

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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# The News

February 2001

**New council and committee members—  
see back page**

CALENDAR**MVFD Events**

Mar 11 *Tri-City Folk Dance Festival* 1- 6 pm  
 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 *Regular Dance*, Beginners 7 pm  
 Apr 8 *International Sunday*, 2:30 - 6 pm  
 Apr 5, 12, 19 *Regular Dance*, Beginners 7 pm  
 Apr 26 *French-Canadian Mini Workshop & Dance*,  
 Benoit Bourque & his band, Matapat  
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 *Regular Dance*, Beginners 7 pm  
 Jun 7, 14, 21, 28 *Regular Dance*, Beginners 7 pm  
 Jul 8 *Grace Wolff's 90th Birthday Party*—Pavilion  
 Jul 5, 12, 19, 26 *Regular Dance*, Beginners 7 pm

**Other Events**

Mar 24 *French Folk Dance Workshop*—Pavilion  
 Sponsored by the American Assoc. of French Teachers  
 May 4-6 *Ohio Buckeye Dance Convention*—  
 Dayton Convention Center  
 May 5 *Kolo Party*, South Slavic Club—at the Czech Club  
 May 25-27 *World A'Fair* — Dayton Convention Center  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month *American Contra Dance*—Community Dance of YS  
 (NOTE CORRECTION: Third FRIDAY)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month *Contra Dance*—Pavilion, 7 pm

## Rules Committee Formed

An ad hoc committee has been appointed to propose changes to the Rules and Regulations with regard to membership requirements. The intention is to make it easier for newcomers to become members, and to make the rules consistent. The committee may also recommend wording changes in other areas, where inconsistencies are discovered.

If you have any suggestions, contact one of the committee members: Dolores Brooks, Joanne Dombrowski, John Pappas, Jim Rohal, or Greg Solloway.

When the committee makes its recommendation and drafts a proposal, a special meeting of the general membership will be called; probably at 9:00 during regular Thursday night dancing, and the change to the Rules and Regulations will be voted upon.

A proposal at the January annual meeting for an amendment change was withdrawn.

## Honor Dancer

**Joanne Dombrowski** was raised in Dearborn, Michigan and started dancing early by performing with a Polish cultural group as a child. She came to Wright State University as a math instructor and is currently professor of mathematics.

She joined the Miami Valley Folk Dancers in 1982 and was immediately immersed in the running of the club.

During her 18 years of membership, she has served on the club's council 12 times, twice as chair.

She chaired a workshop with the Russian teacher, Alexander David, an Israeli workshop with Yaakov Eden, and a Polish Workshop with Ada Dziewanowski.

Joanne chaired the very important Focus Committee in 1999 that generated ideas to spark interest in folk dance, and coordinated our club's participation the World A'Fair 2000.

She is currently vice-chair of the council and the historian in charge of the club pictures and scrapbook.

However, probably her greatest impact on the group is her teaching. She has become somewhat of an authority on Balkan and Israeli dances. Thursday night dancers look to Joanne to lead many dances because she always knows the steps.

Joanne has been an integral part of the Zivio Dancers, performing with them every year since 1982. She has served as a choreographer for World A'Fair performances, has researched costume designs, and helped make costumes. She wrote a grant that provided money for the newest set of costumes in that club's collections.

Joanne has traveled to Yugoslavia twice—for a Zivio dance tour and for a weeklong workshop of Macedonian dances. She regularly attends workshops in the tri-city area, always sharing what she has learned.

## Tri-City Folk Dance Festival

Tri-City will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2001, 1:00 - 6:00 pm. \$4.00 admission. Once again, Mixed Bag will provide live music for our dancing pleasure. They are currently adding some Israeli dances to their repertoire. If you haven't heard this band for a couple of years, you need to hear them again. They just keep getting better. Dayton will teach a featured dance, yet to be determined. There will also be a meeting of the cities to discuss the future of Tri-City. This will be the third year in a row that Dayton has hosted it.

## Pavilion Support Committee

Things have happened and more will happen at the Pavilion. Have you seen the new walkway to the north door or the new siding at the southwest corner of the building? Roof replacement is in the works. Also, flower beds are planned for the south end of the building to address the problem of damage to the wooden siding because of dirt being against the siding.

## Miami Valley Dance Council

Work continues for the 2001 Convention on May 4, 5, and 6 at the Dayton Convention Center. Folk dancing has been assigned its own hall. The next sewing party for door prizes will be on March 31. Let's support this convention!

Membership in area dancing clubs, including ours, has been declining. The Miami Valley Dance Council has formed a committee to address this problem. The Council also has a committee to review its constitution. Leslie Hyll is chair of this committee.

— Ed Anderson

## PC Ramblings

A reminder to all members giving Thursday night programs: please leave a (readable) copy of your program (list of dances) in the red book after you're done with your Thursday night program.

A member of the program committee will be surveying you in the next few weeks. The reason for the survey is secret for now, but two of the questions that you will be asked to answer are: (1) what is your favorite dance? and (2) what dance would you most like to see reviewed or taught?

— Harry

## Corrections to Roster

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