

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ MARCH

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

March 1, 8, 29

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

*\*2 PM style workshop canceled due to Misho's knee pain!*

☞ **Thursday mini-workshops:**

*March 15, Roo Lester, international*

*March 22, Daniela Ivanova, Bulgarian*

#### ➤ APRIL

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

April 5, 12, 19, 26

**Ethnic Sunday:** Apr. 8, 2:30 PM

(possible 2 PM style review TBD)

#### ➤ MAY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):

May 3, 10, 17, 31;

☞ *Open House, May 24!*

**Ethnic Sunday:** May 13, 2:30 PM

*\*Come at 2:00 PM (tentatively) for a mini-workshop on Croatian styling!*

### Other Regular Events`

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies.

Beginners' and intermediate classes, Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek

**CITYFOLK Contra Dance** at the Pavilion. 8:00 PM, instruction 7:30 PM. \$6, 12 & under free. **April 6**, Jim's Red Pants with Steve Bennett.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Student Union, Wright State University. Classic Israeli, 7:15 - 9:15 PM Mar. 18, Apr. 22, and May 13. Modern Israeli, 6:30-9:30 PM, dates TBD; ask Steve Watson., 973-750-7722 (cell).

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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# The News



## MARCH IS WORKSHOP MONTH!

### ☘ Roo Lester Mini-Workshop ☘

On **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, Roo Lester from Chicago will give a one-night workshop at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, 7–10:30 PM. Roo has her master's degree in dance from UCLA, and a silver medal in Swedish dance awarded by the Svenska Folkdansringen för Bygdekultur. She will teach a variety of international folk dances, including a Scandinavian dance. There will be no charge for this mini-workshop.

### ☘ Daniela Ivanova: the Tri-City Workshop ☘

Daniela Ivanova will be presenting three workshops during her March visit to Dayton! She is not only a field ethnomusicologist and experienced folkdance performer, but a delightful and thoughtful dance teacher. In addition to Bulgarian dances, she will teach some Serbian and Macedonian dances. She will be accompanied by accordionist Vlado Mollov, who will also play during the Saturday night party. **This three-day event is the 2007 Tri-City spring workshop!**

- ❖ On **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Daniela will give a mini-workshop at the Pavilion, 7–9 PM. There will be no cost for this session!!
- ❖ On **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Daniela will hold a Bulgarian singing workshop from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The songs will be ones that go with the dances she is teaching! Ellen Rice will host this workshop at 801 Otterbein Ave. Dayton; e-mail her (efrchr@mindspring.com) for directions or further details. There will be a \$10 charge.
- ❖ On **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, Daniela will present two dance workshop sessions at the Pavilion, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 2:00 – 4:30 PM. The Saturday evening dance party will alternate requests, reviews, and live music played by Vlado. The workshop sessions and the party will be \$10 each. Please note that no meals will be provided, even if the snacks give that impression.

If you register for all sessions, the total charge will be only **\$30**, a savings of \$15 over the individual sessions (and \$5 syllabus). Questions? E-mail Ed Cordray, [edmund.cordray@daytonfolkdance.com](mailto:edmund.cordray@daytonfolkdance.com).

## 🌸 The New Chair's Tale

Well, we've traded chairs, but the latest (rocking) chair is still plenty creaky, even downright noisy when you get her goin' good. But I hope you'll agree that she knows her way around the front porch, er, dance floor.

When it comes to giving credit for the past year's accomplishments, though, we all thank the former creaky chair and cohorts. Many of our events must be planned far in advance in order to secure the hall, instructors, event chairs, etc. We are fortunate to have so many forward-creaking (thinking) people to make these things happen and keep the club dancing forward!

Since this chair has been rocking with MVFD for 35+ years (ohmygawd-whendidIgetsoold??), she is not surprised to hear some issues coming up that sound a lot like some issues from the past. There is a lot of truth to the saying "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Whether it's too much (or little) teaching, too many couple (or line) dances, too many (or few) new dances, or too many [choose a country] dances, let me assure you that the club has been through them before, and will survive them again.

