

Miami Valley Folk Dancers Newsletter

Thursday, July 29, 1993

Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 1	Day in the Park
<u>Sunday, Aug. 8</u>	<u>Request Ethnic Sunday</u>
Saturday, Aug. 28	Music/Dance Benefit in Columbus
Thursday, Sept. 2	Special Surprise at the 9:00 - 9:30 teaching session
September 3 - 6	Oglebay Folk Dance Camp in Wheeling, WV.
Monday, Sept. 6	Holiday at Home performance in Kettering
<u>Sunday, Sept. 12</u>	<u>Jane Farwell Ethnic Sunday</u>
October 1 - 3	Bulgarian Workshop at Camp Joy
Saturday, Oct. 9	Saurkraut Festival performance in Waynesville
<u>Sunday, Oct. 10</u>	<u>Macedonian Ethnic Sunday</u>
Sunday, Oct. 24	Scandi-Sunday in Columbus
<u>Nov. 13-14</u>	<u>MVFD Annual Workshop</u>
Saturday, Dec. 4	Yugoslav Club Christmas Party
<u>Sunday, Dec. 12</u>	<u>Solstice Ethnic Sunday</u>
<u>Sunday, Jan. 9</u>	<u>MVFD Annual Meeting</u>
<u>Sunday, Feb. 13</u>	<u>Irish Ethnic Sunday</u>

Details, Details, ...

- On Sunday, Aug. 8 at the **Request Ethnic Sunday**, dances that **YOU** have requested will be reviewed/taught.
- On Saturday, Aug. 28 four **Columbus Balkan bands** will present a night of music and dancing to benefit the peoples of the former Yugoslavia. The party will be from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Saint Margaret of Cortona Church Hall, 1600 North Hague Ave. in Columbus. The requested donation is \$5.00; proceeds will benefit the International Rescue Committee, which is providing direct relief to the former Yugoslavia. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For further information, call 297-1342 or 761-2157.

- On Thursday, Sept. 2 there will be a **special surprise** at the 9:00 - 9:30 teaching session. It's special because something will be different, and it's a surprise because you don't know what it is!
- Oglebay Park (Wheeling WV.) has a folk dance workshop every Memorial day and Labor day weekend. **Oglebay Folk Dance Camp** is the oldest folk dance camp in the country, started in 1942 by Jane Farwell. This fall, the workshop will be held on September 3 - 6. If you're interested, there are fliers on the kitchen counter.
- The **Holiday at Home** performance in Kettering will be held on Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day). Please see Ann Ballinger or John Pappas if you are interested in participating in this.
- On Sunday, September 12 we will have a special Ethnic Sunday in memory of **Jane Farwell**, who passed away earlier this year. In its last meeting, the MVFD Council voted unanimously to send \$50.00 in memory of Jane to Folklore Village. For those who are not aware, Jane Farwell was a pioneer of the folk dance movement in this country. She graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs and started her work in the 1930s. She has given many workshops for the MVFDers and has been a good friend. Details about the Jane Farwell Ethnic Sunday are still being worked out, so please stay tuned.
- On October 1-3 a **Bulgarian workshop** featuring Petur Iliev, Ventsi Sotirov and Zoia Sotirova will be held at Camp Joy (about a one-half hour's drive away). Petur and Ventsi are both excellent dancers and excellent teachers; Zoia will be conducting Bulgarian singing lessons. Fliers should be out soon. For more details, see Ray Gottschall or Ann Mosconi.
- On Sunday, October 24 the **Scandi-Sunday** group will resume (we don't meet in the summer) in Columbus. We spend the afternoon doing easy Scandinavian turning dances; part of the afternoon is spent in teaching dances and the rest is spent on request dances. If you think this is only for experienced Scandinavian dancers, you're **WRONG** . . . beginners are welcome. For more information, see me or Pat Gehring.
- Please mark your calendars **NOW** for the **MVFD Annual Workshop: Nov. 13-14**. I'll wait until you get your calendar and mark the weekend . . . got it? . . . well hurry up, everyone reading this newsletter is waiting on you, because I'm not going to go on until you do it! . . . got it now? . . . good! This year's workshop is Polish with Ada Dziewanowska -- a veritable folk dance legend. John Pappas is chairing this event, which means it should be an especially fine workshop.
- On Sunday, Dec. 12 we will have the exciting, fantastic, wonderful **Solstice Ethnic Sunday**. (No, I don't know what a Solstice Ethnic Sunday is either!)

Survey Time

From time to time the membership is asked to provide us (MVFD Council) with their preferences concerning upcoming annual workshops. In this way we can increase our chances of putting on workshops that will be enjoyed by the members. At the same time I think it's important to continue offering predominantly non-couples workshops and predominantly couples workshops in alternating years, with the occasional workshop that includes both couples and non-couples dances. It is hoped that all of the members will attend and support all of the workshops.

Within the next week or so Carolyn Stovall will be contacting you to find out what kind of workshop you would like to see our Club sponsor and what workshop teachers you would like to see us bring in. Of course, if you have no particular recommendations, that's fine too. At this point, I would like to simply ask that you think about these questions in preparation for Carolyn. Let me give you a little background information. Our last five workshops have been as follows:

1992	Balkan	Dick Crum
1991	Scottish	Vickie Goodloe
1990	Greek	John Pappas (the California one)
1989	Hungarian	Andor Czompo
1988	English Country	Genny Shimer

Suggestions that have been made in recent years are given below (alphabetical by workshop):

Workshop	Teacher(s)
Armenian	Tom Bozigian, Arsen Anooshian
Bulgarian	Jaap Leegwater
Dutch	Nicolaas Hilferink, Jaap Leegwater
French	Marilyn Wathen, Germain & Louise Hebert
India	Rina Singha
International	Bea Montrose
Romanian	Nicolaas Hilferink
Scandinavian	Roo Lester
Traditional American	Dick Leger

Please do not feel that you are restricted to these choices; new workshop ideas are most welcome!

Tape Z15, where are you??

For some time now, tape Z15 has been missing from the box where it lives. This is the tape that contains all of the dances that Dick Crum taught at our annual workshop last year. Do you know where it is? Let's return tape Z15 to its rightful place in the universe -- the tape box.

Membership News

Alta Balduf has an MVFD T-shirt for sale (\$8.00) and a small Lederhosen for sale -- please call her for more details. **Marilyn Bishop** has achieved fame with a full picture and article in the Beaver Creek News for her work in leading the University of Dayton's Ministry for Disabled People. **Carole Pappas** came limping into the Pavilion last Thursday. No, she wasn't doing some mysterious Balkan dance . . . she was experiencing the after-effects of foot surgery. In a few weeks she'll be doing the same limp, but it will be to music and we'll say that she's dancing.

Miscellany

Just a couple of final notes. First, I will be writing to David Decker (President, Miami Valley Dance Council) urging him to do what he can about having lights installed in the parking lot around the Pavilion. I feel that the situation in the parking lot is potentially dangerous, and would like to see something done about it before that potential is realized.

Second, any member who wishes to gain access to a record, tape, or dance syllabus for a Club function may see a member of the Program Committee to do so. In my next newsletter, I will list several places where you can order music and/or syllabi.

As you can see by the calendar, we continue to be busy, with lots of exciting things coming up. So, keep cool and be safe!

Ethnically and Terpsichorially Yours,

Harry

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