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The News

Our Picnic will be Sunday August 13th at Possum Creek MetroPark. Dancing and visiting at 3:00, dinner about 5:30. See the flyer for details

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Regular Dance , Beginners 7 pm
Aug 13	Picnic Possum Creek MetroPark, 3 pm
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28	Regular Dance , Beginners 7 pm
Sep 10	International Sunday , 2:15 - 6 pm
Oct 5, 12, 19	Regular Dance , Beginners 7 pm
Oct 8	International Sunday , 2:15 - 6 pm
Oct 26	Halloween Party 7 pm
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30	Regular Dance , Beginners 7 pm
Nov 11, 12	Macedonian Workshop Pavilion, both days
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28	Regular Dance , Beginners 7 pm
Dec 10	International Sunday , 2:15 - 6 pm

Other Events

July 30	South Slavic Club PolkaFest Polish Club Needmore
October 14	Kolo Party , South Slavic Club
December 2	Christmas Party , South Slavic Club
2 nd Sun each month	American Contra Dance - Commun. Dance of YS
3 rd Sun each month	Contra Dance -Pavilion, 7 pm

MVFD on the World Wide Web:

NEW => <http://www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers> <=< **NEW**

• Fall Open House—September 28

We had some success in finding potential new members at the World A'Fair and Folk Festival and we want to continue to make it easy for new people to try out Folk Dancing. Louise will be organizing the Open House on September 28. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. (Ask them again; the last time they said, "maybe next time.")

• From the Chair

Family reunions, children's weddings, trips abroad and at home, dance camp, vacations—all the above occupy much of our time in the summer. This is as it should be, of course. If you are in town on Sunday, August 13, remember to join us for a covered dish picnic at Possum Creek MetroPark. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for particulars. And be safe wherever you are this summer. We want to see each of you at the pavilion in September.

—Carolyn

• Halloween Party—October 26

There's something intriguing about a masquerade party . . . it can smack of Mardi Gras or bring back memories of Trick or Treat. So let's ALL dress up for this year's Halloween Party. Costumes don't have to be elaborate, hot, or cumbersome. Even something as simple as a colorful sash, or

a hat, or a mask, adds the festive touch. You don't even have to disguise your identity, although it's fun when you do. We want to make it a fun party, with prizes, maybe a pumpkin contest, and of course, good food and good dancing.

Details will come later, but it's not too early to keep an eye out for that simple little item that suggests a clever and easy-to-put-together costume.

• Condolences

The club would like to offer our sympathy to Vera Fisher. Her husband, Eddie, passed away in June. Eddie and Vera were longtime members and were very active in the club's activities.

• Macedonian Workshop

The workshop will be on November 11 and 12, 2000. All activities will be at the Michael Solomon Pavilion (Saturday and Sunday). The instructor will be Larry Weiner from the Washington D.C. area. The area of the workshop will be the dances of the people residing in greater Macedonia. These will include Macedonian, Vlach, Albanian, and maybe Gypsy (final program not or price not decided yet). There will be a culture corner on Saturday evening.

This is very exciting for me and I am sure that the membership will enjoy this workshop. Larry has

concentrated on the dances of Macedonia ever since he started dancing in the 1960s. His dance notes are quite illuminating with the depth of information included.

I will be asking selected individuals for their help in running this workshop in the near future. Please volunteer readily.

John

BIOGRAPHY

Larry Weiner is one of this country's foremost experts in traditional dance, music and customs of the Balkan Peninsula. He has made numerous field trips to the former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Italy, Hungary and Greece to record and film folk music and dance as living social traditions. Both a superb teacher and excellent dancer, he has a knack of making seemingly complex dances and rhythms accessible and fun for dancers at all experience levels.

As he says, "Its not how you do the dance, but how you feel when you do the dance that counts." Larry has taught at camps throughout the United States including both East and West Coast Balkan Music camps, Mendocino Folklore Camp, the "Klez" camp, and numerous weekend folkdance workshops. One of the founders of Buffalo Gap Camp for the Cultural Arts in West Virginia, Larry also plays tupan (traditional big drum found in the Balkans) in several

bands, serves as co-director with Margaret Loomis for the Old World Music and Dance Camps, and works a "straight" job in the US EPA's Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water.

• New Web Site

The new web site for the Miami Valley Folk Dancers is up and running. It has an easier url to remember:

www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers

Future plans include more pictures, more historical info, program committee stuff, revamping the look and feel.

• PC Ramblings

The Program Committee met June 9. We missed you, Dick. Following are the assignments for July - February:

Jul (no int'l. Sunday)	Jeanine
Aug 13 (Picnic)	Jeanine
Sep 10	Sara
Oct 8	Leslie
Nov 12 (Workshop Sun.)	Jeanine
Dec 10	Maureen
Jan 14 (Annual Mtg.)	Leslie
Feb 11	Maureen

Maureen plans to use dances from the suggestions box for December and February Thursday night teaching. Please be thinking of dances you'd like taught (again, even) and put them in the suggestion box NOW!

See you at the request board. Try 36-2. It's a lovely dance.

Sara