

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
June 2, 9, 16, 22, 30

Ethnic Sunday: June 12, 2:30 PM

➤ JULY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
July 7, 14, 21, 28

N.B.: No **Ethnic Sunday** in July!!

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
August 4, 11, 18, 25

MVFD Picnic at Indian Ripple Park:
August 14, 2:30 PM. *N.B.:* Replaces the
August **Ethnic Sunday**.

➤ ONGOING

Informal Folk Dance Classes, most Saturday mornings. See Bill Vernon or Janifer Tsou for summer location(s).

Singing group usually meets third Sundays at 3 PM. See Ellen for details.

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies
Intermediate class, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Shroyer Road Baptist Church
(no beginner class during the summer)

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union Gym, Wright State University. 7:15 - 9:15 PM. June 26, July 17, August 21.

No more **CITYFOLK Contra Dances** till September.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties are suspended for the summer too.

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The News



☀ Special Events of the Summer 🏳️

- ❖ **June 10-11: The MacGahan Festival.** In New Lexington, Ohio, in honor of the “Liberator of Bulgaria.” Includes dancing -- Hajde will play at around 1:00 PM on the 11th. For more information, go to themacgahanfoundation.netfirms.com.
- ❖ **June 11: Scottish Country Dance Workshop and Ball.** Sponsored by Heather ‘N’ Thistle, Columbus, at the Clintonville Women’s Club. See Dolores for more information.
- ❖ **June 19: Midsummer Dance Party & Potluck.** At White Star Farm, near Columbus. Teaching from 2:00-5:30, potluck till 6:30, live and recorded music till 9:00. More info can be found at www.geocities.com/RFDofColumbus/party-details.
- ❖ **June 24-26: Caesar’s Creek Ole Tyme Music Festival.** Near Harveysburg. MVFD dancers will be on stage June 25 about 4:00 PM. Festival details are at www.strothers.com/ccpv.
- ❖ **July 1-3: CITYFOLK Festival.** This one’s actually in Dayton! In the Riverscape/stadium area, bigger and better than ever. Find performers, times, and other details at www.cityfolk.org!
- ❖ **July 29-31: Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also in the Riverscape area. Will include Scottish and Irish dancing. A schedule will eventually appear on www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival.
- ❖ **August 12-14: German picnic** sponsored by the Dayton Liederkrantz Turner Club, at Carillon Park. Prost and Alter Kameraden will play. Check with daytongermanclub.org for times.
- ❖ **August 14: The annual MVFD picnic!** 2:30 PM, at Indian Ripple Park this year. Details inside.
- ❖ **September 4-5. Israeli Dance Workshop.** Newport, Kentucky. Monday teaching by Dany Benshalom & Ruthy Slann. Go to www.amazingstocks.com/israelidance for details.

☞ **Tri-County Bulgarian Workshop Report**

What can I say? It was great!! (Well, we can all say “Blagodarja ti, Eddie!”) Petur Iliev is an irresistible teacher, and sharpened our style while increasing our repertoire. Hajde was a delight to dance to, as always. Kolorit, the Chicago band, was exhausting and exhilarating at the same time – in true Bulgarian style, they played each dance type/rhythm for 15 or 20 minutes at a stretch. (They played kaval, gajde, assorted strings, and keyboard – and brought their own lush-voiced singer.) There was no shortage of delicious food, or of tempting things to buy. We enjoyed sharing all the above with a number of people from Ohio, Kentucky, and farther, and only wish twice as many had come!

☞ **The Squeaking Chair**

This spring's four dance demonstrations brought about \$300 into club coffers. Some recent Council actions: Updated club flyers are now available. MVFD Fall Workshop plans (Oct. 29-30): Sandy Starkman will be teaching international folk dances. In regard to the lapsed membership of longtime members, at Council's discretion we will simply keep them on our roster. On New Year's Eve, we will join The Flying Ghillies to party at the pavilion, where the two clubs will split the dance time evenly. And in September, MVFD will teach a 2-hour folk dance class, once a week for 6 weeks, at UD for its Lifelong Learning Institute. Keep those feet happy – a lot of good dancing to look forward to!

