteshestviye” will be followed by poetry declamations. This is a chance for all of us to listen to Russian poetry recited by our members and friends. All who participate with 8 lines or more of memorized poetry will receive a free Russian Heritage T-shirt as a prize. Would it not be great if some of our students could participate in this as well? So pick out your favorite Pushkin stanzas or other favorite verses by other poets and be prepared to share.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU BY RETURN EMAIL

OR BY PHONE: 727-867-6013

- I am planning to come on September 28
 I will probably not be attending this time.

We also are beginning to plan for the SPIFFS folk fair. We hope that many of you will be ready to sign up as volunteers for this great event.

October 31-November 2: SPIFFS 39th Annual Folk Fair!

СПИФФС ФЕСТИВАЛ!

The SPIFFS Folk Fair is an opportunity for ethnic groups in the Tampa Bay area to showcase their culture, foods, and entertainment. Each year as many as 7,000 school students come to the Folk Fair on Thursday and Friday (October 31 and November 1), and Saturday, November 2 it is open for the general public. This year's theme is “Holiday Foods Around the World”. The event will again take place in the Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. We will share ideas and sign up volunteers at our September meeting.

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VICTOR PEPPARD RECOVERING

After quadruple bypass surgery in early August, USF professor and RH president Victor Peppard is getting stronger day by day. He is on medical leave this semester, but he expects to be teaching again in the spring.

RH Vice-president Vladimir Khokhlov is acting president. Victor thinks he will be ready to resume his duties by the first of the year. We all wish him well!



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Other comments?

DECEMBER PROGRAMS.

ПРОГРАМЫ В ДЕКАБРЕ

(Details to follow in upcoming newsletters)

1. **Yolochka Party. Saturday December 7. Including Ded Moroz, Snegurochka, and Russian Folk Instruments.**
2. **Russian Christmas Concert presented by the State Symphony Capella of Russia, at Largo Cultural Center, December 17 @ 7:30pm.**
3. **Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker at Mahaffey Theater and afterparty with the stars of the ballet at St. Petersburg Nights, December 28 @ 7:30pm.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014: The Old Russian New Year Gala!

СТАРЫЙ НОВЫЙ ГОД!

We will again be presenting the Russian Heritage event of the year at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on January 10, 2014. Again we will dance to the exciting music of the Dazzlers, eat tasty foods, enjoy elegant decorations and party favors, and find special bargains at the Silent Auction (which benefits our scholarship fund)! Official invitations will go out in October, but mark your calendars now for this special event.

HEALTH BENEFIT SHOW

Join us for an evening of Fun and Dancing, Entertainment, Cocktails, Food and Raffles

...and help us raise money for
BORIS' HERNIA SURGERY!
(a common medical issue for sax players)

SEPTEMBER 15 @ 7PM
RSVP (727) 363-3832
\$10

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BORIS AND HIS SAX:

FRIENDS OF RUSSIAN HERITAGE

Boris has been a friend of Russian Heritage for many years. He has played Ded Moroz at our Old Russian New Year Gala on many occasions. And he has entertained us with his sax. On September 15 there will be a benefit for Boris at the *St. Petersburg Nights Restaurant* to help pay for his upcoming surgery. This is a time we can show support for Boris.

Other programs at *St. Petersburg Nights* can be found on its website: www.StPetersburgNights.com.