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**FOLK DANCING:** Learn English folk dances, sponsored by the Miami Valley Folk Dancers, 2:30-5:30 p.m. **Sunday**, Michael Solomon Pavilion, 2917 Berkley St. Free. 256-4137. A covered dish dinner will follow the dance. Bring dish to share and own utensils.

Wednesday, Feb. 26-March 3, 1992

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### Miami Valley Folk Dancers slate dance workshop

Petur Iliev, an ethnologist, dancer and instructor from western Bulgaria, will teach Bulgarian dance at a workshop sponsored by the Miami Valley Folk Dancers from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Northwestern Recreation Center, 1600 Princeton Drive.

The instruction will be followed by a Bulgarian-style din-

ner at 6 p.m. and a party at 8 p.m.

There will be a Sunday, March 8, teaching session at the Michael Solomon Pavillon, 2917 Berkley Road, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The cost for the entire weekend, including dance lessons, dinner, party and syllabus, is \$23. Participants may register

for a portion of the weekend for less. For information, call 859-5552 or 299-0522.

Iliev attended a choreographic high school in Bulgaria and is a graduate of the National Institute of Choreography, Sofia. He has performed with the State Ensemble for Folk Songs and Dances and the National Ensemble of the Bulgaria Army.

THINGS TO DO TODAY

2C □ SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1992

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utensils, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Michael Solomon Pavilion, 2917 Berkley St. Free. 256-4137.

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DANCE

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12C □ SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1992

THINGS TO DO TODAY

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■ **COX ARBORETUM SPRING PLANT FESTIVAL** — Adults can shop for a wide variety of plants while children enjoy garden railroads, motorized sailboats

Dayton Daily News Wed., June 10, 1992

HAPPENINGS

■ **FOLK** dances from Israel will be taught by the Miami Valley Folk Dancers on Sunday, June 14, at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, 2917 Berkley St., Kettering. Request dancing starts at 2:30 p.m. and teaching will begin at 3 p.m. No partners are needed. There will be a covered-dish meal at 5:30 p.m.; take a dish to share and your own table service. For information: 256-4137.

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Dayton Daily News Wed., May 6, 1992

HAPPENINGS

■ **MIAMI** Valley Folk Dancers will teach waltz, polka, and two-step dances on "Ethnic Sunday" May 10 at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, 2917 Berkley St., Kettering. Request dancing starts at 2:30 p.m.; teaching at 3 p.m., followed by a covered dish meal at 5:30 p.m. Take a dish to share and your own table service. No partners needed. Admission is free. For information: 256-4137.

# Dayton couple dancing their way onto Miami Valley's honor roll

By Cathy Mong

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Ann Ballinger's feet haven't been still much of her 71 years, certainly not for as long as she can remember.

Two left feet are not in this folk dancer's arena of vast dance knowledge, but thousands of happy toes are.

Mrs. Ballinger and her dance and life partner, Sam, have been honored by the Miami Valley Dance Council as its Honor Roll Dancers of 1992. Among their contributions to the area include teaching folk, round, square and contra dancing through their club, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers.

The couple, who live on Virginia Avenue in Dayton, were chosen from among 54 nominated by each of the dance clubs in the council.

"It's quite an honor, considering the majority of the council clubs are square (dance)," Mrs. Ballinger said.

Mrs. Ballinger's German parents emi-

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Miami Valley Dance Council

grated to Dayton when she was 2. She still considers German dance her specialty and the one closest to her heart. Ballinger prefers couple dancing.

Growing up during the Great Depression afforded Mrs. Ballinger the opportunity to dance at the old Liederkrantz hall on Wayne Avenue, in what was known as the Hay Market district.

She and her husband will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary Sept. 15, a union that produced two daughters,

Marie Suzanne McCollor of Springboro and Jeanette Adams of Dayton.

It was through her daughters' Girl Scout involvement that Mrs. Ballinger formed one of her most lasting bonds.

"She has taught more than 2,500 scouts and leaders," said Rosanne Gessel, Miami Valley Dance Council publicity chairwoman.

"I got in it through Grace Wolff who started teaching folk dance. I took classes from her and just kept going. Then I took over for her," Mrs. Ballinger said.

Ballinger, 75, and his wife, 71, enjoy the council because it is fun and keeps them fit. "We've been asked, 'How do you do it?'" she said.

Ballinger retired in 1975 from Dayton Power and Light Co., where he worked 30 years in the service department. He has been a folk dancing regular since.

While not the only male in the club, Ballinger said there are many more women who click their heels than men.

"Women dance together. There's nothing wrong with that," Mrs. Ballinger said. Ages of participants range from early 20s to 90.

The folk dance group meets every Thursday at Michael Solomon Pavilion.

Forty-four members will present a program July 31 at Ameriflora in Columbus.

Besides her work with Scouts, Mrs. Ballinger teaches a newcomers' class from 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday before the regular meeting.

Ballinger has been treasurer for 16 years.



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Folk dancers Ann and Sam Ballinger