

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

June 7, 14, 21, 28.

Ethnic Sunday: June 10, 2:30 PM

➤ JULY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Ethnic Sunday: July 8, 2:30 PM

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

☞ **No ethnic Sunday in August!**

MVFD Annual Picnic

Aug. 12, 2:30 PM

Note: The Israeli workshop is in September this year – in Columbus.

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall, Beaver Creek. There will still be some teaching during the summer.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Classic and modern for all, June 13, 20, 27; July 25; Aug. 8, 22 at Temple Beth Or (Rahn & Marshall Rds.), \$3. 6 PM, beginners; 7-9 PM, program & intermediate teaching.
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Cityfolk Contra Dances at the Pavilion return in September.

English Country Dance – Dances with Kathy Anderson and Leslie Hyll will start again in September.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties – are also suspended till September.

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This year's Israeli dance workshop with Dany Ben-Shalom and Ruthy Slann will be held on Sept. 8-9 in Columbus. More info later!



JUNE 2012

THE NEWS



★ Festival upon Festival! ★

- ❖ **Temple Israel's Jewish Cultural Festival** – Sun. June 10, 11AM - 8 PM. 130 Riverside Dr. Music, dance, fun, learning, food!
- ❖ **Cityfolk Festival** – Fri. June 29, 6-11 PM; Sat June 30, 1-11 PM; Sun July 1, 1-10 PM, then fireworks! At Riverscape in downtown Dayton. Three full days of multicultural celebration with three stages of traditional music, dance, art and workshops. (Not to mention ethnic food and activities for the kids. Visit www.cityfolk.org/festival for the performance schedule or to volunteer.
- ❖ **Midsummer Dance Party** - Sun. July 1, 2:00-9:00 PM at White Star Farm, near Darbydale, OH. Admission \$8.00, 12 & under \$3.00. Dances taught by all Columbus folkdance groups.' Potluck dinner at 5:30. See http://recfolkdancers.webs.com/RFDC_events.html for more info.
- ❖ **United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival** – Fri, July 27, 6-11 PM; Sat. July 28, noon–11 PM; Sun. July 29, 9AM–6 PM. Riverscape MetroPark. Three stages of International, national, and local bands and dance groups. Cultural demonstrations and marketplace. Celtic breakfast, 9 AM Sun.
- ❖ **Germanfest Picnic 2012** – Fri. Aug. 10, 5-11:00 PM; Sat Aug. 11, noon-11:00 PM; Sun. Aug. 12, noon-6:00 PM. Carillon Park, with live bands, draft beer, crafts and imports; and much more. Updated info is on <http://www.daytongermanclub.org/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **Lebanese Festival** – Fri. Aug. 24, 6-11 PM; Sat. Aug. 25, 11 AM – 11 PM; Sun. Aug. 26, 11 AM – 6 PM./ St. Ignatius Maronite Catholic Church, 5915 Springboro Pike (Route 741, ¼ mile south of Alex Bell). Middle Eastern dancing and entertainment, cultural displays, crafts booths, amusement rides, games.
- ❖ **Dayton African American Cultural Festival** – Sat. Aug. 25, noon-8 PM. An African Village, a pavilion of paintings, and live R&B, gospel, and jazz performances. Merchandise and food vendors. www.daacf.com for more information.
- ❖ **Dayton Greek Festival** – Fri, Sept. 7, 11AM-11PM; Sat. Sept. 8, 11 AM – 11 PM; Sun. Sept. 9, 11AM - 6 PM. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Belmonte Park Dr., Dayton. (Free shuttle from the corner of First and Wilkinson.) Admission \$2 for adults, under 12 free. Celebrating all things Greek: the Church, the food, and, of course, the dancing!



The Chair's Corner

We had a very successful Open House last month: over 60 attendees, of whom 22 were newcomers. We hope that many of these new associates will become members of our dance family. Please make them feel welcome.

Many of you will be embarking on your summer vacation adventures soon. Perhaps some of you are still thinking about what exciting things you might do this summer. There are oodles of dance opportunities during the summer – camps, classes, workshops, cruises, parties. Check out the kitchen counter on Thursday nights; we try to provide fliers on many of these opportunities for you to peruse.

Regardless of where you go or what you do this summer, please be safe --- we want you back dancing with us on Thursday nights fit and trim!

Yours in terpsichorean bliss – see you on the dance floor!

—Harry Khamis



It's All Good!