—Bill Vernon

☞ **Scandinavian Dance Class**

Harry Khamis and Patty Gehring have started a Scandinavian dance class that focuses on turning couples dances. It meets at least twice a month, depending on Pavilion availability.

The class's first hour presents introductory material for newcomers, and more complicated patterns are taught thereafter. The pace is relaxed, and there are Swedish coffee and treats.

Harry has done Scandinavian dances since 1988. He lived in Sweden in 1999 and 2000 when he was a visiting professor at Uppsala University, and fell in love with Swedish "polskor". Harry did so well at them that the Svenska Ungdomsringen för Bygdekultur gave him the "Big Silver" Medal in 1999 and "Diploms" in 2000, 2001, 2003, and 2004! He frequently teaches Scandinavian dances with Roo Lester at workshops and dance camps.

There is a charge for the class, to cover Pavilion rental (currently \$3 per person). Wear soft-soled shoes – you can't turn properly in sneakers. Check with Patty or Harry for the next date.

☞ **MVFD Milestones**

The newsletter should be a place to celebrate milestones in our members' lives! Please send Ellen anything you think should appear in the next issue (September through November), at efrchr@mindspring.com. For the summer, we have the following:

☞ **Ann Mosconi's** older daughter (Jenny) bought a house last month in Cincinnati. Second daughter (Carla) graduated last week from Ball State University in architecture. Ann will

be featured demonstrating spinning at the CITYFOLK Festival this summer.

☞ In June, **Bette Kelley** will become a grandmother for the first time!

☞ **Dolores Brooks'** son Rick has gotten engaged (wedding in February).

☞ **Jim and Ellie Woolley** are recently back from a trip to Lawrence, Kansas to attend their granddaughter Diane's graduation from high school.

☞ **A World A'Fair, with John**

MVFD members were thrilled that this year the Dayton International Festival, Inc. recognized John Pappas for his many years of work on (and at) the festival by selecting him as the Honorary Chairperson of A World A'Fair.

John was born in a Slavic village in northern Greece, and came to the U.S. shortly after World War II. With a degree from the U. of Toledo, he worked for 37 years as an aerospace engineer. But for almost that long, he has also been active in the MVFD group and the South Slavic Club and Živio – as a group leader (troupe, line, whatever), choreographer, organizer (festival, tour, party, you name it), music digitizer, authoritative consultant, and ever-patient teacher.

True, John wears a few other hats, like Toastmaster governor, world traveler, father, and “dedo.” But we are very grateful that he and Carole have chosen to devote so much time and energy to DIFI, Živio, and the MVFD group!

☞ **More Chances to Dance**

June 20 or 21. MVFD members will be helping a troop of Pleasantville Girl Scouts earn a folk arts badge on the

morning of June 20 or 21. **Dancers, musicians, costumes, and more are needed!** Please see Bette Kelley to volunteer or lend items, or e-mail her at bkelley@phoerising.com.

June 25: Dolores says there's still time to add MVFD members to the group that will be performing demonstration dances at Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village Ole Tyme Music Festival on June 25. Practice sessions are mostly at 10 AM on Saturdays at Dot Santi's – see Dolores or Bill to confirm. As before, the focus is on early American dances and what influenced dancing at that time.

☞ **Picnic Time!**

The MVFD picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14 in a new location: **Indian Ripple Park.** (The park is on the north side of East Stroop, between Woodman and Indian Ripple.) Like the Ethnic Sunday it replaces, the picnic will start at 2:30 PM.

As usual, MVFD grillmasters will get the grills going early – bring the meats of your choice to cook. Please also bring a side dish or dessert to share with the rest of the group. Water and lemonade will be supplied.

☞ **Preview**

MVFD's fall workshop will have an international theme. Sandy Starkman of Toronto will teach dances from Israel, England, Romania, Venezuela, and more! Chairpersons Bill Vernon and Dolores Brooks will reveal details in the September newsletter – but put down “MVFD FW” on your calendar right now for October 29th and 30th!

