

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ DECEMBER

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

Ethnic Sunday: Dec. 10, 2:30 PM
***COME AT 2:00 PM* for a mini-workshop on Macedonian styling!

➤ JANUARY

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

☞ **ANNUAL MEETING:** Sunday, **January 14**, 2:30 PM (no Ethnic Sunday) ☞

➤ FEBRUARY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):
February 1, 8, 15, 22

Ethnic Sunday: Feb. 11, 2:30 PM
***COME AT 2:00 PM* for a mini-workshop on several Bulgarian styles!

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Beginners' and intermediate classes, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek

CITYFOLK Contra Dance at the Pavilion. Waltzing 6:30 PM, contra instruction 7:30, contra dance 8:00. \$6, 12 & under free. **January 5**, The Corndrinkers with Kathy Anderson. **February 2**, Pigtown Alley with Steve Edwards.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Student Union, Wright State University. Classic Israeli, 7:15 - 9:15 PM Jan. 21 & Feb. 18. Modern Israeli, 6:30-9:30 PM, dates TBD; ask Steve Watson, 973-750-7722 (cell).

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. 8–11 PM. Themes: Jan. 27, visit Vienna; Feb. 10, a trip to Venus. Details at robertsnider.com/BalkanNight.

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The News



✂ Three Events Not to Be Missed!

- ⌘ New Year's Eve party, Sunday, December 31 ⌘
- ❖ What better way to ring in the new year? Bring your dancing shoes, something (nonalcoholic) to share, and join us at the Pavilion any time after 8:00 PM! Cost will be \$2 per person. We expect some of the Ghillies to come, but we'll mostly stick with the Scottish dances that MVFD dancers already know. International dancing will be a combination of programmed and request dancing. See Lina Considine if you need any further information.

⌘ MVFD Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 14 ⌘
 - ❖ Meetings are boring, you think? Not this one. Your editor, new in town, was surprised to find it highly diverting! Yes, there are some serious topics – three of our Council members are rotating off, so now is your chance to run for office and take a hand in helping to set the direction and tone of the group. There are occasional Deep Discussions of bylaw amendments and the like. But there is also the announcement of the Honor Dancer or couple of the year, with a skit you'll remember (chuckling), and the occasional surprise award or announcement. Come at 2:30, bring your potluck contribution, and prepare to enjoy! (And vote.)

⌘ Yves Moreau Workshop in Columbus, February 23-25 ⌘
 - ❖ The Columbus Folk Dancers are presenting a workshop by Bulgarian dance expert Yves Moreau on February 23-25! Registration forms are already available (ask Eddie if you don't see any out, or write Leslie Scott at CFDworkshop@yahoo.com), and carpools are being formed. The main attractions are:

Friday, 8-11:30 PM: International dance party (with Mixed Bag)
Saturday, 9:30–12:30 AM and 2:00–5:00 PM: Teaching sessions
8:00–11:30 PM: International dance party (with Hajde)
Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM: Review of all dances
12:30–2:00 PM: Luncheon with Yves

🌸 **The Old Chair's Last Creak**

2006 provided us with opportunities for a great deal of pleasure. There was a lot of good dancing, and that means associating with a lot of good people. I bet you feel the same way I do, that volunteering is a way to pay back the club and its members for the pleasure they've given us. Not only is it a way to ensure that such pleasures continue, but doing something useful is also personally satisfying.

Please plan to attend the *MVFD ANNUAL MEETING* at 2:30 PM on January 14, 2007. You can help yourself as well as all of us by voting. And of course, if you can, please offer to make yourself available for one of the positions coming open. This group runs entirely on volunteer power, and we need *you!*

We'll be saying goodbye to 2006 at our joint New Year's Eve party with the Ghillies and the South Slavic Club. I hope to see you all there.

—*Bill Vernon*

🌸 **Two New Members**

Sarma Orlowski and **Elaine Wombold Wappenstein** have joined us this year, although they are both so busy that we seldom see them.

