

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

May 10, 17, 24

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 pm

May 31

Open House, 7-10:30 pm

June 10

Eddie Cordray's Graduation Party

—Pavilion

June 7, 14, 21, 28

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 pm

July 8

Grace Wolff's 90th Birthday Bash—

Pavilion

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 pm

August 12

MVFD Annual Picnic—Delco Park

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 pm

Sep 28, 29

Israeli Folk Dance Workshop

with Yaakov Eden—Pavilion

Other Events

May 25-27

World A'Fair —

Dayton Convention Center

July 22

South Slavic Club Polka Picnic—

Polish Country Club

3rd Friday each month 7:00-9:30pm**American Contra Dance—**

Community Dance of Yellow Springs

Mills Lawn Gym 200 S. Walnut St.

937-324-5839

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The News

World A'Fair, Open House: opportunities to spread the word about folk dancing

When you enjoy something as much as we do folk dancing, you wonder why everyone doesn't do it. It's because they don't know about it. Our demonstration, and information table, at the World A'Fair will give us a chance to show a lot of people how much fun folk dancing is, as did our participation at the Buckeye Dance Convention. And our Open House will give them a chance to give it a try.

World A'Fair

MVFD will again have the opportunity to dance on the informal stage at World A'Fair, May 25, 26 and 27.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday: 7:00-7:15 AND 8:45-9:00

Saturday: 7:15-7:45

Sunday: 12:30-12:45

The plan is to have a brief demonstration followed by audience participation. During the audience participation part of the program we will briefly teach some easy dances so that everyone can participate. Please do come and join us. The idea is to have fun and possibly attract some new members. Bring your family and friends.

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Open House — May 31

Come one, come all and bring a guest. That's right, it's that time of year for the MVFD Open House.

What—Teaching of easy International Folk Dances mixed in with some challenging request dancing.

When—May 31, 2001

Where—Michael Solomon Pavilion

Who—Everyone. Members, bring a guest to expose them to your crazy folksy world.

Why—For the fun of it. For the exercise. For the friendly people. Why not? It's a free night for everyone. Refreshments will be served. Members are asked to bring their favorite snack item.

— Mike Clark

World A'Fair (continued)

The dances for the brief demonstration will be shortened versions of the following:

Tzadik Katamar, Karamfil, The Girl With the Dark Eyes, Gocino and Erev Ba. If you know these dances (or some of these dances) and would like to be in the demonstration at one or more of the sessions listed above, please see Joanne. In preparation for World A'Fair these dances are being reviewed on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00.

— Joanne

From the Chair

Hi Everyone. We're in the midst of a busy spring, with the Matapat mini-workshop, our demonstrations at the Buckeye Dance Festival, and preparations for the World A'Fair, along with our normal routines of Ethnic Sundays and Thursday night programs. Special thanks to Carolyn for organizing the demonstration at the Dance Festival, as well as both the participants and those helping to teach and conduct the folk dance sessions. The more we can get out the word about our Club, the better we are positioned to continue with a vigorous and active membership into the future!

Speaking of membership, it is really exciting to see all the new people coming to dance with us! We have signed up a few new members

recently, with several more on the verge of qualifying. In a time when many of the dance groups are shrinking, it's great to have to start worrying about the floor getting too crowded. We will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, May 31, so be sure and bring your friends, relatives, and anyone you can drag off the street! If they get out on the floor, we can do the rest.

Please remember that we will also be needing your help in manning the table and the demonstrations at the World A'Fair, and please check with Carolyn or me if you can help out.

—Greg

PC Ramblings

Have you been wondering why program committee members have been asking you silly questions? Well first, we wanted to create a list of dances that MVFD members wanted to have reviewed or taught during our Thursday evening teaching periods and international Sundays. Second, we plan to play YOUR favorite dance on the Thursday nearest your birthday. We plan to play these "birthday dances" just before announcements at 9:00 every Thursday.

—Harry

Graduation Party—Jun 10

After 23 years, Eddie Cordray is finally graduating from college (Wright State, BS in Computer Engineering,

magna cum laude) and Leslie is throwing a big party to celebrate.

Live Slavic music for your dancing pleasure will be provided at the pavilion by Vatra Ziva of Columbus. No covered dish dinner on this day, but there will be some kind of food.

No RSVP is necessary and it won't cost you anything, so there is no excuse for you not to attend!

90th Birthday Bash—Jul 8

Grace Wolff, the leader of MVFD for its first 15 years, is going to celebrate her 90th birthday with us by hosting a party at the Pavilion. All MVFD members and associate members are invited, but please mark the membership list on the counter on Thursday, or call Leslie, if you plan to come.

Some live music will be provided by Bonnie & Doug Miller from Folklore Village and there will be ice cream and cake, but no covered dish dinner on this day.

Buckeye Dance Convention

The convention is now a memory, but we hope it is a good memory.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the convention. I really appreciate all you did to help MVFD present international folk dancing to convention dancers and guests. The chairwoman of the convention told me that she was very pleased to hear good things from some square dancers

about folk dancers being there.

I'd appreciate it if you would take a moment to think about what did and didn't work—any topic related to the convention, not just folk dancing. If you would each send me an email or write down your feedback (by May 21), I will make a report to the convention organizing committee.

Also include what was good about the experience. We don't want to give a completely negative report.

—Leslie

Folk Dance Etiquette

Here are some reminders of folk dance etiquette. We'll have more in future issues.

- Experienced dancers should remember that they were once inexperienced dancers and should encourage inexperienced dancers to join in when appropriate.
- A line or open circle dance always has a leader at the head of the line. If the dance moves to the right, as most do, the leader is at the right end. A few dances move left and the leader is then at the left end. Do not join the line ahead of the leader. If in doubt, ask.
- Join contra and longways sets at the foot of the set (the end away from the music).
- A good place to learn or practice a line or circle dance is behind the regular dance line.