

## CALENDAR

### *MVFD Events*

#### ➤ SEPTEMBER

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

September 6, 13, 20, 27.

**Ethnic Sunday:** Sept. 9, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ OCTOBER

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

October 4, 11, 18, 25

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

#### ➤ NOVEMBER

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

November 1, 8, 15, 29 (*not 22!*)

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

### *Other Regular Events*

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies. Beginner and Intermediate groups will resume their regular Monday night classes on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall, Beaver creek. 7:30 PM.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and modern for all! Sept. 5, 12, 19; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 28. At Temple Beth Or; \$3. 6 PM, beginners; 7-9 PM, program & intermediate teaching. janifer.tsou@gmail.com.

**Cityfolk Contra Dances at the Pavilion** return! 7:30 PM instruction, 8:00 PM contras. \$7 adults, \$5 students, under 12 free. Oct. 5, Changeling with Frank Buschelmann. Nov. 2, Dan, Debbie & Whitt with Mike White.

**English Country Dance** – Kathy Anderson and Leslie Hyll. Historic and modern. 7-9:00 PM, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18, at the Pavilion.

**Columbus “Balkan Night” Dance Parties** – Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and *Friday* Dec 17. No themes this year!

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### PLAN ON THE

## MVFD NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!



SEPTEMBER 2012

# THE NEWS



## ★★ GREAT Chances to Dance! ★★

### *Kabile – SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>*

You may remember the Bulgarian band **Kabile** (5 people on this tour) from their dance concert a few years ago. This year they will be playing again in Columbus (but not Dayton). They've been great fun to dance to in the past! Check out <http://columbusfolkdancers.webs.com/Kabile/Home.html>.

### *SSC Kolo Party – SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>*

This year the South Slavic Club's annual fall **kolo party** will be in September, at the Czech & Slovak Club on Valley Street. Ethnic food and some teaching are available at 7:00 PM, and the Bill Skimos band will play at 8!

### *Tamburitza Association of America 2012 Extravaganza*

*OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>*

*Twenty-one* tamburica orchestras (7 Pittsburgh, 5 Chicago, 2 St. Louis, 1 each Buffalo, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Seattle, and Steelton *and* one from Hamilton, Ontario) are coming to the Hyatt Regency Columbus for a whole weekend! They will play for listening and dancing in one ballroom and six guest suites, from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. There will also be brief dance workshops taught by our own John Pappas and by Nikola Krčadinac of Chicago. Details are at <http://www.tamburitza.org/>.

### *English Country Dance (plus) – OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>–28<sup>TH</sup>*

For ECD lovers (or the curious, or those getting a head start on our spring workshop), there will be an entire weekend of country dancing in Columbus next month! But it won't be just **English**; the weekend will include **contras** on Friday and **Scottish dance** on Sunday. (ECD workshops are Saturday afternoon.) The band will be Bare Necessities from Boston, and you can find information, registration, etc. at <http://www.bigscioty.com/shaw.html>.

### *SSC Christmas party – DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>*

Mark your calendar for this **dinner dance** that opens the holiday season! It's at the Czech & Slovak Club, and the band will be Orkestar Zabava, a great group of ex-Tammies. (They'll also be at the Extravaganza above.)

### *MVFD New Year's Eve Party – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>*

So far, we know that we'll be back at C.I. Beaver Hall in Beaver creek, and Vatra Živa will play again. Details to come – but **save the date!!**



## The Chair's Corner

I hope everyone has had a fun and safe summer. There was beautiful weather for the August picnic! Council is working on many things, and I'll keep you abreast of these things as they develop.

Sharing your terpsichorean bliss,

—*Harry Khamis*



## Remarkably Varied News

We can all be proud of **Mei-Hwa Neal**, who obtained her teaching certificate from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society this August. She said the two weeks of "boot camp" would do credit to any Marine program – but she passed both the teaching and dancing tests with flying colors on her first try! Way to go, Mei-Hwa!!

Were you wondering where **Harry Khamis** was for so long? He was on staff helping to teach Swedish dances at Mendocino Scandinavian Dance Camp in California and at the New Mexico August Camp.

On his annual trip to Sweden, Harry served as "help dancer" and translator at a Swedish dance class in Rättvik. He also received his *twelfth* diplom in Swedish polska dance from the Svenska Folkdansringen!

HAPPY FIFTIETH to **Dona Hyll**!! Many of us made it to the potluck in Springboro (music by Vatra Živa) on August 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with her. The little sister is officially grown up!

