

May 9, 1984

MVFD NEWSLETTER

Our Bavarian-Austrian workshop was a tremendous success. There were 85 people for the Saturday afternoon session, 72 for dinner, and 75 on Sunday. Needless to say, many workers were involved in making the weekend a success. Special thanks, however, to Ann Ballinger for chairing the event, and to Zora and Charlie Krainz for keeping the Gelmans in their home. We do not have all the bills in yet, but we did not lose money on the workshop. It helped not having to pay rent or hiring a security guard. Also, the Gelmans only charged \$100 plus travel expenses. We were very lucky to get them.

Peg Booher will be chairing the 1985 Bulgarian workshop, and has contacted Yves Moreau concerning the date. More details will be forthcoming.

Tri-City was well-attended this year. Twenty-seven of our members went to Columbus. The format for future Tri-City workshops has been changed. From now on each city will be given one hour of teaching time, and that time can be allocated any way the host club decides to do it. This change was made mainly because the Heartland Dancers wanted to be included in the teaching and there simply wasn't enough teaching time available to include them. In the past, the Cincinnati and Columbus clubs have dominated the teaching since there were several clubs from those two cities. It was felt by representatives from all of the clubs that the fairest way would be to allow each city a certain amount of teaching time.

As you know, our membership drive is scheduled for May 31. Don't forget to invite a potential folk dancer to dance with us that night. Several of our members will provide a quick "walk thru" of easy dances so that even the beginners can dance and enjoy the evening. There will also be request dancing interspersed with the teaching. Members are asked to bring a snack that evening in addition to our regular Thursday night refreshments so that there will be an ample supply of refreshments. Hopefully, some of our visitors will want to continue dancing with us on future Thursdays.

A blunt but straight forward statement -- It has been brought to my attention by three or four different members that a reminder seems to be in order concerning the use of a good deodorant and clean clothes for Thursday night dancing. When we do mixers, people find it unpleasant if there is a stale body odor prevailing. A shirt worn the previous Thursday without washing between wearing smells. I know this seems elementary, but apparently it needs to be said if we are to enjoy dancing with one another.

Congratulations once again to Grace and Bill Wolff for being elected Honor Roll Couple of the Year by the Miami Valley Dance Council. We are very proud to have one of OUR couples elected.

We will be having a council meeting Tuesday, May 15, at which time we will establish a date for our summer picnic. At the January annual meeting, Dick Clair offered the use of St. Joseph's facilities. There is a swimming pool there and we will have the use of it. Since the meeting, however, the shelter house burned down, but the concrete slab remains. Since there are no plans to rebuild the shelter house, we will have to work out an alternate plan in the event of rain. If you would like to have any input in establishing a picnic date, please let a council member know before our meeting date.

May ethnic Sunday will be German; June will be Mid-Eastern; July will be Western Hemisphere (Wow!); and August will be International.

Again -- don't forget May 31. Bring someone for the membership drive.

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