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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ!

The Officers and the Executive Board of *Russian Heritage* take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2002! This should be an important year for our organization, as we begin planning for the big celebration in 2003 of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Petersburg, Russia and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Petersburg, Florida (see article on page 3).

The year 2001 ended in grand style with a holiday celebration at the home of Bill Grant in Bradenton. About 70 members and friends of *Russian Heritage* enjoyed the good food, fellowship, folk dancers, and singing. We thank Bill and Pat Grant for their hospitality!

The First Night New Year's Celebration in St. Petersburg offers a Russian flavor at the Palladium Theater (253 Fifth Avenue North). On December 31, 2001 there will be a performance of Prokofiev's "Cinderella" at 7:00 by the Chamber Ballet led by Andrei Ustinov & Elena Martinson. Selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" will be danced at 9:00 by the Ballet Society.

Of course our big celebration will come for the Old Russian New Year on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. We hope to see you there.

## AN OLD RUSSIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



**A Dinner-Dance  
Sunday, January 13, 2002  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club**

Mayor Rick and Mrs. Baker will be our honorary chairpersons. The Russian Cultural Attache, Ludmila Antinova, will be a special guest from the Russian Embassy in Washington.

The program is printed on page 2. The menu features a choice of Beef Stroganoff or Salmon a la Russe. The tickets are \$45 each. Someone at this celebration will win the raffle prize of a 24" TV and VCR. Other exciting prizes will also be awarded.

Many of you have already made your reservations for this event. If you haven't, the deadline (1/7/02) is rapidly approaching. If you still need to make reservations, please call 727-867-9148, and send your check to:

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AN OLD RUSSIAN  
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



*Reception*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Welcome  
and New Year Toast*

*6:15 p.m.*

*Dinner  
6:30 p.m.*

*Concert  
8:00 - 8:30*

*Dance to the music of the Dancers*

*8:00 to 11:00 p.m.*



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*And*

*Our Honorary Chairpersons*

*Mayor and Mrs. Rick Baker*

*Request the Pleasure of Your Company*

*On Sunday, January 13, 2002*

*At the  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
11 Central Avenue*

*for a*

***Dinner - Dance***

*RSVP by January 7, 2002*

*Black tie optional*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, January 12, 2002.** World-famous Russian violinist **Maxim Vengerov** will perform at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.

**Tuesday, January 22, 2002.** **Grand Opening of the LEEPA-RATTNER MUSEUM OF ART** at 10:00 am at the Tarpon Spring Campus of St. Petersburg College. This museum of modern art together with Dali Museum will make this area a showcase for world art of the twentieth century. Official invitations for the Grand Opening will be available to *Russian Heritage* members at the Old Russian New Year Celebration, or by request to the Russian Heritage PO Box listed on cover.

**Saturday, February 16, 2002.** **Russian Ensemble** will perform at the Music Center of the Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College at 3:00 pm. Featured performers include Eugene Bazhanov, Vladimir Khokhlov, and Olga Glick. Soprano Solveiga Raja, a leading soloist of the Latvian National Opera from Riga, Latvia will also be featured. Raja and Khokhlov will also perform at the Old Russian New Year Celebration on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**March 6-10, 2002.** **St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS)** presents annual Folk Fair. See future newsletters for more details.

**Tuesday, March 19, 2002.** **Russian Heritage General Meeting to Explore Options for Celebrating "The Two St. Petersburgs" in 2003.** The Executive Board of *Russian Heritage* decided to propose this format for focusing on our response to the upcoming events. There are several major projects under consideration, including museum exchanges and official city delegations. The details for our program will be publicized further, but if you are especially interested in this project, call 727-864-8235.

**Monday, March 25, 2002.** Russian Soprano **Elena Lewenson** will perform at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.

**Sunday, March 31, 2002.** **Easter for Western Christians**

**Saturday, April 27, 2002.** **Russian Ensemble** will perform at the Music Center of the Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College at 3:00 pm. The program will include Brahms' Trio #1 for Violin, Cello, and Piano, and other selections for piano and strings.

**Sunday, May 5, 2002.** **Russian Easter**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2002.** **Russian Heritage Business Meeting and Election of Officers for 2002-2003.**

## Russian Heritage Members for 2001-2002

This will be our last appeal for new members for this year. We hope that you will join with us, and invite others to become involved as we promote Russian culture in this part of Florida, and as we prepare for the twin celebrations of the "Two St. Petersburgs" in 2003. We now have about 80 members, and it would be great if we could raise this number to more than 100.

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