

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ MARCH

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

Mar. 4, 11, 18

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

\* **Mini-workshop Thurs., Mar. 25;**  
**Midi-workshop/party Sat., Mar 27!!**

#### ➤ APRIL

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

Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29

**Ethnic Sunday:** Apr. 11, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ MAY

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

May 6, 13, 20, 27

**Ethnic Sunday:** May 9, 2:30 PM

\* **MVFD Spring Workshop Sat. & Sun., May 29-30**

### Other Regular Events

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies. Beginner & intermediate classes Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd.

**Cityfolk Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion** – 6:30 PM waltzing, 7:30 instruction, 8:00 contras. \$7 if over 12. **Mar. 5**, Darlene Underwood with Brittany Bay; **Apr. 2**, Kate Power with the Rhythm in Shoes musicians; **May 27**, Kathy Anderson with the Corndrinkers.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and modern for all, 7-9 PM Tues Mar. 9, 16, 23; Apr. 13, 20, 27; May 11, 25. Also intermediate, 6-8 PM Weds Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5. Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$2 for non-members.

**Yellow Springs Folk Dance** – Bryan Ctr., 7 PM, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21. [www.yellowspringsfolkdancing.com](http://www.yellowspringsfolkdancing.com).

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties** – Themes: Mar. 27, Luck o' the Irish; Apr. 24, West Side Story.

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# THE NEWS



## ★ *The Mini- and Midi-Workshops* ★

Iliana Bozhanova is making a stop in Dayton as she teaches her way across the country! She will give a Bulgarian mini-workshop at MVFD on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** (following a session in Columbus Wednesday evening). She will teach in school systems during the day. But the South Slavic Club has arranged to have an all-day workshop and party with her at the Czech & Slovak Club beginning at 9:30 AM on **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**! If you remember Iliana's relaxed teaching style and appealing dances, you won't want to miss a session.

The Thursday mini-workshop is free for members, and \$3 for non-members. The Saturday workshops are \$10 apiece (\$8 for SSC members), and the party is \$8. Accordionist Todor Yankov will provide live music for all Iliana's dances, and perhaps some requests as well!

## ★ *The Maxi-Workshop* ★

You've already marked your calendars for our Spring Workshop on **May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**, right? (Yes, Memorial Day weekend.) **Roo Lester**, who last taught here at our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop (but came to the Century Party last fall!), is well known for her international dance teaching, especially Scandinavian and Basque. She has selected dances (both line and partner) from seven regions of Europe, plus Canada, for this workshop.

The weekend schedule will be as follows:

**Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>):** Request dancing at 9:30 AM. Workshop sessions from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Culture corner at 7:30 PM, and a party with both review and request dancing from 8:00 to 11:30 PM. There will be refreshments during the workshop and party, but all meals will be on your own.

**Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>):** Request dancing at 9:30 AM. Workshop sessions from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

Each of the sessions will cost \$12, and the syllabus \$5. If you register for the weekend by May 1, admission to all sessions (plus syllabus) will be only \$55! (Weekend registration is \$60 if received between May 1 and 29, and \$65 at the door.) Please e-mail Patty Gehring with any questions at [plg2010@yahoo.com](mailto:plg2010@yahoo.com). A registration flyer will appear before long!



## The Chair's Corner

The new year seems to be off to a very good start! It was a pleasure to welcome three new members: Cynthia Verbinski, Dan Reckers, and Bonny Snyder. And it was great to see so many in attendance during those first cold, snowy weeks of February. Folk dancing is a great cure for cabin fever!

I have two requests for our members. First, do try to wear a nametag on Thursdays. Members who would like a new permanent nametag may request one. (There will be a sign-up sheet on the counter.)

Second, the request board seems to fill up very quickly. To give more folks a chance to make requests, please put up no more than two dances early in the evening. You are welcome to add more later on, when the board has cleared a bit.

Two new lists are now available to assist members who have responsibility for an evening program. The first lists the core dances being used this year for the orientation class. The second lists by country all the other dances that were considered for the core list, some by member request. Both lists may be helpful in constructing a balanced program.

