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Kaye Preis (L) and Paulajean Tocash at Hungarian Workshop

Dance club brings taste of Hungary to Dayton

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Kanasztanc, Olahos, Kapuvari Verbunk are just some of the dances which rocked the Lohrey Center Saturday night during a Hungarian Workshop sponsored by the Miami Valley Folk Dance Club.

If you don't already know these dances, have no fear. Learning new dances and having a good time are the main purpose of the club. Hungarian-born dancer, Andor Czompo, the leading authority on Hungarian dance and folklore in the Western Hemisphere, is the guest instructor at the teaching session Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

More than 130 people attended the Hungarian dinner and dance Saturday night. Many came from neighboring states.

FOLK DANCES ARE especially popular with college students, but the Miami Valley Club members range in age from 13 to 81. The youngest member, Eric Oglesbee, explained that he got interested in the club because "my mom made me come; then I found out I liked it."

Eighty-one-year-old Charlie Ingraham declares he will stop dancing "when I get so I can't walk." Ella, his wife and dance partner, adds, "We used to square dance, but it got too strenuous." The club offers more than 200 different dances from all over the world — Greece, Germany, Israel, the Philippines — as well as American square dancing.

The Hungarian atmosphere of the dinner and dance was made complete by carefully copied Hungarian costumes and food. The dinner, which included cabbage rolls, plum soup and Hungarian pastries, was prepared by club member Rose Anna Mills. Another specialty, Hungarian bacon bread, will be served during the Sunday session.

THE MIAMI VALLEY Folk Dance Club holds its regular dance sessions from 8 to 11 each Thursday night at Solomon's Pavilion, 2917 Berkley Ave., next to the Dayton Community Golf course in Kettering. Lessons for beginners are offered by club members Vera Fisher and Ann Ballinger from 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday for 50 cents. Newcomers must attend 20 lessons before they are invited to join the club. Mrs. Ballinger explained, "We want to have fun. That's our main purpose. Some people will never be good dancers, but they can still come and have a good time."

Although about 60 per cent of the club members come in couples, there are a number of circle folk dances in which individuals can join.

The club is sponsored by the City of Dayton Division of Recreation. It was started ~~by~~ by Michael Solomon, then director of recreation.

The public is invited to join the Hungarian teaching session from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday for \$3 at the Lohrey Center, 2366 Glenarm Ave., near the Immaculate Conception Church. Admission is free.