

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ DECEMBER

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
December 1, 8, 15, 22 (**party!**), 29

**Ethnic Sunday:** Dec. 11, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ JANUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
January 5, 12, 19, 26

**General Meeting and Potluck:** Jan. 8,  
2:30 PM (no Ethnic Sunday)

#### ➤ FEBRUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
February 2, 9, 16, 23

**Ethnic Sunday:** Feb. 12, 2:30 PM

### Other Regular Events

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies.  
- Intermediate class AND a beginners' class, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Shroyer Road Baptist Church

- Beginners' class, Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, Rosewood Arts Center, Kettering

**CITYFOLK Contra Dance** (Pavilion) – 8:00 PM (teaching 7:30). \$6, 12 & under free. **January 6**, Full Moon Country Dance Orchestra with Susan Moffett.

**February 3**, The Corndrinkers with Kathy Anderson.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Student Union, Wright State University. 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Dec. 18, Jan. 22, and Feb. 19.

**Contra Dances** – Mona Cannell is calling at 7:00 PM on third Sundays, at the Pavilion.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties.** 8–11 PM. Details at robertsnider.com/BalkanNight. Friday Dec. 16 (December Doo Dah), Saturday Jan. 28 (Fantasy Formal), Saturday Feb. 11 (St. Valentine's Day Massacre).

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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.....Sharon Hsu

.....Beth Mast  
.....Janifer Tsou

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.....Eddie Cordray

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.....Harry Khamis

.....John Pappas  
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Refreshments.....Dot Santi  
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**www.daytonfolkdance.com/mvfd**



See Leslie to order a CD of dance syllabuses from 1953 to 2004!!



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# The News



## ☞ 2005 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

This year MVFD and the Flying Ghillies will be co-hosting a New Year's Eve Party on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion, with something for everyone! It will start at 7:30 PM, and cost \$2 per person. Briefs will be given for all of the Scottish dances and walk-throughs for some. Bring a snack or refreshment to share (no liquor allowed at the Pavilion, though). See Dolores Brooks if you need more information. Come ring in the New Year with new dances and new friends!

## ☞ SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WORKSHOP/BALL

A Scottish workshop and ball is planned for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion. The workshop teacher will be Dale Birdsall of Shoreham, Vermont, and live music will be provided by Fred Moyes of London, Ontario. The schedule is:

Registration: 9:30-10:00 AM

Class: 10:00- noon

Lunch: 12:15-1:15

Class: 1:15-2:30 PM

Formal Ball: 7:30 10:30 PM

Dessert Buffet: 10:30-11:00 PM

Registration is due by February 1, 2006; the price of \$60 includes everything listed. Registration forms will be available on Thursday nights; see Dolores for more information.

## ☞ FEBRUARY WORKSHOP IN COLUMBUS

The Columbus Folk Dancers are holding a weekend workshop February 24-26 with Joseph Pimentel (of Houston) doing English Country Dances to the music of Childgrove, and Leslie Scott teaching international folk dances. Live music throughout!

- Friday night party with Childgrove, 8 PM
- Saturday workshop sessions at 9:30 AM and 2 PM, and party at 7:30 PM
- Sunday review/party, 9:30 AM

See the CFD web page at [www.geocities.com/cfd4folkdancing](http://www.geocities.com/cfd4folkdancing) for details; the sessions' locations vary.

### ☞ **The Creaking Old Chair**

Volunteers and registrants, thank you for participating in the Fall/Halloween International Folk Dance Workshop. It was a success and we had a lot of fun. The next big event for us occurs NEW YEAR'S EVE. At the Flying Ghillies' invitation, we will co-host a party at the pavilion. Details later, but preliminary plans are for each group to alternate 20 minutes of dancing. Make any food/drink suggestions to Patty Gehring, our club's refreshments chairperson for the party.

After that event comes another six-class UD International Folk Dance course, which will run between March 20 and May 8. The just-ended UD class went very well, with seven of our members helping out as teachers and leaders. To get information and to take part in the class, please contact me (once I'm back in town).

