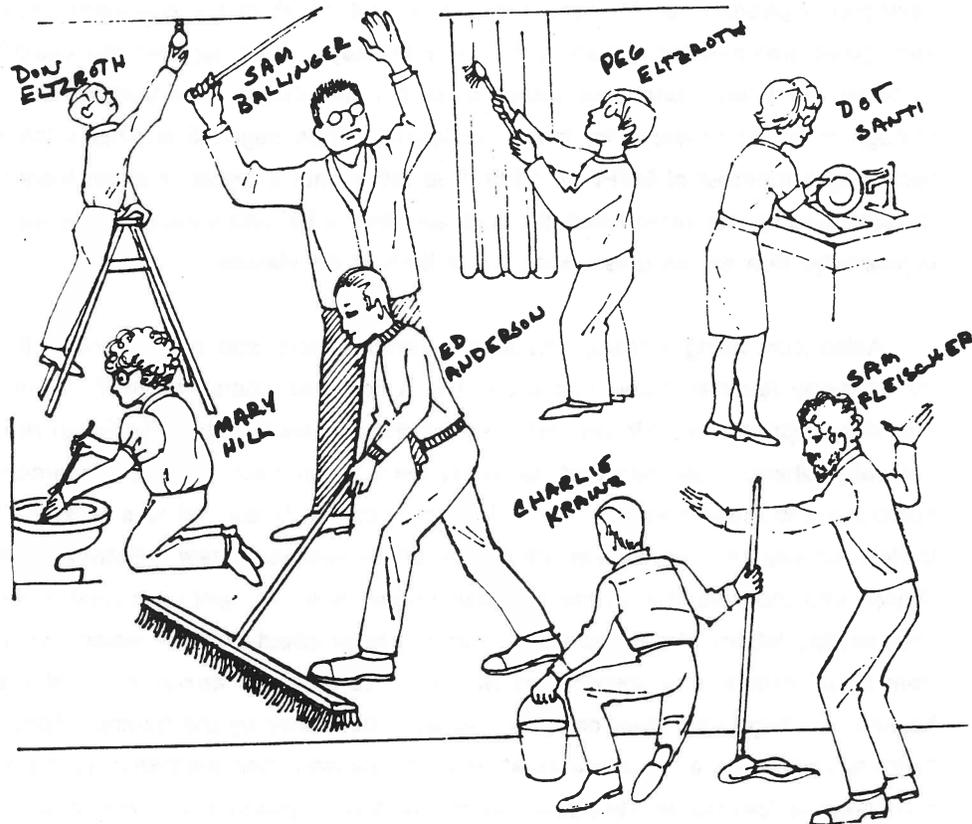


Miami Valley Folk Dancers' Newsletter

February, 1991

Thank you



for cleaning the pavilion for the Miami Valley Folk Dancers.

Committee Members for 1991:

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Refreshments: Dot Santi
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Equipment: Lou Hyll
Orientation Class: Ann Ballinger

Kitchen: Truus Vander Sluijs
Membership: Gitta Reck
Lee Moser
Tape: John Pappas
Workshop: Carolyn Stovall



An Update on Our Wayward Member, Sue Arnie

by Harry Khamis (Chair Emeritus)

In the winter quarter of 1988, Sue Arnie took an elementary statistics course from me at Wright State University. One peaceful Sunday Sue called me in desperation because she was having conniptions over the homework. After getting all of her questions answered, she apologized profusely for disturbing me on a Sunday. I told her that she could "redeem" herself by taking my International Folk Dance class the next quarter (the things that I have to go through to recruit students for that silly class!!). Thus began Sue Arnie's folk dance career. In becoming a member of MVFD in 1989, Sue fell in with a group of warm friends and fellow folk dancers, and by the same token the Club acquired a fun and vivacious new member. Incidentally, Sue did an outstanding job in both of my classes.

Aside from being a biology student, a karate expert, and a folk dancer, Sue is a truck driver for the army reserves (does this sound like a liberated woman to you?!?). In late November, Sue was shipped to Ft. McCoy, WI. from which she was to depart for Saudi Arabia. In one of her early letters, it seemed that her worst fears about Saudi Arabia concerned snakes and scorpions and mosquitoes (oh my!). In early January, Sue's unit was taken to Saudi Arabia in a United Airlines 747, which was served by an all-volunteer crew. Between the time she left Dayton and the time she arrived in Saudi Arabia, Sue has sent us candid, entertaining, irrepressible letters of her experiences at a rate of about one per week. In her only letter from Saudi Arabia, she presents us with a mystery. Upon arrival in Saudi Arabia, her unit was housed in a huge apartment complex that was abandoned by the Saudis. Apparently, the Korean builders committed a major indiscretion which caused their dismissal from the country, and the complex was treated as desecrated by the Saudis. I guess we'll have to wait for Sue's return in order to find out the nature of the indiscretion. The last letter that I received from her is dated January 8 from Saudi Arabia -- my guess is that she has been too busy with "other things" to write letters since that time.

At our Annual Meeting on January 13, Carole Pappas moved that we waive Sue's Club fees for the coming year -- a gracious proposal that was unanimously approved. I think that I can speak for the entire Club in saying that our thoughts and best wishes are with Sue, and that we all hope that she is soon out of *Harm's Way*. For those who wish to write to Sue, her most recent address is:

SPC Suzanne Arnie 292-70-2469

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Tentative Schedule for Ethnic Sundays through February, 1992:

March- Israeli	April- Irish	May - Grace Wolff Party
June- Polish	July - American	Aug - Yugoslavian
Sept - Request	Oct -Latin American	Nov - Workshop
Dec - Hungarian	Jan - Meeting	Feb - English

Three additions need to be made to your Membership List:

254- 2859 Mills, Dick 1621 Wayne Ave. Dayton 45410
(My computer ran out of the first page before it printed his name)
Sigrid Schaefer's phone number is 878-5824
John Pappas' work number is 255-4915

Please inform me of any changes that need to be made.

News about members and their families:

Births:

Carole Pappas' older son Mike and his wife Barbara have a new daughter, Alexandra, with lots of hair.
John Pappas' older son David and his wife Rebecca have a new daughter, Michele, without much hair.
Nova Sanders is a great grandmother for the first time, her great grandson is bald.

On the mend:

Ann Ballinger is not allowed to dance until March, she is coming on Thursdays to keep us honest.
Marilyn Bishop is back folk dancing after breaking her arm.
Nova Sanders just had neck surgery to remove a spur on her vertebra and will need to wear a neck collar until end of Feb.

Vacationing:

Luise and Tad Tubiel recently got back from a cruise in the Mediterranean. On the flight over their plane lost an engine and they had to prepare for an emergency landing. They are(were, going on?) a three week vacation to Mexico.
Tom and Doris Rowland just had a vacation to Florida.

Stationed overseas:

Sam and Ann Ballinger's grandson is stationed in Korea.

New Career:

Elaine Zambon will be working on a nursing degree at Sinclair this spring.

Please inform me of any news for the newsletter. Deadline for giving me information for newsletters will be the last Thursday of each month. Starting in March, newsletters will be distributed the first Thursday of each month.

Now is the time when we must decide what the 1992 workshop is to be. If you have suggestions for the type of workshop, nationality focus, or preferred teacher, let me know NOW.

Louise Van Vliet