Finally, please see the newsletter article on our planned Bulgarian mini-workshop with Iliana Bozhanova and her accordionist. If you are new to folk dancing, this may be your first opportunity to experience a workshop with a guest teacher. Please do come! And happy dancing till then.

—Joanne Dombrowski



## Milestones and News

We are very sorry to announce the death of **Charlie Krainz** on January 5<sup>th</sup>. While he and Zora hadn't been dancing much recently, they stayed close to many members of MVFD, and his farewell letter to his friends and family was a joyful inspiration to us all. He'll be missed.

**Tony van der Slujs** has more cheerful news to report: His grandson Alex Vanderslujs became engaged on Christmas Eve to Paige Heermans, who has danced with Zivio along with her mother Lisa. Alex and Paige met in the A World A'Fair parade!

**Janifer Tsou** is moving her Kumon Center to the Beaver Valley Shopping Center (Seajay Drive). She invites us all to her grand opening on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 PM!

You may have seen **Eddie Cordray's** sister Jacqui and her husband Eddi at dancing recently. Eddi is helping Eddie and Leslie renovate the Belmont house they recently purchased as a rental property.



## Extra Chances to Dance!

**Thursday, April 22:** MVFD has been asked to give a demonstration (with maybe some participation) at the Sycamore Glen assisted living facility, on Route 725 east of the Dayton Mall. The demo will start at 6 and last less than an hour. Please see Bill V. if you can make it—or have suggestions!

**Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15:** MVFD will provide demos and encourage audience participation in folkdances at A World A'Fair. Please see Joanne Dombrowski to volunteer. Don't worry, we'll have a rehearsal....



## And finally, New Member No. 5: Grace Kau!

Grace Kau is from Taiwan. She and her husband Alex came from there to go to graduate school at the U. of Wisconsin – Madison. Grace obtained an MBA, while Alex got his PhD in Mechanical Engineering.

Their son Sam was born in Madison in 1988, and Grace and her family moved to Dayton that same year when Alex got a job with GM's Delphi Division. (He retired from Delphi in 2008, and now works for Cooper Bussmann.) Annie was born in 1989, and (not missing a beat) Grace started working for Wright State University in 1990.

Sam is a senior at Miami U., and will enter the U. of Cincinnati School of Medicine next year. Annie is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Business and Computer Sciences. Grace is now part of WSU's Computing Services Department, where she is responsible for the University Finance and Bursar computer system.

Grace's hobbies include traveling, reading, writing, playing cards and mah-jongg, and trying new recipes. She had never done much dancing until three years ago, when Patty Lindsay told her about the Scottish dance class she was teaching. Grace started going to that, so by the time her friends Janifer, Mei-Hwa, Wendy, and Sharon told her about the fun of international dancing, she was all ready to add another night!

Grace says she truly enjoys the very friendly people and the variety of dances at MVFD. What with learning new dances and reviewing lots of old ones every week, she feels that her brain

might get more exercise than her feet on Thursday evenings!



## MVFD Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The twelve committee reports contained nothing frightening. However, among the items of greater-than-usual interest were:

- The MV Dance Council would like some members of every group using the Pavilion to be trained in using the defibrillator.
- Our electronic group list now has 77 addresses.
- The ad hoc Core Dance Committee has completed its work, and the resulting listing will be used to guide the beginners' teaching for the next year.

A motion to suspend teaching at the June and July Ethnic Sundays didn't pass, but it was agreed that the responsible Program Committee people would take that preference into account. A motion to review MVFD's rules and regulations did pass. Last, the members present voted to "go green" with our supplies. As plastic cups, plates, and bowls are used up, they will be replaced by paper goods only.

Elections were held to replace the two Council members rotating off. See the back of this sheet for the results!

A special report from the Pavilion Committee began with horrifying news, and continued with a requirement to provide answers to some urgent questions. All present were greatly relieved to discover that Louise Van Vliet had designed the presentation to point to MVFD's nominees for Honor Couple of the year, John and Carole Pappas!

John and Carole have contributed a great deal to MVFD over the years. We are all indebted to them!