

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ JUNE

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

June 3, 10, 17, 24

**Ethnic Sunday:** June 13, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ JULY

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

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Ethnic Sunday:** July 11, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ AUGUST

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

Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26

**PICNIC** August 8, 2:30 PM

### Other Regular Events

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies. Informal summer classes on Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr. (with air conditioning!), 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beaver Creek.

**Cityfolk Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion** – Suspended for the summer; will resume in September.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and modern for all, 7-9 PM Tues June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 20, 27; and August 10, 17, 24, & 31. Also intermediate, 6-8 PM Weds June 2, July 7, August 4. Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$2 for non-members.

**Yellow Springs Folk Dance** – Bryan Ctr., 7 PM, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20. [www.yellowspringsfolkdancing.com](http://www.yellowspringsfolkdancing.com).

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties** – suspended till September.

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# THE NEWS



## ★ *Many Festivals...*★

- ❖ **Friday, July 2 – Sunday, July 4: CITYFOLK Festival.** At the RiverScape MetroPark. Activities, old and new performers (Lyuti Chushki, whom you'll remember from the Century Party, are coming this year!), and fireworks Saturday evening. Starts at 5:30 PM Friday and 1 PM Saturday and Sunday. This might be the last year the festival is completely free! Details and volunteer signup opportunities on [www.cityfolk.org/festival/festival.html](http://www.cityfolk.org/festival/festival.html).
- ❖ **Friday, July 30 – Sunday, August 1: Eighth Annual Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also at RiverScape. Music, dance, crafts, beer.... From 5 PM Friday, noon Saturday, and 10:00 AM Sunday. Details on [www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival](http://www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival).
- ❖ **Sunday, August 8: The Annual MVFD Picnic!** Details inside.
- ❖ **Friday, August 13 – Sunday, August 15. Thirteenth Annual GermanFest Picnic.** At Carillon Park this year. Check out the scheduled bands, food (not to mention beer), and activities on <http://daytongermanclub.homeip.net/liederkranz/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **Friday, August 27 – Sunday, August 29: Seventeenth Annual Lebanese Festival.** Remember, this festival is now at St. Ignatius Maronite Catholic Church, 5915 Springboro Pike, Miami Township. Music, dance, great food! From 6 PM Friday, 11 AM Saturday, and 10:00 AM Sunday. Details on line soon.

## ★...and a Workshop!★

- ❖ **Saturday, August 28 – Sunday, August 29: Israeli Dance Workshop.** Dany Benschalom and Ruthy Slann are returning to teach a weekend of modern and classic Israeli dances at the Pavilion! 10:30 AM to 11:00 PM on Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Sunday. Harry Khamis will have flyers out soon. **Note that this workshop is not on Labor Day weekend, but the previous weekend!**

## HAPPY SUMMER!



### The Chair's Corner

First let me extend a warm welcome to our three newest members: Charlie Stubbs, Meredith Martin, and Lily Chiu. It is encouraging that we have added six new members so far this year.

The Memorial Day weekend workshop with Roo Lester was very successful! I hope you all also enjoyed our mini-workshop in Hawaiian dance by former MVFD member Dawn Karahara (Pam Gilbert). She taught us a "simple" Hukilau Hula that had us trying hard to coordinate our arms, hips, and feet in new ways!

And now a few words about upcoming events. First, our August Ethnic Sunday will be a picnic at Delco Park – all-request dancing followed by a picnic dinner. I hope to see you all there!

Second, for your advance-planning calendar: MVFD will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party at a hall in Beaver Creek – most probably with live music by Vatra Živa. Vatra Živa is a six-member band (including our own Dona Hyll) that plays traditional folk music (mostly Balkan). More details later, but please do plan to come.

Enjoy your summer!

—Joanne Dombrowski



### Milestones and News

This year our own **Bill Vernon** won the adult poetry division of the *Dayton Daily News* / Antioch Writers' Workshop annual contest with a poem called 'Anastasia Smith.' A man of many talents indeed!



### A New Member: Cynthia Verbinski

Cynthia Verbinski is a newcomer to the Dayton area and to MVFD, but not to folkdance. She started by dancing the Polish polka when she was a child. Later she discovered international folkdance, and danced in both California and New Jersey from 1980 to 1982.

When Cynthia came to Dayton, she and her husband joined the Czech & Slovak Club so they could polka. (He's a first-generation German-American.) Then she saw an ad in the paper for MVFD, and joined us!

Cynthia lives in Oakwood with her husband, John Walter, and their two sons, Tyler (16) and Adam (19). She's a former software manager, executive, and consultant, but hasn't been working since they moved here. At present she's enjoying some of her other interests, which include tennis and skiing, piano and singing, musical theater – and, of course, dance!



### Picnic Time

We have reservations again this year at Delco Park, at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane, for our annual picnic. It's at 2:30 PM on **Sunday, August 8** – no Ethnic Sunday that day! Take Delco Park Drive off either street, turn into the park, curve around the ball fields, and go to the far end.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Water and lemonade will be supplied, and the grills will be ready by 5 to cook any meats you bring. See Wendy Chou (or an MVFD officer) if you have any questions!



### Grace Wolff's Passing

The death of Grace Wolff on May 28<sup>th</sup> was a sad occasion that marked the end of an era. Grace was one of the driving forces behind the formation of MVFD as well as other dance groups. A woman of enormous energy, she came to Dayton as a nurse, married and reared three children, was heavily involved with the Girl Scouts, and then took a full-time job as the public relations director for the St Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing.

Throughout much of her life, however, Grace was an active folk dancer, dance archivist, and dance teacher, not just in Dayton but through the U.S. and even abroad. Grace, who was almost 99 years old, remained intimately involved with MVFD for as long as her health permitted, and it could be considered one of her best legacies to the community she loved. Thank you, Grace!



### Thanks Again!

We had a great group at A World A'Fair for our demo and audience-participation dances! MVFD thanks you, as well as the loyal few who staffed the MVFD booth out front. Five new people from that AWAFF contact showed up at our Open House, and there's hope that some of them will come again.



### ...and More Thanks

So many people helped make Roo's workshop run smoothly – Patty's group thank-you included fourteen names – that there's not enough space to list them all. You know who you are, and the workshop chair (not to mention the rest of MVFD) appreciated every one of you!



### Punchbowl Needed

Have you by chance a rarely used punchbowl taking up space in your house? Both the Pavilion's punchbowls have vanished over the past year, and we need to replace at least one of them. Before we check Goodwill, we wanted to offer you a chance to give your punchbowl a new home! Bring it in....



### Twin Chances to Dance

**Saturday, September 25** – The South Slavic Club's Fall Kolo Party, at the Czech Club, featuring the Bill Skimos band. Food from 7, music from 8. \$15.

**Saturday, September 25** – The Hungarian Club's Grape Dance, 4475 Old Troy Pike, featuring Harmonia. Food from 5, music from 7:30. \$12.



### An Unexpected Loss

Just a year ago we profiled Jim and Ellie Woolley, who were our nominees for MVDC Honor Couple of the Year. It's hard to believe that Jim has since left us! He was stricken with bone cancer that put him in the hospital on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and he died on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the people who knew him from MVFD (both current and former members) and the South Slavic Club came to his memorial service at Grace United Methodist Church, in which he and Ellie had been active for years. Jim's long-time friend John Pappas spoke eloquently about his talent for friendship, and his fellow Masons honored him.

While Jim hadn't been dancing very actively in the last few years, he remained engaged with his various groups and all his friends. Even the people who met him relatively recently will miss his quiet dependability and delightfully straight-faced humor – with a twinkle.