

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ MARCH

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

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Ethnic Sunday:** Mar. 13, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ APRIL

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

April 7, 14, 21, 28

**Ethnic Sunday:** Apr. 10, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ MAY

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

May 12, 19; Open House May 26

**Ethnic Sunday:** May 8, 2:30 PM

☞ **MVDC special dance on May 5;**  
no regular MVFD dancing!!

### Other Regular Events

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies.  
Beginning & intermediate classes on  
Mondays, 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet  
Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall, Beaver creek.

**Cityfolk Waltzing and Contra Dance  
at the Pavilion** – 6:30 PM waltzing,  
7:30 instruction, 8:00 contras. \$7 if over  
12. April 1, Mike Ernst with Fiddle'n  
Feet. May 6, open calling night with  
Pigtown Alley.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and  
modern for all. 6-8 PM most Wednes-  
days at the Boonshoft CJCE, Center-  
ville. \$3. janifer.tsou@gmail.com.

**English Country Dance** – Kathy An-  
derson and Leslie Hyll. 7-9:00 PM,  
Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, the Pavilion.

**Yellow Springs Folk Dance** – At the  
Bryan Center. Contact Jay Williams at  
jwilliams352@cinci.rr.com for dates.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Par-  
ties** – March 26, Dilbert's Office; April  
23, Springtime with Opus.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### MVFD Council

**Chairperson:**.....**Joanne Dombrowski**  
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### Committee Assignments

Historian.....Leslie Hyll

Kitchen.....Ellen Rice

Membership.....Lee Moser

Miami Valley Dance Council and  
Pavilion Support Committee  
Representative.....Carolyn Stovall

MVFD Webmaster.....Leslie Hyll  
Newsletter Editor.....Ellen Rice  
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Orientation Class Coordinator  
.....John Pappas

Program Committee  
.....Chair, Harry Khamis  
.....Lina Considine  
.....Meredith Martin  
.....Dan Reckers

.....Jim Rohal  
.....Rose Vernon  
Publicity.....Dolores Brooks

Recordings & Equipment Maintenance  
.....Edmund Cordray

Refreshments.....Lee Moser



### MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

special pre-State Convention dance!

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

Michael Solomon Pavilion



## MARCH 2011

# THE NEWS



### ★ MVFD JOINS THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY! ★

Did you know that our club, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers, has a Facebook page? It is another means of promoting and publicizing our club to our friends and associates.

If you would like to become a "fan" of MVFD on Facebook, you must first be a Facebook user. If you are not and want to be, just type "Facebook" on your search engine and you will be instructed how to establish your own Facebook page. Once you have your page you can do a search for Miami Valley Folk Dancers and become a fan by clicking on "Like." Once you are a fan you can post messages, photos, videos, and events that pertain to our club and its folk dancing interests and goals.

When you become an MVFD Facebook fan your own list of friends will be informed and perhaps become interested in finding out about our site themselves... another way to spread the word! By the way... please let me know if you read or heard anything about our recent Greek workshop in any newspaper or on the radio/TV. It is helpful to know which media sources respond to requests for publicizing our activities.

– Dolores Brooks

### ★ OPEN HOUSE COMING UP ★

MVFD's Open House this year will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday after A World A'Fair. Patty Gehring is responsible for arranging the teaching – but YOU are responsible for bringing some new people who might enjoy folk dancing! Twist your friends' arms, talk it up at work – you never know where you'll find a receptive ear. Also, please sign up to spend an hour at our booth at A World A'Fair – you are the best advertisement for MVFD! And even if the people you convince to try it find they can't make a regular commitment right now, as long as they enjoy themselves at the Open House they may come back when the kids are grown, their schedule changes, etc. Let's keep this club vital!

### ★ A CHANCE TO DANCE ★

The South Slavic Club's Spring Kolo Party will be held on Saturday, May 14 at the Czech & Slovak Club on Valley Street. Vatra Živa (remember New Year's Eve?) will play. Dinner options will be available at 7:00 PM, and live music will begin at 8:00. The dress rehearsal of Živio's Macedonian suite for AWAFF will also be featured!



## The Chair's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed our recent special events. Mini-workshops are a great opportunity to meet new teachers and to participate in a workshop at a very nominal cost. Our weekend workshop with Kyriakos Moisidis was a definite success – there was a small profit on the workshop itself, and a significant one from the Agora! And everyone seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to all who helped make it happen!

