

The plan of events:

1. **Joanne** - announces that there are no MVFD Honor Dancers this year.
2. **Louise** - outrageously and indignantly objects to there being no honor dancers, and since we have no time left to research and prepare the nomination, insists that we renominate someone who has been previously nominated.
3. **Joanne** - reviews the list of previous honor dancers (it's in the President's notebook!) – Joanne, start with 1992, when the Ballinger's were named Council Honor Roll Dancers – therefore they are not eligible. Then in 1993, Jewel and Ken Steed were nominated. But they have both passed away. Then in 1994, the Pappases were nominated. Well, they're still here and almost kicking. Are the Pappases all right with you, Louise?
4. **Louise** - responds as if she is disappointed, but resigns herself to them being renominated. Oh, Ok.
5. **Joanne** - well let me make sure that I have their old nomination letter. Yes I have it. But we need a picture for the nomination--and for the wall if they win. Did anybody bring a camera ? **Leslie, Louise, Ed,** and **Dolores** raise their cameras high in the air. **Joanne** - Great ! Let 's get Carol and John up for a picture.
6. **Louise** - Wait ! If we want them to win we should at least dress them in a costume.

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7. **Bette** just happens to have costumes with her - gets John and Carole up in front and tries a couple of different costumes on them. (**Bette** to provide Macedonian costume for Carole, **Leslie** to bring big coat for John.)
8. **Leslie** - NO, NO, NO, they'll do better if they look like square dancers. (**Leslie** to dress Carole in big petticoat and skirt; John in cowboy hat.)
9. **Louise** - OK, now they need an HONOR BADGE in order to get into the Honor Dance.
10. **Bette** - I think I have just the thing. **Bette** fixes John and Carole with their badges.
11. **Louise** - Oh, they'll be a shoo-in looking like this. But they need an acceptance speech that the square dancers will understand.
12. **Leslie** - Well, we've been hanging around with squares a lot, let me see what I can do. **Leslie** scrounges around for an acceptance speech. She gives it to **John** and asks him to read it out loud.
13. **John** reads acceptance speech.
14. **Leslie** – Yes, I think that speech will do nicely. But does any folk dancer understand it? **ALL** say NO!
15. **Leslie** - gives Carole the “Square Dance Dictionary for Folk Dancers.” She instructs John to read the speech again, this time stopping after each highlighted word. Carole is instructed to read the definition of the word from the dictionary.
16. The End. **Joanne** will now read the actual nomination.

Acceptance Speech

for

John and Carole

Pappas

To the

- Miami Valley Dance Council,
- Officers,
- Trustees,
- Club Honor Dancers,
- Honor Raiders,
- Esteemed Dancing Colleagues:

My “**Taw**”

and I would like to thank you for the great honor of being named the Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Roll Dancers.

We are not “**Square,**”

nor “**Round,**”

but just plain old “**Folk.**”

We encourage all of you to
“Follow Your Neighbor”
to the nearest **“lesson class”**
of any dance style.

Learning to dance will help you meet people,
whether it be during a **“Banner Raid”**
or over the **“Ocean Wave”**.

Just try not to “**Slip the Clutch**” along the way.

A final “**Tip,**”
always “**Yellowrock**” everyone you meet.

**Square Dance
Dictionary
for Folk Dancers**

Taw – Your square dance partner,
usually referring to the female of the
species.

Square – general shape of a “square dance” set, not one’s head, with one couple standing as if on each side of a square facing toward the center of the formation.

Round –

referring to the shape of the *dancers*,

no sorry,

referring to the *path* traveled by

“Round” dancers – i.e. couples dancing

in a circle.

Folk – definition out of scope of this dictionary!

Follow Your Neighbor – a square dance figure, the name of which *supposedly* tells the dancers how to move through the dance.

Lesson Class – a redundant redundancy, commonly used to refer to a series of classes intended to teach square dancing.

Banner Raid – not quite like a panty raid, members of club A visit club B and steal their banner (thing that hangs on the wall showing the club logo). This forces the members of club B to visit club A to retrieve the banner. Participants in this folly are generally referred to as Raiders and Retrievers.

Ocean Wave – yet *another* square dance figure, the name of which really *doesn't* tell the dancers how to move through the dance.

Slip the Clutch – a square dance figure that does not even begin to hint at how the dancers should move.

Tip – two or more dances performed without a rest in between them. There is no consensus as to whether 15% or 20% is appropriate. Plant your corn early.

Yellowrock – *a really stupid name* for a non-figure, and when called out at random, the dancer must give a **BIG HUG** to the next person you meet!

OK, EVERYBODY NOW –
YELLOWROCK!