

Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Newsletter

Thursday, December 6, 1990

Note: this newsletter serves as your official notice of the annual business meeting on the second Sunday of next month -- see item 6 below.

You Won't Want to Miss . . .

1. This coming Sunday, December 9, is **Macedonian Ethnic Sunday**.
2. On Thursday, December 20, we will have our **Christmas Party**. The evening will be all-request dancing with some special programming -- we can only guess at what John Pappas has in store for us! Please plan to come that evening and bring a snack to share.
3. Dot and Gene Santi have once again generously invited us into their home at 201 Enfield Rd. for the **New Year's Eve Party** this year -- Monday, December 31, 1990. This party is free to members and costs \$3.00 for non-member guests. Dancing starts at 9:00 PM. Please bring a snack to share; the Club will provide a meal at midnight. Aside from the lack of competition at the ping-pong table, these New Year's Eve Parties are always enjoyable.
4. Tuesday, January 1, 1991 -- **Happy New Year!!!**
5. **Folk Dance Workshop in Columbus** -- January 11-13 with Michael Ginsburg (Balkan) and Jacqueline Schwab (English Country Dance). This workshop is being held by the Columbus Folk Dancers in memory of Betty Shaw, and promises to be a good one. Please plan to attend all or part of it.
6. Sunday, January 13, 1991 -- **Annual Business Meeting** at Michael Solomon Pavilion. Request dancing will begin at 2:30 PM, the meeting will begin at 3:00 PM, and the covered dish dinner will be at 5:30 PM. ***It is particularly important that you, as a member, attend this meeting*** -- in addition to discussing the past year, where we've been and where we're going, the membership will be asked to vote on a revised version of the **Rules and Regulations**.

As required by the Rules and Regulations, a description of the changes is provided as follows.

Aside from minor changes in punctuation and syntax, the document has been written in non-sexist language (e.g., Chair instead of Chairman), and the more current appellation "Division of Recreation and Parks" is used instead of "Bureau of Recreation." The most substantive change involves the indication that first-time participants at a Thursday night program are not charged.

Finally, members will be asked to vote for two new Council members. The two members who will be ending their two-year terms are Lee Moser and myself (and not a moment too soon!!) The three continuing Council members are Joanne Dombrowski, Lorraine Fortner, and Louise VanVliet. If you have any business that you wish to have brought before the Annual Membership Meeting, please see me or one of the other Council members.

7. Thursday, January 17, 1991 -- **Roo Lester** will be back giving us another one-night workshop in Scandinavian couples turning dances -- 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. This mini-workshop will be free to members; non-members will be charged \$3.00. You might recall from last year that Roo is a very thoughtful, careful, thorough teacher of a relatively complicated type of dance -- in fact, she does it better than anyone I know! She'll review some of her previous dances and teach some new ones.

8. **Scandinavian Dance Workshop in Cincinnati with Roo Lester**, January 18-20. You guessed it! Item 7 above is merely the appetizer for this weekend workshop. I'm arranging it so that there is not much overlap of what is taught in Cincinnati over this weekend and what is taught in Dayton on Thursday, January 17 -- so, please plan to attend both Thursday night and all or part of this weekend.

9. Mark your calendars early for **Pirin**: March 19, 1991 at Victoria Theatre.

10. Mark your calendars even earlier for the **Tri-City Workshop**: April 20, 1991 in Cincinnati.

Membership News . . .

A large number of members have been physically incapacitated of late: **Dottie Birkenmeier, Marilyn Bishop, Bette Kelley, Lois Lynch, and Grace Wolff.** Let's keep them in our thoughts and hope for their quick return to us on Thursday nights. We're all glad to see **Sam Ballinger** back with us.

Sue Arnie has abruptly left us for Wisconsin where she is in preparation for travelling to Saudi Arabia! Sue is a truck driver for the Reserves. We all hope for her safe return to us -- the sooner, the better!! (I will attempt to send this Newsletter to her -- I just hope it makes it.)

We have a new member!!! Welcome and congratulations to **Sigrid Schaefer.**

MVFD Council News . . .

Well, we've been busy little bees indeed. We've planned for the next major workshop to be **Scottish**. That is tentatively planned for November, 1991. We have yet to schedule a teacher, but there are one or two good possibilities. We've also decided to try scheduling **Nicolas Hilferink** (from Cincinnati) for a Thursday night workshop sometime next year. Nicolas specializes in Romanian dances, and gave a very successful evening workshop for us a couple (?) of years ago.

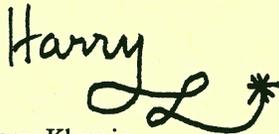
Council unanimously approved changes in the **Method of Operations** document. Aside from minor changes in syntax and punctuation, the only changes involved the use of non-sexist language and the inclusion of the two new committees that were established this year: Membership and Equipment. A copy of the new Method of Operations document will be put on the kitchen counter for your perusal in the coming weeks.

Council also unanimously voted to recommend approval of the revised **Rules and Regulations** document to be put before the membership for a vote on January 13, 1991. A copy of the proposed revised Rules and Regulations document will also be put on the kitchen counter for your perusal in the coming weeks.

That's All For Now . . .

As you can tell from this Newsletter, we have lots of things happening with lots of good dancing in the coming months. Hope to see you at all or most of these events.

Happy Dancing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry" followed by a stylized flourish that ends in a small asterisk.

Harry Khamis
Chair, MVFD