The next big event on the calendar is the Ohio Dance Convention on May 6-7 at the Convention Center. This event comes to Dayton every four years, and we have agreed to give up the Pavilion on Thursday, May 5 for a pre-Convention fund-raising dance. MVFD will be doing a 15-minute demo at 7:00 that evening to encourage attendees to try folk dancing at the Convention. We will also be doing a 15-minute demo at noon on Courthouse Square on Friday, May 6. Bill Vernon is coordinating these demos. Also, MVFD will again be doing demos on the informal stage at A World A'Fair (which will be held May 20-22 at the Convention Center), in hopes of attracting new members. Please see me if you are interested in joining us!

—Joanne Dombrowski



## MVFD Annual Meeting

Interesting committee reports at the annual meeting included the following: As Treasurer, John Pappas reported that our outgo exceeded out income this year. John also said that we had taught 66 of the 144 core dances this year, and suggested that we work our way through the rest of the list next year before considering updates

to it. Dolores Brooks made a thorough report on her current avenues for publicity, and asked everyone to think of more possibilities. Joanne Dombrowski noted that we gained 12 new members during 2010!

Three motions were considered. No. 1, unopposed, amended an omission in the Rules and Regulations. The other two, put forth by John, related to our diminishing treasury. No. 2, somewhat debated, limited expressions of sympathy from club funds to a value of \$50; it eventually passed. No. 3 proposed raising the guest fee on Thursdays to two dollars; it passed, though with discussion and the suggestion that increasing membership fees would do more for the treasury. Elections followed; the officers for 2011 are listed on the back page. And this year's skit (thank you, Louise!) dealt with the sorting of Grace's papers – see the Honor Couple writeup!



## Milestones

**Happy Milestone:** The **Brooks** family happily welcomed a new member on December 22, 2010. Erika Katherine joins big brother Joshua, age 3.

**Sad Milestone:** Our longtime member **Sara Fleischer** died on December 14<sup>th</sup>, of leukemia. She and Sam, who died in November 2009, had moved from their house in Dayton to Friendship Village, where many of us attended a very nice memorial service arranged by her sons Dave and Carl. Sara, who came from a tiny town in Alabama, was a Berea College graduate. When she married Sam and they moved to Dayton, she became a schoolteacher. She had met Sam through English country dancing in Berea (their group toured England!),

so they joined the dance scene (and MVFD) shortly thereafter. Sara and Sam attended assorted dance camps, and helped out with many demos.

Sara was active in MVFD for nearly 50 years, while raising her boys, becoming a mainstay of her Hadassah group, and helping anyone she ran across who needed help. (She visited Grace Wolff at least once a week.) She was not able to come dancing very often in the last few years, unfortunately for newer members. You rarely get to meet a saint with a piquant sense of humor!



## 2011 Honor Couple

Leslie Hyll and Eddie Cordray were named MVFD's Honor Roll Dancers of 2011 – and about time! At age 12 Leslie joined MVFD, and began going to workshops with her parents Lou and Nancy. As a teen, she performed with the Kettering Historical Dancers, and later went to England for a Playford Ball. Eddie started dancing in California equally early, mostly with Scottish and Balkan groups. In his teens he partnered his sister Alix as she taught Norwegian workshops across the U.S.; in his twenties, he performed in the semi-professional ensemble Westwind. Leslie has served as club Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, MVDC rep, Publicity Chair, and Newsletter Editor, and has often been on the Orientation and Program Committees. She teaches dances at all levels (she has also taught at Wright State). Eddie and Leslie have helped to find teachers for many of MVFD's workshops and mini-workshops, and between them have chaired at least nine workshops. (We won't even mention the many demos.) Leslie maintains the club archives, including all the dances taught and music

played each week, and has written a history of MVFD. Besides maintaining our website, she manages our group e-mail account, and keeps a database of present and past club members and other contacts. Leslie has also created a CD containing scanned syllabi from every known workshop sponsored by MVFD from 1953 to 2004. This syllabus CD has sold globally – and all profits go to the club!

For his part, Eddie cares for all the music that MVFD has acquired over 58 years. As MVFD's official Recording/Equipment Engineer since 1994, he transferred all of the records and tapes to CDs, and created a new categorized listing. Then he put it all on a computer! As members bring back music and dances from workshops, Eddie constantly updates our collection. He also provides or manages sound for local dances (like many of the Cityfolk contra nights) and at dance camps like the Door County Folk Festival.

Eddie also chaired MVDC's Michael Solomon Support Committee from 1998 to 2010. He oversaw the refinishing of the floor and other major improvements, and personally took care of most of the ongoing repairs and maintenance to the Pavilion.

It should also be noted that Leslie and Eddie have been involved with A World A'Fair since 1982 (Leslie) or 1990 (Eddie). One or the other (or both) of them has performed with four ethnic dance groups, choreographed and directed five suites for Živio, and directed and choreographed for the French, Italian, and Czech and Slovak dancers! And Leslie has sewn or embroidered costumes for many of those. Whew! Now, were there any questions about why we nominated them...?