Thank goodness, we haven't had a repeat of last January! It's good news all the way. But first, an ad from **Jim Rohal**:

One MVFD T-shirt is still available! It's gray, extra-large. Only \$12.

Our most unusual good news is that **Kaye Preis**, who has recently moved back to this area (Enon) celebrated her **100th** birthday last month! Her children and grandchildren organized a party for her in a big community hall. No dancing, but great food, music, speeches, and photos that ranged from dance costumes to one of her

and her son setting out to drive Route 66 (to CA) when she was nearly 90!

Kaye did eventually have to sit down, but she greeted and chatted with everyone, and obligingly posed for pictures in a wild assortment of accessories. Asked for her secret to a long life, she said she drank lots of milk – and started each day with a cup of triple-strength coffee. (She declined to choose a favorite type of dance; she's done them all.)

Kaye, MVFD wishes you another decade, in continuing good health!

For our oldest members: Also present at the party was **Richard Shropshire** (only 91). Starting in 1952, he and his wife Eleanora danced with MVFD's predecessor, the Dayton Folk Dance Club. He gave many boxes of records from those days to John Pappas!



Overflow

There's not enough space on the front page for all the dance goings-on! Here are advance notices for September:

- The tri-city **Israeli workshop** with Dany Ben-Shalom and Ruthy Slann will be on Sat-Sun Sept. 8-9 **in Columbus**. Details to come!
- The **Vandalia Oktoberfest** will be held on Fri-Sat-Sun Sept. 7-8-9, in Non-stop live music by Frank Morosivik, Klubberheads, and more.
- There's a **Hispanic Heritage Festival** on Sat. Sept. 22, noon–11 PM, at Riverscape. They say the food and music will both be HOT!
- And that same evening, the South Slavic Club will have its **Fall Kolo Party**. As usual, it's at the Czech-Slovak Club, beginning with yummy ethnic foods at 7 PM. The Bill Skimos band will play at 8.



Almost Picnic Time

This year we have reservations at Delco Park, at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane, for our annual picnic. Take Delco Park Drive off either street, turn into the park, curve around the ball fields, and go to the far end.

The picnic is at 2:30 PM on Sunday, August 12 – no Ethnic Sunday that day! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Water and lemonade will be supplied, and the grills will be ready by 5:00 to cook meat items!



Assorted Thank-yous

Many thanks to the people who helped Lee Moser staff MVFD's booth at A World A'Fair (a small but dedicated group!). Thanks as well to those MVFDers who participated in the demos Joanne Dombrowski led on the informal stage (a larger group) – and dragged audience members out to join us! Both efforts gave us the new potential members who came to our Open House.

Thanks are also due to our Open House organizers, Harry Khamis and Janifer Tsou, and to those who helped them by teaching some of the widely varied dances (John Pappas, Bill Vernon, and Lina Considine.) We trust their efforts will yield some new members!



Survey Results

Did you take the recently conducted survey of the Club concerning (1) the Thursday night schedule and (2) next year's workshop? The results are in:

- (1) We will retain the current teaching/request schedule, with orientation at 7 PM and intermediate teaching at 9 PM.

- (2) We will try to arrange a workshop in English country dance for next year (March 30-31, 2013 – mark your calendars now!). Twice as many people voted for this nationality as for any other.

We can't please all of the people all of the time, but we're trying!



No Longer So New

But better late than never: introducing **Mary Haritos!** Mary has been dancing with MVFD ever since last August. (Dessine Friccioni brought her to Kyriakos' workshop last spring.) She's a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox church's Ellas adult dance group, but has been happy to learn other types of Eastern European dance.

Mary has spent 21 years in Dayton (and holding, she says) – but in four stretches. Thanks to an Air Force husband, she had 13 moves to 8 different cities in 7 states, from California to Colorado to Virginia. Along the way, she raised two children, got her doctorate in Hispanic studies from Northwestern, and taught Spanish, Italian, or Greek in five of the cities!

Her children are Dino, who is applying his M.S. in optoelectronics to venture capitalism, and Marika Haritos Paul, who has just received a fellowship for doctoral studies in hospital services at OSU. With her husband Dan, she has also produced Evan, almost three!

When Mary isn't dancing (or cooking), she plays piano, reads, works out, bikes, crochets, plays with her miniature schnauzers, and sings in her church choir (her "Cheers", she says, "where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came"). We hope you feel the same about MVFD, Mary!