

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ SEPTEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Ethnic Sunday: Sept. 13, 2:30 PM

➤ OCTOBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

☛ **Live music on Oct. 29!** ☛

Ethnic Sunday: Oct. 11, 2:30 PM

➤ NOVEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

Nov. 5, 12, 19 (no dancing 26th)

Ethnic Sunday: Nov. 8, 2:30 PM

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Intermediate classes Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek. Beginners' classes have started again!

CITYFOLK Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion. 6:30 PM waltzing, 7:30 instruction, 8:00 contra dancing. \$7 if over 12. **Oct. 2**, Jim Vogt with Changeling. **Nov. 6**, Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman. **Dec. 4**, Kathy Anderson with Corndaddies.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Classic and modern, 7-9 PM most Tuesdays (Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 10, 24). Also 6-8 PM Weds Sept. 2 & Oct. 7. At the Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$2 for non-members. See Janifer, Bill, or Mei-Hwa for details.

Monthly Yellow Springs Dance. Bryan Center, 7 PM, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20. Info from Jay Williams at scrubjay@fuse.net.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties. Sept. 26, Balkan Buckeyes; Oct. 24, Hogswart Halloween; Nov. 28, Harvest Moon.

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SEPTEMBER 2009

THE NEWS



★ Fall Fun ★

- ❖ **Friday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 13: Greek Festival** at the Greek Orthodox Church on Belmonte Park North in Dayton. Food, crafts, music, and dance! 11 AM to 11 PM Friday and Saturday, 11-6 Sunday. Shuttle from downtown – see www.daytongreekfestival.com.
- ❖ **Monday, Sept. 14: The Flying Ghillies** Scottish Country Dancers cordially invite you to attend a free “Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing” class from 7:30-9:30 PM at the (air-conditioned) Mangan Banquet Center (corner of Grange Hall and Dayton-Xenia), Beavercreek. Find out why so many MVFDers are doing Scottish!
- ❖ **Saturday, Sept. 26: The South Slavic Club’s Fall Kolo Party.** At the Czech Club, 922 Valley St. Teaching 7-8 PM, dancing with the Bill Skimos Orchestra till midnight. \$15 for non-members. Home-made food for sale. Talk to John Pappas for more information.
- ❖ **Saturday, Oct. 17: The October Moon Grand Ball** is back! Featuring dances from 1690 to 1830, it will be held from 7 PM to 11PM at the Masonic Temple in Springfield, 125 W. High St. Music by the Queen City English Country Dance Band. Rick Rutan, host; Mike White, dance master. All levels of dance; teaching from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 27, \$35 at the door. Check out www.octobermoonball.org for details – and costume sources!
- ❖ **Thursday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Oct. 31: The Century Party** preview, the Cityfolk performance part of the party, and finally the **Century Party** itself. See details inside! (Or ask Eddie or Leslie.)
- ❖ **Sunday, Nov. 1: The Duquesne University Tamburitians** are coming back! They will be at Centerville High again, at 2 PM. Tickets are available through cityfolk.tix, or check with Joanne Dombrowski, Jim Rohal, or John Pappas.
- ❖ **Saturday, December 5: The South Slavic Club’s Christmas Party**, with Orkestar Zabava. Also at the Czech (& Slovak) Club. Catered dinner at 7 PM, dancing from 8. \$23 for non-members; reservations required. Check with John Pappas for details.

SO MANY CHANCES TO DANCE...

The Dancing Chair

Hi all! Summer is coming to a close, and the walnut trees are already telling us that fall is on the way by dropping their leaves. I hope you had a grand vacation season! Now that the heat of the summer is waning, we can enjoy the pleasant coolness of autumn on Thursday nights. This newsletter lists several very interesting dance events coming up soon. To our six new members this year, I say, "Welcome!" It has been wonderful to see MVFD grow so much this year.

Happy dancing!

—Patty Gehring

Milestones and News

Harry Khamis has taught Swedish dances this summer as a teaching partner in Stockton and Maine Dance Camps, and at "le Grand Bal de l'Europe" in Gennetines, France.

