

MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS' NEWSLETTER  
MARCH, 1988

On the mend- Babe Hennessey is recuperating from cataract surgery and Zora Krainz has just had back surgery. We all miss them and hope they are back PRONTO.

Tape committee- We have videotapes of Ray Gottschall teaching Sardana and Ballos and the dance that Joanne Dombrowski taught on March 3 (sorry, I don't have the name of that one with me). If you would like to borrow these tapes see John Pappas, we will also have the written instructions with the videotapes.

We have had some complaints that members wanted to have addressed in the newsletter and since I respect Dear Abby I decided to let her handle them.

Dear Abby-

Some of my folk dancing friends smell like "Russians in the winter". I don't want to hurt their feelings but they are overwhelming me. What should I do?

Nose Knows

Dear Nose Knows-

Since I didn't know what Russians in the winter smell like, I felt it was best to call on some experts for help. According to Ray Gottschall, Russians didn't take baths in the winter and, therefore, many of their dances incorporate using perfumed handkerchiefs. I would recommend that this method NOT be used since many people are allergic to perfume so dancers should just be sure to wash their smelly parts. Vera Fisher informed me that you dancers sweat up a flood and might need to wash clothes in white vinegar to get out perspiration odors from clothes. Noted nutritionist Sara Fleischer warns that if you are a strong-smelling perspirer, you may not be getting enough zinc in your diet. Ed Gessel has found a simple method of masking bacteria caused body odors, "eat lots of garlic and no one will complain about your perspiration odor ever again". Let's hope your friends take heed to these suggestions for clean smelling dancing.

Abby

Dear Abby-

We have a problem. Some of our dancers are borrowing records and dance instructions without recording that they have taken them. We must have them here on Thursday nights, ethnic Sundays, and special practices and performances.

Concerned

Dear Concerned-

All of your dancers should know that they must write in the book if they are borrowing any items. Maybe they have poor vision and need enlarged instructions, e.g. **DO NOT REMOVE ANY RECORDS WITHOUT FIRST RECORDING THAT YOU HAVE THEM. ALL RECORDS MUST BE AVAILABLE ON DANCING DAYS.** Let me know what happens, I care.

Abby

Dear Abby-

Every month our new chairperson, writes things about our members. I am afraid she is going to tell people things I don't want others to know about me. What should I do?

Scared to Death

Dear Scared to Death-

Thank you for sending samples of things she says about people. You have great cause for concern, this person is EVIL. It is obvious that she intends to have something to say about everyone in your group. Therefore you must trick her. Tell her things that you want people to know about you, what special events are happening in your life that you want people to know about so they will ask you about them. What are your hobbies, jobs, vacation plans, awards, etc.? If you aren't doing anything, what are your kids doing? It appears that she will accept just about anything, therefore, you had better get information to her before she finds out something uncomplimentary about you.

Abby

Answers to last month trivia and percent of people submitting answers who got them right:

1. Received a new "outlook" on life within the last few weeks? Dick Clair and Babe Hennessey both had cataract surgery (78%).
2. Drying out a walnut log? Charlie Krainz (100%).

3. Traveled around the world on a motor scooter? Tad Tubiel (0%), Pat Hennessey and Rick Rutan were named as possibilities.
4. Appears to have the largest variety of T-shirts? Joe Kroupa (56%), the rest of the folks voted for Ed Anderson.
5. A slippery rock had a major impact on the fate of this individual? Peg Booher graduated from Slippery Rock University (33%).
6. Sunk during WW2? Don Eitzroth (89%).
7. Son is a gourmet cook and photographer? Sam and Sara Fleischer (100%).
8. Has been on 4 overseas pleasure trips within one year? Nova Sanders (100%).
9. Uses homeopathic medicine? Sara and Sam Fleischer, Roseanne and Ed Gessel, Grace Wolff (100%).
10. Equipment she used in her college job is now featured at a renown museum? Joanne Dombrowski worked at Greenfield Village Museum and a cash register she used is now on display there (78%).
11. Will be teaching an Israeli folk dancing class this spring? Harry Khamis (33%). That was a trick question- it wasn't Toni Francis.
12. Was at the same school 50 years after she started there? Peg Eitzroth (100%).
13. MYFD's best known ballerina? Ed Anderson came as a ballerina to the Halloween party in 1986 (22%). Bette Kelley works for the Dayton ballet but is not a ballerina.
14. Complained the loudest for not getting a chance to submit her vote for MYFD workshop this year? Ann Ballinger (100%).
15. Full-time professional recreational (square & folk) dance leader? Lou Hull (89%).
16. Is in Florida? Ella Ingraham and Dot Santi (89%).
17. Complained the loudest for not knowing where to go during the flood of '87? Louise Van Vliet (22%).
18. Is in Mexico? Tad and Luise Tubiel (78%).

