

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ DECEMBER

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

Dec. 4, 11, 18, but not 25!

**Ethnic Sunday:** Dec. 14, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ JANUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

Jan. 1 (honest!), 8, 15, 22, 29

☞ **Annual Meeting and Ethnic Sunday:** Jan. 11, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ FEBRUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Ethnic Sunday:** Feb. 8, 2:30 PM

### Other Regular Events

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

**CITYFOLK Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion.** 6:30 PM waltzing, 7:30 instruction, 8:00 contra dancing. \$7 if over 12. **January 2**, Kathy Anderson with the Corndrinkers. **February 6**, Susan Marcus with Changeling.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and modern, 7-9 PM most Tuesdays (Dec. 23, 30; Jan. 13, 20, 27; and Feb. 10, 17, 24) at the Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. See Janifer for details.

**Monthly Yellow Springs Dance.** Bryan Center, 7 PM, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 20. Info from Jay Williams at scrubjay@fuse.net.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties.** Themes: Dec. 31, New Year's; Jan. 24, Inaugural Ball; Feb. 14, Sweetheart Ball. More information at [Robertsnyder.com/BalkanNight](http://Robertsnyder.com/BalkanNight).

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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# THE NEWS



## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

- ☞ The **MVFD ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at, 2:30 PM. It will include reports, voting on a proposed change to our *Method of Operations*, election of three officers, and the presentation of the 2009 MVFD Honor Dancers. There will be a covered dish dinner at 5:00 PM. **Come and vote!!**

## COMING CHANCES TO DANCE

- ☞ Coming up NOW is **The South Slavic Club's Holiday Dance**, featuring Orkestar Zabava, which will be held on Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Czech Club at 8 PM. \$12 for an evening with a great band made up of former Tammies (see below) – and probably some equally good desserts.
- ☞ And almost equally NOW is a local performance by the **Duquesne University Tamburitzans** at Centerville High at 2 PM on Sunday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. (Yes, there are still tickets – \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids.) These kids put on a wonderful, very professional show; it's hard to sit still and watch. They're worth every penny of their scholarships!
- ☞ MVFD can't have a **New Year's Eve** party, since that evening belongs to another group. However, the **South Slavic Club** is going to rent C.I. Beaver Hall in Beaver creek, where Tony van der Slujs's birthday party was held, and celebrate 2009. The music will be a mixture of Balkan and ballroom dances (polkas and waltzes, mostly) so everyone will be able to dance. They're hoping to see some MVFDers! You can find directions on line; the party will start at 8:30 PM.
- ☞ Don't forget that while there is no dance at the Pavilion on Christmas Day, MVFD *is* dancing on New Year's Day! No beginners' class, but Patty Gehring will tailor the program to the people who plan to come, so let her know that you'll be there and what you'd like to do.

Happy New Year! Remember that we ARE dancing at the Pavilion on New Year's Day!

### 🌸 The Chair Rocks Backward

Great news -- Cristian Florescu & Sonia Dion have confirmed they are available for our Spring Workshop, March 28-29! Save the date now -- more details soon.

I realize that everyone is very busy during the holidays, but don't forget that as soon as they are over, we will have our Annual Meeting. MVFD needs three officers, and I hope that each of you will consider whether you might contribute to the club by being an officer. Running for office is your chance to make a difference in how the club is managed.

I wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons!

—Leslie Hyll

### 🍎 Bulgarian Mini-Workshop

And while the Spring Workshop will be great, we have something good coming up a lot sooner: a mini-workshop with **Iliana Bozhanova** on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. We're very lucky that she can fit our area into her travels; she will be in Columbus on Wednesday and come to MVFD on Thursday. She'll start at 7 PM -- don't miss it!

### 🍎 MVFD Spring Workshop

Various members of MVFD have had the pleasure of seeing **Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion** at Stockton Folk Dance Camp and other dance weekends, and all have given them glowing reviews. So we are excited that Cristian and Sonia have agreed to come to Dayton! If you haven't heard of them, Cristian (from Romania) and Sonia (from

Montreal) teach Romanian dances with and without partners, from easy to challenging. There will be something for everyone at this workshop!

Our Spring Workshop weekend will run from Saturday morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The details have yet to be worked out, but plan to be there.

Lina Considine has agreed to chair the workshop. She'll need volunteers, of course, so don't be shy!

### 🌸 Milestones and News

We're all hoping to welcome **Lina Considine** back soon! Most of us thought she was traveling, but it turns out that instead she was having an emergency appendectomy.

**Bill and Rose Vernon**, on the other hand, are pleased to report a non-emergency hospital visit -- on the part of their daughter. With the addition of **Calathea Helena**, they are now the proud grandparents of three small French girls! Bill and Rose are visiting them now in La Rochelle.

**Charlene Lacroix** reports (under pressure) that well, yes, she *did* win a few prizes at the Montgomery County Fair -- two thirds, two seconds, and a first that was pronounced Best of Show in Decorative Painting category! (It was a portrait on wood.)

**Cassandra Hall** recently made another theatrical appearance at Clark State, this time in a double feature. She played the Bellboy in Sartre's "No Exit" and the flighty Assistant Interrogator in Mamet's "Bobby Gould in Hell." **Rick Rutan** was heard to compliment her on playing against type so well -- she had to be a dumb blonde!

Word comes from **Ann Mosconi** that she gave her daughter **Jenny Luna** to be married to Mike Young on October 4<sup>th</sup>. She warned Mike that in spite of the legalities, she viewed it more as a loan! (The couple promptly left for Italy and Spain.)

**Ray Gottschall** writes that his long-awaited gall-bladder surgery on Oct. 30 went well, and he hopes to see us dancing before long!

And last, but hardly least, **Ed Gessel** has decided to move to Boston to be near two of his children. He has already sold his house, and he'll be leaving town in early January. It was great to have him back (even if it was for less than a whole year), and we will miss him when he leaves. Go in good health, Ed!

### 🍎 Schedule This NOW!

MVFD's annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 2:30 pm. Since we meet only once a year to conduct business, we need you to be there. Remember, if you don't come you can't complain later!

Three council members (out of five) will be elected. Leslie Hyll, Louise Van Vliet, and Lee Moser will have completed their two-year terms and will go off the Council. Patty Gehring and Peggy Crutchfield will remain on Council for one more year.

We also have a proposal that needs to be voted on. It is included with this newsletter -- please check it out.

Committee chairs, don't forget that you need to be prepared to give a short report during the meeting. The secretary would appreciate it if you could give her a hard copy of your report.

### 🍎 And Another Workshop...

The Columbus Folk Dancers have scheduled their Spring (?) Workshop too. It will run from Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The teacher will be Michael Ginsburg of New York, a longtime Balkan dance teacher and leader of a Balkan band. Details in their next newsletter!

### 🌸 Hallowe'en Party

Thanks to Bill Vernon's exhortations and Mei-Hwa Neal's offer of prizes, MVFD had one of its best-costumed Hallowe'en parties in years! We danced genuine (if unexpected) folk-dances to the Monster Mash and other classics, though Louiza Kaidi gave us delicious snacks that were more dream than nightmare. Costume prizes went to Jim Rohal (a French sailor), Jeanine Yeager (autumn leaves), and Sheila Lu (belly dancer). First prize deservedly went to Dona Hyll, whose wonderfully designed forest-sprite costume included leaves and beads and feathers and even a raccoon tail.

