

Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Newsletter

Thursday, January 28, 1993

Welcome to a new year of folk dancing! The year is already shaping up to be busy, with lots of variety. As my first order of business, let me introduce you to your new committees.

MVFD Council: Harry Khamis (Chair), Sam Ballinger (Treasurer), Mike Clark (Vice- chair), Patty Gehring (Council rep), and Carolyn Stovall (Secretary).

Program Committee: Louise VanVliet (Chair), Dick Clair, Joanne Dombrowski, Peg Eltzroth, Lee Moser, and Eileen Rehg.

Orientation Class: Ann Ballinger

Kitchen: Truus VanDer Sluijs

Refreshments: Dot Santi

Tape Committee: John Pappas

Publicity: Joe Birkemeier

Membership: Lee Moser and Gitta Reck

Equipment: Ed Anderson and Lou Hyll

Except for that guy chairing the Council, I think we'll be in pretty good hands. Now for some dates for you to jot down in your calendar -- do it NOW, lest you forget!

Sunday, Feb. 14 *English Ethnic Sunday*

Thursday, Feb. 25 *Muntu* African dance group at M.S. Pavilion (John Pappas, Chair)

March 19-21 *Pigtown Fling*, Cincinnati (for more information, call Chris Widmer, (513) 591-2972)

Saturday, April 17 *Tri-City Workshop* in Columbus (Mike Clark, Chair)

Sunday, April 18 *Special Workshop* at M.S. Pavilion (Grace Wolff, Organizer)

Thursday, May 20 *Open House* (Ann Ballinger, Chair)

June 4 - 6 *World Affair*

Monday, Sept. 6 *Holiday at Home* performance in Kettering

Saturday, Oct. 9 *Sauerkraut Festival* performance in Waynesville

Monday, Dec. 20 An important birthday

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Notes, etc., etc. ...

1. The Program Committee will have their first meeting on Friday, January 29. If you have any comments/suggestions/recommendations concerning Ethnic Sundays, or the way the programs are run on Thursday nights, please convey your thoughts to one of the Program Committee members.
2. You might note that there are *six* people on the Program Committee this year instead of the usual five; I'm hoping that this will lessen the load a little for each individual committee member.
3. You will be receiving a personal invitation from Bill and Grace Wolff for their party honoring the 40th anniversary of the MVFD Club, to be held on Sunday, April 18, 1993 (the day after Tri-City Workshop). I won't tell you any more than this -- for details, you'll just have to wait for the invitation!
4. Ann Ballinger and John Pappas will be co-chairing the two performances in the fall, HOLIDAY AT HOME and SAURKRAUT FESTIVAL.

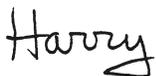
Can we talk ???

Ok . . . what gives here? It has been noted that Ethnic Sunday attendance has been down this past year. I've already talked to a few people about how we might attract more of our members on the second Sunday of each month. Should we allow more time for "request" dancing? Should we teach one or two dances that are not necessarily related to the given theme? Should we focus more on dances that are already in our repertoire and less on *new* dances, or vice-versa? Should we have *King Cole* cater the dinner? (In your dreams!)

I've asked Program Committee to think about some of these things in their program planning. If you have any good ideas, or if you know why attendance has been low, please talk to someone on Program Committee.

Well, the year promises to be a busy one and, I hope, a fun one.

Ethnically and Terpsichorially Yours,



Harry Khamis, Chair
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