

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ SEPTEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Ethnic Sunday: Sept. 11, 2:30 PM

➤ OCTOBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

October 6, 13, 20, 27

Ethnic Sunday: Oct. 9, 2:30 PM

 **International Workshop**, Oct. 29-30

➤ NOVEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

November 3, 10, 17, but **NOT** 24

Ethnic Sunday: Nov. 13, 2:30 PM

➤ ONGOING

Informal Folk Dance Classes, most Saturday mornings at 9:30, at the Pavilion. See Janifer Tsou to confirm the location.

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. See inside newsletter for new schedule!

CITYFOLK Contra Dance at the Pavilion. 8:00 PM, instruction 7:30 PM. \$6, 12 & under free. **September 2**, Cornpone with Darlene Underwood. **October 7**, Dan, Debbie and Whitt with Barbara Ramlow. **November 4**, The Corndaddies with Kathy Anderson.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union, Wright State University. 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Sept. 18, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. 8–11 PM. Details at robertsnider.com/BalkanNight. Themes will be:

Sept. 24, Rocky and Bullwinkle

Oct. 22, Oz in October

Nov. 26, Finding Nemo

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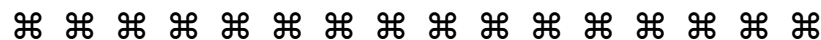
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www.daytonfolkdance.com/mvfd



September 2005

The News



International Folk Dance Workshop with

Sandy Starkman



☾ October 29-30, 2005 ☾



- ❖ **LEADER:** Toronto's highly experienced and knowledgeable teacher Sandy Starkman will introduce us to an interesting set of dances from Serbia, Japan, Venezuela, Romania, Israel, Wales, Croatia, Scotland, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Russia.
- ❖ **SCHEDULE:** There will be three instructional sessions, two parties, and a “culture corner” -- something for everyone.
 - **Saturday:** There will be *workshop sessions* Saturday morning (at 10) and afternoon (at 2). Saturday evening, Sandy will *talk* about dancing for half an hour (at 7), covering workshops, trips to Romania, and subjects raised by her audience. At the *party* on Saturday night (at 7:30), she will review some of the new dances.
 - **Sunday:** There will be an *instructional session* in the morning (at 10) , and a *party* in the afternoon (at 1:30).
- ❖ **FOOD:** Snacks will be provided during all activities. Note that no meals will be offered, however.
- ❖ **REGISTRATION:** Contact Dolores Brooks or Bill Vernon to register. You can use the registration form on the flyer, or register directly on line at www.DaytonFolkDance.com/mvfd. Early registration runs through October 14 – only \$45 for the whole package, including a syllabus! Of course there will be registration at the door for each session too.
- ❖ **ETHNIC BAZAAR:** During the weekend, donated items will be available for purchase, to benefit the MVFD. Details inside.
 - ☞ Only \$45 if you register by October 14 for the full package! ☜

🍷 The Old Rocking Chair

Associating with each other is one of the things that makes dancing so enjoyable. "The more the merrier" perfectly describes folk dance sessions. So increasing the variety and number of people who dance increases our pleasure. Please go out of your way to be friendly and helpful, especially to newcomers, and especially during beginners' classes. Invite friends and relatives to check us out. When running dance programs, try to keep as many people dancing as possible during the 8:00 to 9:00 hour. Avoid too many couple, set, and hard-to-do dances that exclude less experienced dancers.

—Bill Vernon

🍷 Bazaar Donations Needed!

The Miami Valley Folk Dancers are requesting that you donate "gently used" ethnic and folk items to the club, for sale at the Ethnic Bazaar during the fall workshop. All proceeds will benefit MVFD. Clothes with ethnic or dance-related designs, dance clothing and shoes, actual costumes (including reproductions), and accessories of all sorts would be welcome. Original folk records/tapes/CDs/ videos would be great, as would dance syllabi. Postcards and books (including travel) would be appreciated, as would folk art, craft items, and costumed dolls and other souvenirs.

The Bazaar Committee (Leslie and Lorraine) will accept items beginning Thursday, October 27. They will put prices on them. You may reclaim your items Sunday afternoon if they have not sold by then.

🍷 Flying Ghillies Expand Schedule

The Flying Ghillies are having a one-time Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing on Saturday, September 10. They are also starting a new Monday night Beginner's Class. It begins at 7:30, the evening of Sept. 12, at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, the same place and time as the Ghillies' weekly intermediate sessions. The Ghillies' usual Tuesday night beginners' class at Rosewood Art Center starts September 13, and goes until November 15, with classes running from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

🍷 Reminder to Programmers

Remember that the person doing the programming on a given evening is the one responsible for hall cleanup – **not** the Program Committee member. Plan ahead – draft your friends!

🍷 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 (December through January), at efrchr@mindspring.com. The major milestone for this issue is the arrival of **Bette Kelley's** granddaughter Avery Madison Stone on June 28th! And we also hear that **Mike Clark's** daughter Marie has her first car, and is working at the Coldstone Creamery on 725.

🍷 More Chances to Dance

September 18. MVFD is doing a demo for the Miami Valley Dance Council's End of Summer dance. The dance is from 2 to 5 Sunday at the Pavilion; our demo will probably be

around 3. See Leslie Hyll if you're available and haven't yet told her.

October 25: Sinclair's Wellness Fair, from 9 AM to 2 PM. We don't have a definite time yet, but Mike Clark is putting together an MVFD group for a demo. Please see him if you can be available that day.

🍷 Folkdance Class at UD

On Sept. 13 and each of the five next Tuesdays, MVFD volunteers will be teaching folk dancing in the Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton. Five club members have volunteered to teach one class session each, but they hope other dancers will come to dance with the students (all 50+ years old) to help them learn the steps and movements. Classes will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in UD's McGinnis Center Multipurpose Room. To volunteer, or get more information, please contact Bill Vernon.

🍷 New Member Introduction

Hello! My name is **Eunice Yen**. I am Chinese; I was born Yen Yunfang in 1947 in mainland China. There was a civil war between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party at the time. My father was a military officer of the Kuomintang's government, and when the Kuomintang finally lost the war my parents took me to Taiwan.

I was only two years old then, so I grew up in Taiwan. Before I came to the U.S., I lived in Taipei, and before that I had lived in Tainan for 23 years.

I am the eldest child of four; I have two brothers and one sister. My sister is thirteen years younger than I, so I always felt like an only girl when I was a child, and a little lonely.

In Taiwan I taught high-school math for about 25 years. In addition, I taught Chinese language in a school for foreigners at night. This kept me very busy, but I also squeezed in a volunteer job with a team that tutored poor, disabled, and orphaned children. When I retired, I learned Chinese medicine, including acupuncture and cauterization. For the past 10 years, my partners and I were providing health care for poor people in Southeast Asia. Every year we went to a different country for about two weeks; we cured many people, and taught them simple methods for health maintenance that they can use by themselves.

I came to the U.S. on December 15 of last year. Now I live in Centerville with my brother's family. I spend my days studying English and planting flowers; gardening is my favorite activity. I have been meeting many new people, all of them very nice, and slowly making friends.

Now the most important things for me are to improve my English, explore interesting places in Dayton, and find a suitable job. While my brother has been very kind and helpful, I look forward to being independent again. Feeling useful will make me happy.

I am glad to have become a member of the Miami Valley Folk Dance group. I enjoy dancing with so many friendly people. I'm sorry that my English conversation is still very poor, but I am getting to be a good listener. Thank you all for helping me learn to speak better! I hope that I am improving a little each week.