
 CALENDAR

MVFD Events

Dec 20

Dance and Christmas party

Beginners 7 p.m.

Dec 27

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 p.m.

Dec 31

New Years Eve Party—Dot Santi's

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 p.m.

Jan 13

Annual Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 p.m.

Feb 10 – 2:30 p.m.

Ethnic Sunday

Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 p.m.

Mar 10

Ethnic Sunday – 2:30 p.m.**Other Events**

Jan. 12

Scottish Country Dancing

Pavilion—2-5 p.m.

Feb 22-24

Joe Graziosi Teaching Greek Folk**Dances** –Columbus

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1

CITYFOLK Contra/Square Dance

Pavilion—Lessons 7:30, Dance 8 p.m.

Live Music

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

Community Dance of Yellow Springs

Mills Lawn Gym 200 S. Walnut St.

937-324-5839

3rd Sunday each month Sep.-May**Contra Dance**—Pavilion, 7 p.m.

MVFD on the World Wide Web:

www.geocities.com/mvfolkdancers**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES****MVFD COUNCIL****Chairperson:** Greg Solloway436-4557 greg.solloway@daytonoh.ncr.com**Vice Chair:** Joanne Dombrowski426-8509 joanne.dombrowski@wright.edu**Secretary:** Dolores Brooks885-5170 rcbrooks@dayton.net**Treasurer:** Jim Wooley432-2136 jameswooley2000@yahoo.com**Member-at-Large:** Ed Anderson294-8628 ihmama@msn.com**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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The News

MVFD Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2001—2:30 pm

VOTE ON CHANGES TO OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The annual meeting of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers will take place on Sunday, January 13, 2002. The Pavilion will be open at 2:30. The meeting will begin promptly at 3:00. All members are encouraged to attend. This is your chance to have a voice in the operation of the group. And it's great fun. As always, those who have held appointed positions during the past year should be prepared to make a brief report. Two new members will be elected to the Council. And included with this newsletter are the amendments to the *Rules and Regulations* and *Methods of Operations* documents that will be voted on at this meeting. So there are many reasons to come. A covered dish dinner will follow the meeting.

Reasons for the Changes

The rules and regulations ad hoc committee consisting of Dolores Brooks, Joanne Dombrowski, John Pappas, Jim Rohal, and Greg Solloway have recommended changes in the Rules and Regulations and the Method of Operations of the MVFD.

The attached copy shows the wording that has been changed or deleted with a line through it, while the new wording is underlined.

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There will be a holiday party on Thursday, December 20, featuring folk dancing to seasonal music. You must come to experience this unique evening. Please bring refreshments to share with the group.

New Year's Eve Party

You are invited to spend New Year's Eve with the Miami Valley Folk Dancers at the home of Dot Santi. The party begins at 9:00. There will of course

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Rules changes —continued

A. We recommend changing the requirement for orientation from twenty sessions of instruction to twelve Thursday evening sessions because:

- Twenty (or 12) sessions is arbitrary. Many people continue to attend the orientation classes for years after they have become members. Some of those are very accomplished dancers while others are still working on the basics.
- We have no way of knowing how much instruction any prospective member needs to learn the basics. Some come with experience, some with the ability to pick up dances quickly, while others will always struggle.
- There is no qualification test for accomplishment.

If people enjoy dancing they will continue to learn at their own pace. We will continue to provide teaching and encourage members—especially new and prospective members—to attend them.

We feel that the requirement of attending twelve MVFD events allows us to get to know the prospective member, and for them to get to know us and become part of the group, before they are entitled to become a member.

These twelve MVFD sessions can have been attended at any time,

thereby eliminating any confusion about whether any former member needs to “start over”.

B. We recommend eliminating any reference to Associate Member since it is not defined and serves no real purpose. We would simplify the structure to Members and Non-members.

C. We recommend simplifying the wording under Dues and Fees to make it easier for the Treasurer to define who may be in arrears in their dues. Dues may still be paid annually or in installments, as long as the member is paid up each quarter.

D. We recommend changes in references to the City of Dayton and the Miami Valley Dance Council necessitated by changes in City procedures, and the MVDC bylaws.

E. Changes to Article IX of the Method of Operations are recommended to clarify the current wording. It is not our intention to change the meaning of this section, only to clarify.

We propose separate votes on
 1) The Purpose and Membership Sections of the Rules; 2) The sections of the Rules referring to Dues and Fees; 3) Other miscellaneous changes to the Rules; 4) The Method of Operations.

Dances & Workshops

Interested in an afternoon of **Scottish Country Dancing**? MVFD is co-sponsoring an afternoon social dance with the Flying Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers on **Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002** from 2-5 p.m. at the Pavilion. Cost is based on the availability of live music so will range from \$3.00-\$5.00. Seventeen dances, many of which MVFD members are quite familiar with, have been included in the program. All dances will be introduced by a “briefer” who will brief the dance and/or lead a walk-through. Refreshments will be served. Look for the “Winter Tea Dance” flyer for a complete listing of all the dances in the program. Hope to see you there!

Joe Graziosi—Greek Folk Dances
 Broaden your repertoire of Greek dances, improve your styling, get tips about leading—there should be something for everyone as Joe gives us a weekend of the expected and the unexpected in Greek dance.

Columbus Folk Dancers—Feb 22-24
 Lea Anne Sonham 614-261-7181 or ennaael@aol.com

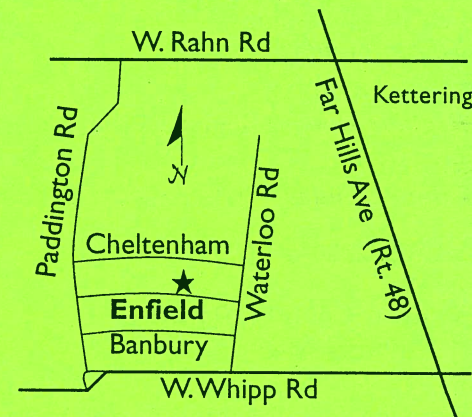
New Members

Beth Mast is an experienced dancer who moved here from Indianapolis where she danced with the Indianapolis Folk Dancers. She also enjoys contra and swing. Beth lives in Kettering

where, when she’s not dancing or organizing her clutter, likes to sew and fiddle with plants.

New Year’s Party —continued

be dancing. But you (and your non-dancing family members and friends) can also play cards or ping-pong. This event is free for members and \$3.00 for non-members. You are asked to bring a contribution to the refreshment table. A light meal will be served at midnight. See the counter for maps and a sign up sheet.



Dot Santi's 201 Enfield Rd., Kettering

Best Wishes to All

The Council would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the functioning of the group during the past year. Your willingness to help, and your enthusiasm for folk dancing make the Miami Valley Folk Dancers a very special group of people. May each of you find peace and happiness during this special season.

—Joanne