

# Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Newsletter  
September, 1989

It's fall again, one of the busiest dance seasons of the year. If your calendar isn't all ready filled, here are some events to help fill it.

## Calendar of Events:

- Sep 9 Beavercreek Popcorn Festival
- Sep 10 MVFD Latin Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- Sep 13 CFD All Live Music Dance Evening
- Sep 17 Yugoslav Club Picnic
- Sep 20 Yugoslav Club - Yugoslav Dance Class begins, Burkhardt Center
- Sep 20 Beavercreek Adult School Folk Dance Class begins
- Sep 23, 24 DAI Oktoberfest
- Sep 24 MVFD Field Trip - Dinner at Forest View Gardens
- Sep 30 Aullwood Apple Festival
- Sep 30, Oct 1 MiddFest, Middletown, India will be featured
  
- Oct 8 MVFD Israeli Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- Oct 14 MVFD Performs at Sauerkraut Festival, Waynesville
  
- Nov 2 CityFolk, American Indian Dance Theatre, Memorial Hall
- Nov 11 MVFD Hungarian Dance Workshop with Andor Czompo, Burkhardt Center
- Nov 12 MVFD Hungarian Dance Workshop with Andor Czompo, M. S. Pavilion
  
- Dec 10 MVFD Scandinavian Ethnic Sunday, M. S. Pavilion
- Dec 31 MVFD New Year's Eve Party, tba

## Comments on Upcoming Events:

Sep 13, Columbus Folk Dancers - The Columbus Folk Dancers will sponsor an evening of International Folk Dancing with Live Music. Several groups will be playing Balkan, English, Polkas, and more. For more information, contact Dona Hyll.

Sep 20, Folk Dance Classes - If you are interested in more instruction in folk dancing than you get with MVFD, there are a couple of opportunities this fall of which you may want to take advantage. The Yugoslav Club is sponsoring a class on Yugoslav Folk Dancing, to be taught by members of the Zivio dancers; and the Beavercreek Adult School is sponsoring a class on International Folk Dancing, to be taught by Lou Hyll. Both classes are on Wednesday evening and both classes have a registration fee. For more information contact John Pappas or Lou Hyll.

**Sep 24, Field Trip - Forest View Gardens** - Note the change of date. You must make reservations with Leslie by Sept. 7. Information sheet for participants will be available Sept. 14. Join your fellow dancers for dinner on Sunday, at Forest View Gardens in Cincinnati. The food is German and American, the waiters and waitresses are students at the Conservatory of Music and sing for us all evening long, there is German sing-a-long, and the evening ends with 30 minutes of excerpts from a musical. Entrees range in price from \$11.00 - \$25.00 (remember you get entertainment, also). This place is REALLY, REALLY FUN! Dinner begins at 5 pm.

**Oct 14, Sauerkraut Festival** - We will put on a demonstration at the Sauerkraut Festival this Saturday. This is a good opportunity to get dressed up and show off. If you wish to participate, contact Ann Ballinger. There will be 5 weeks of Tuesday evening rehearsals.

**Nov 11, 12, Hungarian Dance Workshop** - Don't forget about our fall workshop with Andor Czompo. John Pappas and Joanne Dombrowski are busy organizing the workshop right now. This will be a very good workshop, and will include both partner and non-partner dances. There will be something for everyone. Mark this weekend on your calendars so you won't forget. Flyers will be out soon.

**Thursday Evening Programs** - When you are in charge of a Thursday evening of dancing, please be a responsible programmer by providing a balanced program for all of our dancers. A very simple way to do this is to alternate between line dances and couple dances by playing two of each. For example, you might begin your program with 2 easy line dances in which the beginners may participate, continue with 2 mixers for everyone to say hi, then 2 intermediate line dances, 2 set dances, 2 line dances, 2 couple dances, 2 line dances, 2 contras, 2 line dances, 2 couple dances, etc. Or begin with 2 mixers, then 2 easy line dances, then 2 couple dances, 2 line dances, etc. Also, don't forget about the request board. Play requests no less than every 3rd or 4th dance. You are not required to go straight down the request list because you may not be able to keep a balanced program that way. If the next dance on the board is a line dance and it is time for a couple dance, skip to the next couple dance on the board and play the line dance when it is time for the next line dance. Leslie would be happy to assist anyone who asks, with more in-depth information about programming of Thursday evenings.