Nancy Hyll has done it again! She entered her work into an amazingly wide variety of needlework categories at the 2009 Montgomery County Fair – and came away with 12 first prizes, 9 second prizes, 6 third prizes, and 1 honorable mention. That's a total of 28 at a single fair. Way to go, Nancy!

New Member No. 1: Joyce Lindsey

Joyce Lindsey moved to the Dayton area in 1989 from San Antonio, Texas. Gary, her husband, had retired from active duty and accepted a job at WPAFB. They are both originally from western Pennsylvania.

Joyce and Gary discovered Scottish Country dancing at the Ohio Highland Games in Oberlin in 1995. Gary agreed to give it a try as long as he could get a kilt. They found a class in Dayton, and it was love at first step. They have also attended classes in Cincinnati, and were part of the group that started the Flying Ghillies class. In 2006 Joyce passed the exam for Part 1 of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's teaching certification.

Joyce's introduction to MVFD came by way of the folk dancers who also enjoy coming to Scottish dance classes, and doing performances at the same venues (World A'Fair and WSU). We all share the same joy of moving to music; she says in both groups it's "the more the merrier!"

Joyce has also found that dancing is a great antidote to the "empty nest" syndrome. Their daughter, Tami, moved away from home in 1992, and eventually she and her husband settled near Victoria, Texas, near his family. Their son, David, and his wife haven't gone far. They live in Fairborn and are expecting to produce a first grandchild for Joyce and Gary early next year.

Joyce says that when she's not dancing, she's likely to be curled up in a nice cozy chair reading. She enjoys light historical romances, and claims she's a sucker for a "Cinderella story."

Joyce's other love is sewing and needlework. She does counted cross-stitch, hand embroidery, crochet, and quilting. And she claims that her sewing machine serves the same function as Linus's security blanket!

New Member No. 2: Fran Duntz

Fran returned to Dayton in August 2008, after 3 ½ years living and working in Massachusetts. She says that she and her teenage son Mark consider this place their home.

Fran discovered MVFD after taking Bill Vernon's folk dancing class at UD last fall – she says he was so patient, she and her friends really enjoyed learning from him and the other MVFDers.

While Fran danced in her school years, both ballet and ballroom, she didn't do much thereafter. She rediscovered dancing last year, after retiring from civil service. She started taking lessons in ballroom and Latin dancing last October, as well as folk dancing. Fran recently performed in a variety dance show produced by the dance studio she's affiliated with, and feels that she's been bitten by the performing bug!

Fran says she likes all the folk dances taught at MVFD, especially the line dances that change direction and tempo. However, on the whole she finds the European countries' dances the most enjoyable to learn.

Fran also enjoys gardening, reading, and volunteering. She spends some hours each month supporting the Wegerzyn Garden Foundation, Victoria Theatre, and the Youth Council for the City of Beavercreek. And just to keep her hand in, she's doing part-time consulting for defense-related companies in the Dayton area!

The Century Party etc.

Here's the latest on Eddie and Leslie's Century Party. Note that you need to make reservations soon for the Saturday evening dinner!

- **Thursday, Oct. 29:** Some live music by Balkan Cabaret during regular dancing.
- **Friday, Oct. 30:** Balkan Cabaret & Lyuti Chushki (Larry Weiner's band from D.C.), 8:30 PM at Canal St. Tavern. Tickets \$9, available through cityfolk.tix.
- **Saturday, Oct. 31:** 10 AM – 12:30 PM and 2:30 – 4:30 PM, dance teaching by John Morović, Rich & Susie Thomas, Larry Weiner, and more. Free!
6:00 PM, dinner at the Pavilion, catered by Christopher's. \$20. Reservations needed by Oct. 22; e-mail party@daytonfolkdance.com.
8:00 PM, dancing at the Pavilion to Balkan Cabaret and Lyuti Chushki. Also free!!

You can find all the details at www.daytonfolkdance.com/party. And if you haven't done so already, be sure to get your tickets now for the Tammies on Sunday, Nov. 1!

Distinguished Visitor

On Nov. 6, Cityfolk's contra-dance caller will be **Dudley Laufman**, who was largely responsible for the revival of New England-style contra dance in the '60s and '70s. He is about to receive a National Heritage Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. You might enjoy his dance!