



CALENDAR

MVFD Events

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

July 13- 2:30 p.m.

Ethnic Sunday

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

Aug 10 - 2:30 p.m.

Picnic

Aug 17 - 6:00 p.m.

Riverboat Cruise

Sep, 4, 11, 18

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

Sep 14

Ethnic Sunday - 2:30 P.M.

Sep 25

Fall Open House - 7:00 P.M.

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

Other Events

Jul 5 - Noon - 11 P.M., Jul.6 - 1-7 P.M.

CITYFOLK Folk Festival-

Riverscape - Free

Jul 12 - 12:00-12:00

Hungarian Festival

2nd & Jefferson, downtown, \$5.00

Aug 24

Polkafest with Fred Ziwich Band,
Czech Club

Oct 18 - 7:00

South Slavic Club **Fall Kolo Party**
with Vesili Tamburitizans at the
Czech Club

3rd Sunday each month Sep.-May

Contra Dance-Pavilion, 7 P.M.

MVFD on the World Wide Web:
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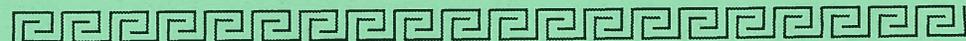
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The News



Welcome Aboard as MVFD's 50th Anniversary Celebration continues

Imagine this: cruising down the river on a summer evening, enjoying a good meal with good friends, and best of all... folk dancing! This imaginary scene could become a reality if you join the Miami Valley Folk Dancers for our first ever dinner/folk dance cruise along the Ohio River on Sunday, August 17th.

To continue our celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we will gather at the B&B Riverboats in Covington, Kentucky for a 2½ hour cruise aboard the "River Queen." Boarding begins at 6:00 P.M. Sailing time is from 7-9:30 P.M. The cost for this event is \$41.38 and includes the cruise, a buffet dinner, tax, and gratuity.

If you are interested in attending, please see Jim Woolley by August 1st. And remember, we welcome family members, friends, and fellow dancers.

If you have any questions, please see or call Dolores Brooks (937) 885-5170. Come help the MVFD continue our 50th Anniversary celebration with an evening of good food and a variety of great international folk dances.

• New Members

Wendy Chou lives in Centerville with husband Hank and children Jessica and Eric. She enjoys playing the piano. Wendy was introduced to MVFD by Susan Tsui.

Charlene Lacroix lives in Fairborn, is retired, and has a daughter and two grandchildren. She found MVFD in

a listing in the newspaper. Charlene has been a clogger, and is interested in American Indians, the old west, tole painting and drawing.

Other new members include **Nick Emmert, Jessica Moell, Laura Schafer,** and **Jim Tsui.** More about them later.

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Comments from the Chair

We've had a very active year so far: our 50th anniversary celebration in March, our participation in the Dayton International Festival, and the Open House on June 5 (with 32 newcomers and 47 regular members in attendance).

But we have much more to look forward to. Our annual summer picnic is scheduled for August 10; Patty Gehring is in charge of that. If we can get enough people to sign up, we'll have a boat cruise on August 17. Our fall Open House is scheduled for September 25. Since it's our 50th anniversary year, something special is being planned for the Tri-City event this year; Louise VanVliet is in charge, and it is scheduled for November 8. Finally, we have the pavilion for our New Year's Eve party this year—Wednesday, December 31. Please try to participate in as many of these events as possible—the more the merrier.

A couple of final notes. (1) Please remember to wear your nametag on Thursday nights. (2) Our "Guidelines for Giving a Thursday Evening Dance Program," states that the person in charge of the program should "monitor the request list to ensure that no one person monopolizes it." So, please limit the number of request dances that you write on the chalk board so that everybody has a chance to put up their favorite two or three dances.

Yours in terpsichorean harmony,

—Harry

MVFD Summer Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on August 10 at the #3 shelter in Delco Park.

We will be dancing at the shelter starting at 2:30. At 5:30 we will stop for dinner. After dinner we will dance again. All the dancing will be from a request list. The dinner will be the usual potluck style. For those who wish to bring some meat, there is a grill. MVFD will be providing charcoal, foil, grilling utensils, matches, fuel for grilling, lemonade, and ice. Bring out all your picnic games; frisbees, cards, horse shoes, and such.

A few notes on running the Thursday night program:

Each Thursday night, a member of our club volunteers to run the dance program for the evening. Here are a few guidelines to help when you find yourself in this position.

Because our group is so large and diverse, you should attempt to create a program balanced between couple dances and line dances.

You are also responsible for making sure that the following tasks are completed at the end of the evening:

1. Sweeping: The hardwood floor gets a once over with the big dust mops at the end of each dance evening. They are stored in the closet in the men's restroom. Generally this amounts to a dusting of the floor but if there is a small pile of dirt, please

remove it with the smaller broom and dustpan stored in the kitchen.

2. Trash: Also stored in the men's room closet are the trash bags. All trash must be collected and taken out to the dumpsters at the end of the evening. Usually you can just consolidate all of the trash into one bag, leaving the original liners in all but one can. If you do not know where the dumpsters are, ask someone to show you.

3. Storage: All music, books and equipment used for the program must be put away under the cabinet at the head of the dance hall. The cabinet will be locked by a program committee or council member.

4. Windows: This should come last, especially during the warm months of the year. All of the windows must be closed and locked, including those in the restrooms. The East side screens must be lowered in the summer months. All drapes must be pulled.

If you feel inspired to do all of this by yourself, feel free to do so. You are not required to DO all of this alone. I would suggest asking a few people to give you a hand. If this is your first time as the leader, the Program Committee person who is responsible for the month will be readily available for guidance.

If there are still members who wish to dance after 10:30 P.M. and you need to leave, ask the program committee person who is responsible for that night if they are willing to finish out the night for you. If they are

not, you can also approach MVFD council members with this question. If these two options fail, inform the members that it is time to close up and then do so. In the event that someone closes for you, completing task 2 above will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all so much for your attention and dedication to MVFD.

—Patty

Scottish Dancing at the Pavilion

As many of you know, the newest members of the Miami Valley Dance Council are our Scottish country dance friends, The Flying Ghillies. With membership in the Council, the Ghillies now have access to the Pavilion and are planning to provide Scottish country dancing to the community on a regular basis. Plans are in the works to hold an Open House in mid to late September, followed by a series of additional dances and/or workshops. The Ghillies extend a warm invitation to the MVFD to attend any or all of our proposed events. (A schedule will be out soon.)

For those who are interested in learning more Scottish country dances, please join us on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 P.M. at the Shroyer Rd. Baptist Church just north of Patterson Rd. See Dolores, Bill, Rose, or Jessica Blackburn for more information.

A Beginner's Class in Scottish Country Dancing will be forming at the Rosewood Center in Kettering after Labor Day.

—Dolores