Zora Krainz was the big time gossip for this month with 15 correct answers. Unaccepted answers may be contested.

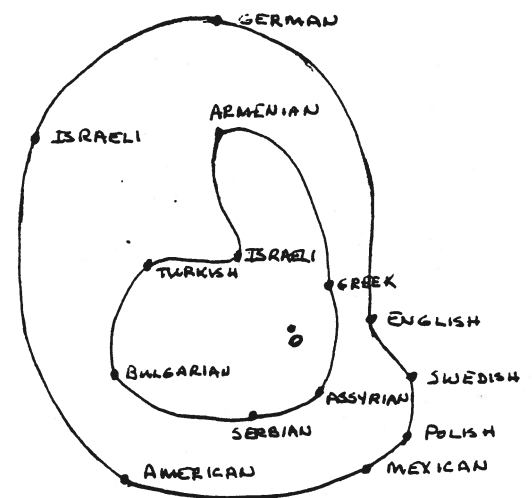
#### Current standing in Trivia Contest

	Knowledge	Tattletale	Total Points
John Pappas	27	2	29
Carole Pappas	26	1	27
Leslie Hull	24	2	26
Don Eitzroth	24	2	26
Peg Eitzroth	25		25
Joanne Dombrowski	24		24
Zora Krainz	15		15
Ann Ballinger	11		11
Sam Ballinger	11		11
Peg Booher	11		11
Roseanne Gessel		5	5
Dick Clair		3	3
Yera Fisher		1	1
Ed Gessel		1	1
Teresa Guess		1	1
Nirmal Mondal		1	1
Luise Tubiel		1	1

MVFD Trivia, March, 1988. Identify MVFD members or associate members for each comment. Sharing of answers is encouraged. Return to Louise Van Vliet by 9:00 p.m., March 17, 1988.

1. Received special treatment flying intercontinental airlines.
2. Accomplice in the infamous "pig" rebellion.
3. Daughter was a published author as an undergraduate.
4. Born in Canada.
5. Teaches French at Wright State University.
6. Waynesville farmer.
7. Daughter was born in Egypt.
8. Tinsmiths (You must name two members to receive credit).
9. Recently produced a documentary on a South American dance group?
10. Three members who recently performed with the Capercaillie folk band at Victory Theatre. (You must name all three to get credit.)
11. Spouse has a famous name.

12-13. Brain Teaser- The nationalities on each contour line have something in common in their relationship to MVFD. What relationship to MVFD does each contour line represent? (One point for each contour line.)




14. Came dancing on February 11.

# miami valley folk dancers

APRIL, 1988

**Silverware**- There are many types of silverware. There are fat **spoons**, thin **KNIVES**, modern **FORKS**, classic **forks**, teeny weeny

**spoons**, giant **knives**, and some  even belong to the military. However, only at the Pavilion do we have folk dancing silverware. These knives, forks, and spoons have been living at the Pavilion since ethnic Sundays of the past when their owners forgot to take them home. Surely, you wish to take them home to impress your friends with their unique abilities.

**silverware doing newcastle**

**knife spoon FORK SPOON**

**spoon fork spoon knife**

Little fat forks doing Trip to Bavaria

**fork Krok**

**fork Krok**

**fork Krok**

**fork Krok**

**fork Krok**

**Spoons doing Kreuz Koenig**

**spoon SPOON noods noods**

Silverware doing Floricica

**spoon FORK knife fork KNIFE SPOON**

As all of you know **Harry Khamis** is teaching an Israeli Folk Dancing class this term at Wright State. In the hopes of seducing some of his students into our group we will have a special Thursday night program on May 26. Israeli dances will be taught during the 7:00-8:00 class time and many Israeli dances will be included in the program. If you know of individuals with a special interest in Israeli dances be sure to invite them. Leslie Hyll, our publicity chairperson will be contacting the Jewish community.

**Mary Wolff** has been awarded a \$4,000 Performing Arts Fellowship in choreography by the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Performing Arts Fellowships enable choreographers to set aside time and/or purchase materials for professional artistic development. Recipients of the fellowships are chosen by a panel of dance professionals, who make the selection solely on the basis of artistic excellence through an anonymous process.

