

1994 HONOR ROLL DANCERS NOMINATION

The Miami Valley Folk Dancers are pleased to nominate John and Carole Pappas as the Miami Valley Dance Council's honor roll couple.

John and Carole have been leaders in the Miami Valley Folk Dancers (MVFD) since 1974. Since that time, John has been the chairman of the MVFD council more than any other member (at least four times) and Carole has been chairman three times. In addition, each has been chairman of the program committee, John at least three times and Carole once. John has also served as vice chairman twice, secretary, and member at large. Carole has been secretary and vice chairman and both have been representatives for MVFD on the Miami Valley Dance Council. John has been the group's tape chairperson since the position was established, served as promotion chairman for two years, has written many articles for "Miami Valley Dance News," and has taught folk dances for the group since 1975. Under John's urging, while chairman of MVFD, some methods of operation were changed to include a request board from the members of MVFD, the inclusion of more non-partner dances, and the use of tapes in addition to records as a source of dances. These changes helped MVFD grow in numbers and contributed to a greater selection of and satisfaction with the dances performed by the group. Both have been active in demonstrations throughout the Miami Valley. Since 1976, they have chaired over 15 folk dance workshops bringing to the Miami Valley experts of dance from around the world. These workshops have included dances from, Greece, Armenia, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Romania, Hungary, Israel, Africa, Croatia, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Slovenia.

For over 15 years John has been a key member of Dayton International Fair Inc. (DIFI), the sponsor of 'The World A 'Fair". He was the first president (1979 and 1980) of DIFI after it became incorporated and has been active in The World A 'Fair since then. He also served as chairman of the bylaws and constitution committee of the organization prior to incorporation.

As president of the Yugoslav Club of Greater Dayton (at least two times), John started the annual kolo party that has now continued for 11 years. This is an ethnic dance party with live orchestras from Columbus, Detroit, and/or Cleveland.

As a choreographer for the Zivio Dancers, he proposed and planned two joint concerts sponsored by CityFolk, one with a Bulgarian folk dance group from Toledo and one with a Slovenian folk dance group from Canada. Also at their instigation, Zivio had a tour of Yugoslavia in 1987 taking 87 Daytonians with them.

Since 1989, John has been teaching Balkan folk dance each fall at Burkhardt Center.

M.V.D.C Honor Roll Dancer(s) Nomination

Nominating Club **Miami Valley Folk Dancers**

Name, Address, & Phone of Couple/Person(s)

Carole and John Pappas, 427-2543

227 Honey Jane Dr.

Beavercreek, OH 45434

Number of Years Dancing **27 years with MVFD**

Club Elected Positions and Years Held (Pres., VP, Sec., etc.)

John: Chair (4 yrs), Vice-Chair (2 yrs), Secretary (1 yr)

Carole: Chair (3 yrs), Vice-Chair (1 yr), Secretary (1 yr)

Club Appointed Positions and Years Held (Kitchen Chairperson, etc.)

John: Program Committee (2 yrs), Tape Committee (many yrs)

Carole: Program Committee (2 yrs)

Service at Club Level (Kitchen, Greeters, Clean-up, Decorate, etc.)

John: Has taught folk dances to the Miami Valley Folk Dancers (and others) since 1975

Number of Raids and Retrievals

Special Activities (Organize or Assist with Demos, Weekend & Week long Workshops, Special Dances, Parades, World A'Fair, State Fair, Festivals, etc.)

Chaired workshops, organized demonstrations, active in World A'Fair

M.V.D.C Position and Years Held (Pres., VP, Treasurer, Trustee, etc.)

State & National Positions and Years Held (State Corp, State & National Convention Positions, etc.)

State & National Conventions Attended

State Convention, 1994, 2001

Led session on international folk dancing in both 1994 & 2001

Attach a Write Up (Include all information about applicant that might be of importance to the Selection Committee)

**MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE COUNCIL SECRETARY BY THE
NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING!**

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Write Up

The Miami Valley folk Dancers are pleased to nominate John and Carole Pappas for the 2002 Honor Couple, in recognition of their many years of dedication to the promotion of international folk dancing in the Dayton community.

John and Carole Pappas have been active members of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers (MVFD) since 1974. Over the years, both John and Carole have been elected to the MVFD Council multiple times, assuming various positions of leadership. John was first elected to the Council in 1976, serving as secretary in 1976 and Chair in 1977. He then served as Vice-Chair in 1981 and Chair in 1982, and again as Chair in both 1986 and 1987. John was Vice-Chair once again in 1991. Carole was first elected to the MVFD Council in 1978. She served as secretary in 1978 and as Vice-Chair in 1979. Carole then served as Chair in 1980, 1983, and 1984.

During the years they were not on Council, both Carole and John were often appointed to committees. John, for example, was appointed to the Program Committee in 1975 and 1990, and Carole was appointed to the Program Committee in 1996 and 2001. In addition, John served for many years on the tape committee, and was responsible for taping the MVFD collection of 78 records. He is currently on a committee appointed to review the membership portion of the MVFD Rules and Regulations.

Throughout the years, both Carole and John have been influential in bringing expert instructors of international dance to the Miami Valley Folk Dancers. They have chaired many weekend and evening workshops, and often hosted the instructors in their home. As a result, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers have experienced the music and dances of many countries, including Hungary, Poland, Greece, Macedonia, Slovenia and Israel. Most recently, John chaired a Macedonian folk dance workshop in November, 2000.

John has had a strong influence on the group through his expert teaching of folkdancing. He is often called upon to teach and review Macedonian, Greek, Bulgarian, Serbian, Croatian and Israeli dances. He does so with energy and enthusiasm. Carole and John have also demonstrated German, Irish and Israeli couple dances on Thursday evenings. John recently participated in the 2001 State Dance Convention, leading a session on international folk dancing.

Both Carole and John have participated in many MVFD community demonstrations of folk dancing, performing at area festivals and nursing homes. In related activities, John is currently President of the South Slavic Club, and an active member of DIFI, which sponsors the World A'Fair. He has also served for many years as a choreographer for the Zivio dancers.

John and Carole Pappas deserve to be recognized for their active support of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers since 1974, and their many contributions to the promotion of international folk dancing in the Dayton area.



Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Dayton, Ohio

1994

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In recognition of their many contributions
to MVFD and dance in the Dayton area
the *Miami Valley Folk Dancers*
are pleased to name

JOHN and CAROLE PAPPAS

MVFD Honor Roll Dancers
January, 1994

MVFD Chairperson

MVFD Vice-Chairperson