

Miami Valley Folk Dancers



NEWS UPDATE

NORTHEAST PAVILION

In the Spring of 1978 the Miami Valley Folk Dancers at a special general membership meeting voted to cooperate with the Miami Valley Dance Council and all clubs using the Michael Soloman Pavilion by collecting a twenty-five cent weekly surcharge to be used for the building of a new dance pavilion.

Progress toward the realization of this project has run into some snags, and each member needs to be aware of changes that had to be made and how they affect any dues you have paid thus far this year.

A letter from the president of the Miami Valley Dance Council is quoted in part as follows: "As you know, for about a year now all the clubs that dance in the Michael Soloman Pavilion have been collecting a twenty-five cent per dancer surcharge at each dance. These funds have been forwarded to the Miami Valley Dance Council earmarked for the New (Kittyhawk) Dance Pavilion. These funds are earmarked for a building fund and will be used for that purpose.

On 11 October 1978 the Dayton City Commission tabled a Division of Recreation request for approval for construction of the new pavilion in the Northeast Area of Dayton. Since that time one of the city commission seats has become vacant. Also, renewal of the Dayton City income tax was not approved at the November election. Until such time that more definite information is available on approval of the new pavilion, it is the opinion of the Miami Valley Dance Council that the clubs should suspend collecting the twenty-five cent surcharge. Any funds paid to the Council since 1 January 1979 will be returned to the clubs involved. Funds provided before that time will be retained in the Council account until a later date."

Sam Ballinger, our treasurer, will be contacting each member as to how you will want to resolve your dues - either by applying to future months or by a refund.

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MARCH 11 - Ethnic Sunday will have its emphasis on Polish dances.

Spring Workshop - March 31, April 1 - Israeli dances with Ya'akov Eden. Ya'akov is no stranger to Miami Valley Folk Dancers having been with us before as a leader and a participant. He began dancing when he was eleven years old and a member of the Youth Movement in Israel. He danced with performing groups when he was older and when he came to the U.S. in 1966 he danced professionally with the Tel-Aviv Review. At the present time he teaches at Ball State University and directs its traveling folk repertoire The Banevolks.

Tri-City in Cincinnati - April 21 Charlie Costellano will represent our club as teacher.

Mini Workshop - May 5 and 6 With Sybil Clark from Berea College. Sybil will teach both Playford and the living traditional dances of England. For many, many years Sybil was a regional director for the English Country Dance Society. She has been in this country for the past year and a half under the auspices of the Kentucky Arts Commission and Berea College.