

# Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Newsletter  
May, 1989

## Calendar of Events:

- May 5,6 Greek Dance Workshop, Cincinnati (see flyer for info)
- May 12 Cityfolk Cajun Dance Series with Beausoleil, Polish Club
- May 12-14 Ohio State Square Dance Convention, Columbus (State Fairgrounds)  
includes a full schedule of contra dancing
- May 13 Macedonian Dance, Springfield
- May 14 MVFD Request Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- May 18 MVFD Open House, M. S. Pavilion
- May 20 Yugoslav Club Kolo Party with Vatra Ziva, Lithuanian Club
- Jun 2 you know
- Jun 2-4 Dayton International Festival, Dayton Convention Center
- Jun 11 MVFD Italian Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- Jul 9 MVFD USA Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- Aug 20 MVDC "Day in the Park", Carillon Park
- Nov 11 MVFD Hungarian Dance Workshop with Andor Czompo, Burkhardt Center
- Nov 12 MVFD Hungarian Dance Workshop with Andor Czompo, M. S. Pavilion

## Comments on Upcoming Events:

**May 18, Open House** - We will hold our annual open house this evening. Please bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun evening of dancing. Also, please bring munchies along. Harry Khamis is chairing this event.

**May 20, Kolo Party** - The 8th annual Kolo Party sponsored by the Yugoslav Club features lots of line dancing with a live band, and will be highlighted with the performance of a Macedonian suite by Zivio. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance. See Yugoslav Club members for tickets.

**Jun 2-4, International Festival** - Most of you are familiar with this event. For those who aren't, the ethnic population gets together to show off and party. Come and eat, drink, sightsee, and dance your way around the world. Rumor has it that there will be a band there on Saturday night for general dancing. Advance tickets (\$2.00 each) are available from some of our members.

**New Cassette Tape Case** - We have a new case for cassette tapes, courtesy of Ed Anderson. He searched high and low for inserts, and has put together a first rate case for our growing collection of tapes. Thank you Ed.

**Equipment Repairs** - After some annoying evenings when a wire to the needle in the record player broke, Lou Hyll has replaced the needle cartridge with a different type of cartridge that will eliminate this problem. With the new cartridge only the needle turns, not the whole cartridge. Of course, as always you should treat the equipment with care. Lou is also working on the short in the microphone. Thank you Lou.

Gossip - This month Louise tells us about a new member and an established member:

It seems perfectly normal for individuals to choose Dayton to live in because of the great folk dancing, but STRATEGIC BOARD GAMING? "Absolutely", said our latest new member. Dayton is the in place to be if one loves SBG and that is how Eric Thomas Joseph Hogue chose Dayton as a roosting place. Eric includes SBG, bridge, chess, go, renju, shogi, and science fiction reading as necessities of life but not a car or T.V. (You will note, however, that he makes sure the women he selects all have cars.) He lives in a typing office and makes a budget by running out of money.

Eric was born in Rock Island, Illinois, moved to Hawaii at 4 months, back to Davenport, Iowa at the age of 4, lived there for 5 years, and then on to St. Louis until he went to college at U.D. where he received a bachelor's degree in math in 1984 and became addicted to strategic board games. After receiving a master's degree in math from Washington University, he worked as an assistant manager of the Great American Cookie Company in St. Louis for a year and then returned to Dayton where he does substitute teaching, works as a closer for Burger King, folk dances, plays games, and shares life with Cheryl Brabb whom he met while hanging around U.D. Eric has noted that his feelings don't get hurt, he is humble but not modest, and you should never ask him a question unless you want to hear the truth.

Joanne Dombrowski began folk dancing at the age of 7 and danced with a Polish dance group for 13 years before Harry Khamis introduced her to the greatest dance group in the world - you guessed it, the MVFD. Joanne has been a very valuable member of our group; not only as a council member, including chairperson, but as chair of several workshops, and for leading and teaching us many dances. In addition, Joanne is one of the lead dancers for the Zivio dance group, serves as its costume coordinator, teaches dances, and serves as the mathematical consultant for Macedonian dance figures. She was one of three of our members who performed Macedonian dancing in front of an audience of 10,000 people in Bitola last year.

Ray Gottschall is going to East Europe this summer. As artistic director for the Oakland University Slavic Folk Ensemble, Ray will be sightseeing and performing 11 concerts in 10 cities of Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany. The 21 member ensemble will circle the area where Ray's Great Grandmother was born (Prussia), visit Chopin's birthplace, see a porcelain factory in Dresden, and dance their way into the heart's of the East Europeans. Ray has given the troupe 3 workshops this winter and spring from which they will be performing Krakowiak, Hopak, and Daychovo. The tour leaves Detroit on June 12th and returns on July 3rd. Best wishes to Ray on this trip.