But if you have a concern, I'd like to hear it. I'm *happy* to creak, I mean feel your pain; that's part of my job as chair. Just take a deep breath, try to understand both sides of the issue, and figure out what is really bothering you. We'll see whether we can't come up with a compromise. Don't forget, we're supposed to be having fun!

—Leslie Hyll

## 🌸 LVV -- Dance Council and MVFD Honor Dancer!

Louise Van Vliet began dancing with MVFD in 1976 – and made a difference right away! She has brought many new people to dance, including many of her Miami U. students. She is one of the first to greet someone new, and she makes it a point to learn each visitor's name.

Louise is also exceptionally creative. Besides organizing "Mystery Dancer" and "Name that Dance" contests, she has been behind the hilarious skits about our honor roll dancer nominees that have been presented at our annual meetings for the last 10 years.

Currently Member-at-Large, Louise has served MVFD as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Program Committee Chair, Workshop Chair, Newsletter Editor, and more. She has audited the MVFD books, participated in demos, hosted workshop leaders, proofread syllabi, organized a bazaar, chaired parties, weeded, decorated.... She was a member of the Živio Slavic dancers for years, and performed with them in Yugoslavia in 1987.

In her non-dance time, Louise is involved in civic organizations such as the Dayton Literary Council, Dayton Peace Museum, Habitat for Humanity, and League of Women Voters. She serves as a Special Advocate for abused and neglected children, reads with public-school children, and teaches English to recent immigrants.

Louise would swear that she had done nothing unusual for the club. But we know better. She richly deserves the long-overdue accolades of MVFD and MVDC Honor Dancer!

## 🌸 Milestones and News

We can offer one cheerful milestone: **Tracey Rasmer** is moving back to Dayton. We hope to see her regularly before long!

Other milestones are sad news. **Harry Khamis's** mother Joy died in California on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Closer to home, **Marnie Squire** succumbed to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This disease, which affects the nerve sheaths, had confined her to a wheelchair for some months – though she was seen on the dance floor at the Živio Christmas party enjoying a wheeldance!

We knew Marnie as an MVFD dancer, and **Jim Rohal's** other half. She was also a member of Živio, the UC Folk Dancers, and the Cincinnati Court Dancers. She participated in performances and demos, and was involved in many ways with the club over the years. With Jim, she was also active in bicycling, hiking and camping.

Marnie was a musician and pianist for most of her life. She was passionate about her music, her teaching, her career as a piano technician, and a variety of activities that included playing the organ, harpsichord, harp, and hand bells. She was a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, and belonged to a numbers of music teachers' associations. She published a primer on improvisation for adult piano students.

Marnie is survived by two sons, Greg and Dan, and her daughter Kathy. Our sympathy goes to them, and to the rest of her family, but most of all to Jim. He plans to hold a celebration of her life before long.

## 🌸 More Chances to Dance

➔ As part of MVFD's community outreach, we plan to teach some very easy folk dances to 5th and 6th graders at Northwood Elementary School in Englewood on **Tuesday, March 20**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. See Leslie!

➔ Watch for sign-up sheets for volunteering to be part of MVFD demo dancing at A World A'Fair, on the weekend of **May 18-20**.

➔ MVFD's annual Open House will be held on **Thursday, May 24**. Bring your friends and family! And see Lina for ways to help.

➔ On **Sunday, June 10**, from 2 to 5 PM, MVFD will host the Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Dance, honoring (among others) our own Louise Van Vliet! See Leslie to help.

## 🌸 Annual Meeting

The committee reports at MVFD's 2007 annual meeting yielded a bumper crop of useful facts, for which there unfortunately is no space. Elections were held; the results can be seen on the back of this newsletter. We heartily thank the outgoing officers for all their good work!

Most exciting was the announcement of the MVFD (and MVDC) Honor Dancer. As the annual skit began, organized by Louise Van Vliet, the mike was hijacked by Leslie Hyll as Ralph Edwards, and Louise found herself starring in *This Is Your Life*! Her Mongolian parents, her Prussian stepmother, her ditsy college roommate, the ghost of her college boyfriend, a Polish-speaking senator she had helped to regain speech, and her favorite two-step partner all appeared to recount her extremely unusual life!