**Karin Hirschkatz** writes that her son Adam was married on May 27<sup>th</sup> to Yuliya Polyachenko. The wedding was in West Bloomfield, MI, but the couple now lives in Seattle. Karin is

hoping for little Hirschachenkos or Polykatzes one of these days....

The **Hyll** family again walked off with many of the Household Arts prizes at the Montgomery County Fair. **Nancy** won 9 firsts, 8 seconds, 3 thirds, and 2 honorable mentions. **Leslie** took 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 2 honorable mentions. **Dona** got 1 second and 1 third (wait till next year).

**Kitty Jensen**'s daughter Lila Rose was married in Yellow Springs on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Kitty wrote a song for the ceremony. And there were *12* cakes!

We were very sad to hear that long-time MVFD member emerita **Kaye Preis** died on September 4<sup>th</sup>. She had moved back to the Dayton area just a year or so ago, and had celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in grand style last May!



## Member Birthday List

Louise Van Vliet would like to revive the MVFD Birthday List. Check for a sheet out on the counter on Thursdays. If you're not on it, or if you're going to be missing Thursdays for a month or two, e-mail her on [vanvlil@muohio.edu](mailto:vanvlil@muohio.edu) to let her know your birthday and your favorite dance. We'll make sure it gets played in your honor!



## New Member Kim Villalva

**Alex and Kim Villalva** and their boys have been around for a year now, and we've finally caught up with them!

**Kim** first: Kim says she has loved dance as long as she can remember. Her family danced polkas, czardases, and kolos at Slovak wedding receptions. When it came to study, though, Kim's first folk dance workshops were at Kent State, where she was pursuing a B.A. in Rhetoric & Communication.

Ballroom dance was next – but dancing went back on hold when Kim moved to Southwest Texas State U. to get an M.A. in Organizational Communication. However, when she found a job as a corporate trainer in Austin, she took up dance again, this time adding swing and lindy hop. Kim and Alex met at an 80's Dance Club!

Alex and Kim moved around the country (5 times in 7 years!) and started their family. When Alex was stationed in Oklahoma, Kim discovered her greatest dance passion: clogging. She has clogged for eight or nine years, dancing with groups in OK, TN, TX, and now OH. She dances with the MBDS Clogging Crew in Lebanon, MVFD, and the Czechs' Beseda Dancers. She also does some Irish and Scottish, and the South Slavs are next. Kim is currently a stay-at-home mom to two boys, Sammy (age 7) and Benny (age 4). In her "spare" time she works on several projects, including a book to help mothers who, like her, have lost babies in pregnancy. (She also runs a local baby-loss support group.) Kim enjoys photography, genealogy, and scrapbooking. But most important to her (besides dancing) is spending time with her family!



## Counting in Romania

It all started because I wanted to have some ciorba de curcan. (After all, we do the dance.) The restaurant did not have any, so I ordered some ciorba de faseole: beans instead of turkey. Still being hungry, I decided to order a Romanian banana split. To emphasize that I wanted only one, I raised the index finger of my right hand.

Shortly the waiter brought two banana splits. "But I wanted only one!" I said.

"No, you ordered two," he said. This went on for some time – one, two, one, two. I finally told him that I would pay for the second banana split and give it to one of our fellow travelers, but I really had ordered only one!

By this time my voice had risen quite a bit, which was probably a mistake because it made the waiter more determined to prove that he was correct, and I had indeed ordered two banana splits. As the stakes (and my ire) went even higher, I raised my voice another notch and said, "You know, in the United States the customer is always right, even if he is wrong. YOU are wrong. I ordered ONE banana split!" Luckily, by this time, the waiter had come to his senses (even if I hadn't), and said, "I am sorry. There was some mistake."

I thought that was the end of it. But when he brought the bill, it had two banana splits listed. Grumbling, but now cooled off and not willing to get into a shouting match again, I paid the bill as written. But I got the last word – I left him a tip of about five cents. To even it out some more, my traveling companions left him a similar tip.

The next morning, Anne Meisner (Rose Vernon's sister and a fellow traveler) came to me and asked me how we count on our fingers. I raised my index finger and said "one;" middle finger, "two;" and so on, ending with the thumb for "five." "Guess what I just found out," she said. "In Romania, it's one," raising her thumb; "two," raising her index finger; "three," raising her middle finger....

So indeed, I had ordered two banana splits and the waiter was correct. I guess he got the last word. And it wasn't even a very good banana split.

—*John Pappas*