



CALENDAR

MVFD Events

Sep. 27
Autumn Dance Party 7-11:30 P.M.

Oct. 2, 9 16, 23
Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

Oct. 12 – 1:30 p.m.
Tri-City Dance Festival—
Dance Party with Mixed Bag, \$4;
Potluck dinner

Oct. 30
Halloween Party and Regular Dance
Beginners 7 P.M.

Nov. 9
Ethnic Sunday
November 6, 13, 20, 27
Regular Dance, Beginners 7 P.M.

Other Events

Wednesdays – 7:30 P.M.
South Slavic Club **Lessons** at the
Czech Club

Oct. 3– 7:30 p.m
CITYFOLK Contra Dance—Pavilion
Crittter du Jour with Dwayne Johnson .
\$6, 12 & under free

October 3 - 5
MidFest International, Middletown, Oh
Oct 18 – 7:00
South Slavic Club **Fall Kolo Party** with
Orkestar Junaci, of Pittsburgh, at the
Czech club. \$10. Food available.

Nov. 7 – 7:30 p.m.
CITYFOLK Contra Dance—Pavilion
Dan, Debbie & Whitt with Carol
Ormand. \$6, 12 & under free

November 22 – 1:00 P.M - 11:59 P.M
Flying Ghillies, Beginner’s Workshop,
Pot Luck Dinner and Dance. \$5

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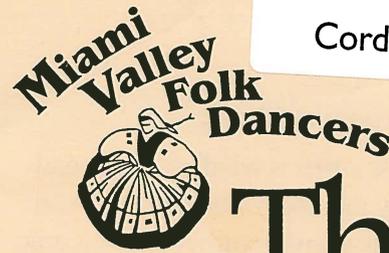
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The News



The Fortieth annual Tri-City Folk Dance Festival

MVFD will wind down our Fiftieth anniversary year by once again hosting the Tri-City Dance Festival. Folk dancers from Columbus and Cincinnati will join us for dinner and live music at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, Sunday, October 12.

We'll have request dancing from 1:30-2:00, and dancing—with music by Mixed Bag, of Columbus—from 2:00 until 4:45. Columbus will teach one dance in the afternoon: Djangurica, a Bulgarian-Macedonian line dance; the rest is all party!

At 5:00 there will be a Covered Dish Dinner. Bring a dish to share. Table service, coffee, and lemonade will be provided.

Cost for the afternoon is \$4.00. The covered dish dinner is free if you bring a generous covered dish. If you prefer not to bring food, then the cost for dinner is \$4.00. Louise VanVliet is in charge of the program.

• Fall Open House

Our Fall Open House will be Thursday, September 25, 7-10:30 P.M. Easy dances will be taught and requests played. There will be refreshments. BRING A FRIEND!

• Autumn Dance Party

Miami Valley Folk Dancers and the Dayton American Chinese Association are co-sponsoring an Autumn Dance Party, Saturday, September 27, from 7:00 to 11:30 P.M. at the Pavilion.

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♣ Autumn Dance Party *continued*

We'll have ballroom dancing, karaoke, and line dancing. Janifer Tsou will lead a folk dance demo and easy lessons, and Lina Considine will lead swing dance lessons and a demo. There will be drinks and snacks.

Cost is \$2.00 if you bring a snack, \$3.00 if you don't.

♣ Other Dances

Flying Ghillies, the Scottish dance group, will have an Open House on Saturday, October 25, at the pavilion. 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Workshop (taught by Flying Ghillies teachers) 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner 7:30 - 10:30 P.M. Dance (recorded music, all dances walked once through) Free Admission! See Dolores for more information—885-5170.

The 10th annual **Kolo Party** sponsored by the South Slavic Club will be Saturday October 18, 8 P.M. until midnight at the Czech Club on Valley Street. (Lessons 7-8 P.M.) Music by Orkestar Junaci (former Tamburitza members), of Pittsburgh. \$10. Slavic Foods available. For more information call John at 427-2543

Live music truly adds another dimension to folk dancing. Take advantage of these opportunities to dance to a live band at Tri-City on Oct. 12, and the South Slavic Kolo Party on Oct. 18th.

♣ From the Chair:

The summer is winding down, and many members who have been on vacation have returned — welcome back! The summer picnic on August 10 at Delco park and the boat cruise on August 17 were the two major MVFD activities for the summer. Thanks to Patty Gehring for organizing the picnic, and to Dolores Brooks for organizing the boat cruise. There are several exciting activities lined up before the end of the year, as you can see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please be thinking about a friend, colleague, neighbor, relative, etc. to bring to the Open House on September 25—it's our best opportunity to share the joy of international music and dance with our friends and neighbors.

In terpsichorean harmony
—Harry

♣ Learn Set Dances

Set dances take a little longer to learn properly, since you have to interact with other people. A group of Miami Valley Folk Dancers have been meeting at the Pavilion on Saturday mornings to get those dances right. Join them from 9:30 A.M. until noon. Teaching by Carolyn Stovall and others. Dates for the next month are Sept. 20, 27, Oct 4, and Oct. 11. You are asked to chip in a \$1 or \$2 to cover the hall rental. On October 18, they will meet at Sinclair College.

♣ New Members

James Tsui was introduced to MVFD by his wife Susan. They have two children and two grandchildren, and live in Sugarcreek township. He is an engineer who enjoys fishing.

Jessica Moell lives in Oakwood with husband Carl, and son Jeffrey. She is a chemist, who is now a stay-at-home-mom. Jessica did her first folk dancing in high school and found MVFD in a listing in the newspaper.

If you're new, or not so new, and haven't been mentioned in the newsletter, see Jim Rohal or a council member.

♣ Letters to the Editor

Questions? Comments? Complaints! Praise? A folk-related event you want to publicize? You can have your say in the newsletter. E-mail your text to jim@jimrohal.com, or drop it off, preferably typed, on Thursday night. (Articles may be edited for space)

The newsletter is published approximately quarterly, depending upon which events need to be talked about, and when the editor has time to do it.

♣ Riverboat Recap

The MVFD sponsored Ohio Riverboat cruise took place on Sunday, August 17th. 46 people were present including members of Cincinnati and Columbus folk dance groups as well

as The Flying Ghillies. We were very fortunate to have a perfect evening weather-wise which enabled the non-dancers to thoroughly enjoy the upper deck and the scenery along the way. Those who came to dance enthusiastically made use of every inch of the dance floor. The buffet dinner was delicious and plentiful. Thanks to Eddie Cordray, Harry Khamis, and Bill Vernon for their help with the music and the dance program.

—Dolores

♣ Halloween Party

Start putting together that costume. We'll have a party during the regular Thursday night dance, Oct. 30.

♣ Folk Dance Etiquette

Here, once again, are some reminders of folk dance etiquette. We will have more in future issues.

- 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.