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!**

—Bill Vernon

### ☞ **MVFD Milestones**

This issue, we should probably call it "MVFD Kilometer Markers!" Five MVFD members are just back from an excursion to Egypt. **Jim and Ellie Woolley, John and Carole Pappas, and Louise van Vliet** say they rode on camels, enjoyed a home-hosted meal, cruised the Nile on a felucca, toured the temples, were awed by the pyramids, received a proposal of marriage (in Louise's case), and had an absolutely wonderful time! (But we're glad to have them back.)

Less cheerfully, we are losing **Nirmal Mondol** to the Washington, D.C. area. In light of Rosemary's health, they

have decided to stay near one of their daughters for the present.

And last, for those who haven't heard, **Ruth Precker** died in October. We miss her warmth and enthusiasm.

Please send Ellen anything you think should appear in the next issue (March – May), at [efrchr@mindspring.com](mailto:efrchr@mindspring.com).

### ☞ **Farewell to Lou Hyll**

On November 18<sup>th</sup> the MVFD celebrated the life of Lou Hyll, who died on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He said he wanted his sendoff to be a party to remember, and it was. His favorite foods were served, Leslie called some of the square and set dances that he had written, and Patty played dances from his playlists. Eddie and others told some of his favorite awful jokes, and children and adults both were seen trying out some of his games (and toys) that had been put out for us to enjoy.

For those of us who hadn't had a chance to get to know Lou over the years, the clippings and mementos that were put out on tables were fascinating. His singing in the U.S. Army's Winged Victory chorus (great preparation for dance calling!). The YMCA participation that introduced him to square dancing, then calling, then writing dances and leading a group. (Not to mention his wife!)

His delight in the Colonial-era dancing (once his daughter introduced him to it) that eventually involved the whole family, in costume. And his and Nancy's discovery and enjoyment of international dancing, carried on (and more) by his daughters.

Less obvious from the clippings were his love of photography, which led

him to his longtime work in offset printing, and his delight in magic tricks ("You will note that at no time do my fingers leave my hands...."). But all these were remembered by his family and friends on November 18<sup>th</sup>, with gusto and love.



### **Pre-Christmas Reminder**

Don't forget to bring a snack to share on **Thursday, December 22!** John and Carole Pappas will host a program of seasonal dances.

### ☞ **Welcome Our Newest Member!**

We've all noticed the bright young face out on the floor whose feet seem to pick up new dances right away. That's our latest new member, **Ashley Webb**. Ashley, who is a student at Centerville High School, heard about MVFD at A World A'Fair. She is interested in the culture of other countries, so given her dancing ability international folk dance is a perfect fit.

Ashley notes that she is part Cherokee, so she feels a little international all by herself. Besides dancing, her interests outside school include animals and other Native American cultures.

We're glad to have you, Ashley!

### ☞ **International Dancers, International Program**

Four MVFD members are teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at the International Program, which meets weekday mornings at St. John's United Church of Christ downtown. Students in this program are adults interested in learning English or improving their skills.

The MVFD volunteers are Ed Anderson, Sara Fleischer, Louise van Vliet, and Rose Vernon. The International Program is looking for a few more teachers; most teachers take one class a week. Ed will be glad to provide details.

Eileen and Virgil Rehg also teach ESOL, but through a Red Cross program (downtown too). Eileen is the director of this program, and would also be happy to talk to anyone interested in teaching ESOL.

### ☞ **Folkdance Class at UD**

MVFD will teach a second folkdance series at the University of Dayton beginning March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Bill Vernon.

### ☞ **Saturday Morning Dancing**

Dot Santi's back in town! If enough people are interested, the Saturday morning dancers will meet in her basement again beginning in mid-January. If you're ready to learn a few more dances than are taught on Thursdays, please join us. For details, contact Janifer Tsou.

### ☞ **Previews**

**Friday, March 3** – The CITIFOLK contra dance will feature The Timberwolves with Mary Keith Cornett.

**Thursday, April 20** – Eddie Cordray is setting up a mini-French-Canadian dance workshop for us!

**Saturday, April 29** – Spring Kolo Party at the South Slavic Club; Tam-buraški Orkestar Momci with John Morovich. There may be a workshop as well.