For those of you who don't know Mary, she is **Grace Wolff's** daughter and was a member of the MVFD and Tammies. She holds a master's degree in choreography, performance and video-dance from the University of California, Los Angeles and a master's degree from Indiana University in folklore and traditional dance. She has taught at the University of Arizona, Tufts University, Boston Conservatory of Music, University of California, and with the Mandal Folk Dance Ensemble in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her choreographic works have been performed in Tucson, Tempe, Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco and at the International Dance Festival in Sweden, the Drummondville World Folklore Festival in Canada, Festival Folklorique International des Pyrenees in France and at the Billingham International Folklore Festival in England.

Fall Workshop - Genevieve Shimer will be teaching at our fall workshop, November 12-13, 1988. Mark your calendars now. Leslie Hyll is the chairperson.

Over the years, Carole Pappas has dedicated many hours as our unofficial match maker and I feel she should receive special credit for her hard work. It is very important that good matches be made, therefore, it is necessary for her to have a good source of eligibles. Please keep her informed of good prospects. At the present time, one of her more elegant clients is looking for a husband. One of her criteria for a mate is an individual who enjoys an occasional \$100 dinner. Not knowing what a \$100 dinner would include I checked in at Kroger's and found that the following items could be obtained for that sum:

2 heads of lettuce	4 cucumbers
4 bunches of onions	2 lb. of carrots
2 heads of celery	2 lb. of bananas
40 lb. of potatoes	8 lb. of beans
4 lb. of spaghetti	20 lb. of ham
12 lb. of beef brisket	28 lb. of turkey
2 gal. of milk	2 doz. eggs
4 big pizzas	2 pies

If you know of anyone who can chow down this much food in one meal, BOY has Carole got a wife for him.

Reminder- Trivia contest will end in September and the two highest scorers will receive free registration at the fall workshop. In addition, all contestants who have obtained over 25 points will be eligible for drawings for ethnic prizes and everyone with over 50 points will receive special ethnic prizes.

#### Current standing in Trivia Contest

	Knowledge	Tattletale	Total Points
Carole Pappas	36	5	41
John Pappas	37	2	39
Leslie Hyll	32	2	34
Joanne Dombrowski	33		33
Don Eltzroth	24	2	26
Peg Eltzroth	25		25
Peg Booher	11	8	19
Zora Krainz	15		15
Sam Ballinger	11	1	12
Ann Ballinger	11		11
Nova Sanders	6		6
Roseanne Gessel		5	5
Dick Clair		3	3

Vera Fisher	2	2
Ed Gessel	1	1
Teresa Guess	1	1
Nirmal Mondal	1	1
Luise Tubiel	1	1

MVFD Trivia, March, 1988. Correct answers and percent of competing individuals who got the correct answer. Five members submitted answers.

1. Received special treatment flying intercontinental airlines. Henry Stovall (90%). Yugoslav Airlines gave Henry 4 seats just so he could lounge around.
2. Accomplice in the infamous "pig" rebellion. Adele Nellis (0%). This is one of my favorite stories of the good little guy against the big bad guy.
3. Daughter was a published author as an undergraduate. Cheryl Puterbaugh had two textbook chapters and some articles published while she was an undergraduate at Miami (0%). (She's just a typical Miami student.)
4. Born in Canada. Lilly Ulrich (100%).
5. Teaches French at Wright State University. Jane Jabour (100%).
6. Waynesville farmer. Lee Moser (80%).
7. Daughter was born in Egypt. Nirmal Mondal (100%).
8. Tinsmiths (You must name two members to receive credit). Frank Hart and Jim Woolley (80%).
9. Recently produced a documentary on a South American dance group? Sandra (Toni) Francis (80%).
10. Three members who recently performed with the Caspercaille folk band at Victory Theatre. (You must name all three to get credit.) Jim Carter and "his two women" Leslie Hyl and Bette Kelley (80%).
11. Spouse has a famous name. Vera Fisher is married to Eddie Fisher (0%). I did give credit for Carole Pappas since both she and John insisted that John Pappas is a famous name.
- 12-13. Brain Teaser- The nationalities on each contour line have something in common in their relationship to MVFD. What relationship to MVFD does each contour line represent? (One point for each contour line.) The inner line represents the number of line dance and the outer line represents the number of couple dance records we have for the nationalities noted. The distance from 0 is directly proportional to the number of records. I accepted number of line dances and couple dances. I did not accept vague answers, i.e. primarily line and couple dances or outright errors, i.e. distance is inversely proportional.
14. Came dancing on February 11. Jim Carter receives the postman award for coming out in the bad weather (80%).

MVFD Trivia, April, 1988 - Name That Dance- You are to identify each of the 20 different dances identified in the photographs. Do not put down more than one name for each dance or you will not receive credit even if one of the names is correct. Return to Louise Van Vliet by 9:00 p.m., April 21, 1988.