Sarma lives in Beavercreek with her husband Joseph. A retired English teacher (she taught at Fairborn High School), she is now using the other side of her brain: She raises and trains horses, and shows Irish wolfhounds (which are almost as big as the horses). Sarma has also obtained her Master Gardener certificate, no mean feat, but somehow between the animals and the plants she manages to find time to travel and read (and even

write a bit). She also spends time with her daughters Larisa and Laura. Of Latvian extraction, perhaps she can help us expand our dance horizons!

Elaine has to make the trek in all the way from Eaton, where she lives with her husband Rick and her children Liam (3) and Anya (1 ½). An archaeologist by training, she was teaching before being sidelined by motherhood. At present she turns her few spare daytime moments to gardening, and misses the days when she could go off on caving expeditions. Elaine has experience in social and jazz dancing, as well as acrobatics, and we hope that she finds time soon to come to MVFD and let her inner dancer out again!



Fall Workshop

Erik Bendix's Armenian, Greek, and Albanian workshop yielded a lot of dances that look as though they might persist! There's no better testimony to his ability to teach and inspire.

We should all thank the workshop chair, Patty Gehring, who supervised a smooth-running weekend that involved a lot of volunteers and "scholarship students." She also coordinated our first-ever joint dance party with the South Slavic Club. With a live band, Veseli, and lots of great home-cooked food, it was a grand success. Patty in turn has asked that the following be put into the newsletter: "A lot of planning and work, performed by volunteers, goes into our dance workshops. I feel extremely fortunate to be a member of such a hard-working folkdance group. Thank you all for your attendance at, work on, and enjoyment of our October workshop with Erik Bendix!"



Glimpses of the Future

🍎 With a little help from its friends, Cityfolk is bringing the Hungarian State Ensemble to town on March 2nd! Reserve your tickets soon....

🍎 MFVD will have a Spring Workshop! Eddie Cordray is arranging for Daniela Ivanovna to include Dayton in her U.S. tour this year. The plan is that she will teach on Thursday, March 22nd, present a Bulgarian singing workshop the evening of March 23rd, and give two dance workshop sessions on Saturday, March 24th. A dance party with live music (the band is TBD) will finish off an exciting Bulgarian weekend. Daniela's usual accompanist is having visa problems, but we're hoping that whoever comes will hold an instrumental workshop on Friday evening. Watch this space!



News (from the Twilight Zone)

Several MVFD members headed for Europe recently felt they were living an episode of "The Prisoner." Carole and John Pappas and Louise Van Vliet were about to head out for Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Paris when the telephone rang. A frantic voice told them to turn on the TV and watch the news. It seemed British intelligence had foiled a plot by Islamic extremists to blow up a British airplane bound for the USA, and air travel was in chaos! Well, our intrepid travelers were not going to be deterred by this small glitch. (Besides, the trip had been paid for.)

The program mentioned several changes to check-in procedures. At the Dayton airport, that proved to be all too true. Our travelers transferred various liquids and gels into their checked luggage, as they contemplated

a very dry flight. In the hustle of the changes, Carole discovered that her new sweater had vanished....

The next stop was in the Netherlands, where security precautions delayed their flight to Hungary by an hour.

Upon landing at Budapest, our travelers dashed for their plane to Bulgaria, only to find that the single exit was jammed with other travelers doing the same. After a few heated exchanges with passengers and attendants, our trio squeezed through and ran to their gate – where they had missed their plane by 5 minutes. Alas, the next flight to Sofia would get them there not at 2:30 PM, but at 1:30 AM!

Seasoned lemonade-makers all, our trio decided that this would be the perfect time to see Budapest. They just had to store their carry-ons, go out to the cab rank, and head for the historic city, right? Well, no. You might think that if you asked five people to direct you to an exit, at least one of them could get you there. But even though our travelers were all college-educated (two teachers and one engineer), with bachelor's, master's, and even a doctoral degree, they spent 1 ½ hours searching for an exit before deciding to kick back and enjoy the ambiance of harried travelers, the smoke-filled air, and the aroma of fast food.

There is a happy ending. The trio finally made it to Sofia, where their host Lyuben picked them up for the 3-hour ride to Bansko, eased by a toast in Scottish whiskey at 4:30 AM. It was the first time that Louise had been known to imbibe that liquor, but apparently it had a welcome effect. She had it again for breakfast, and again that evening, and the next, and....

—*John Pappas*