

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ OCTOBER

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

October 18, 25

**\*\*Open House:** October 11, 7 PM.

Bring friends and family!

**Ethnic Sunday:** Oct. 14, 2:30 PM

#### ➤ NOVEMBER

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

November 1, 8, 15, 29

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

#### ➤ DECEMBER

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

December 6, 13, 20, 27

**Ethnic Sunday:** Dec. 9, 2:30 PM

### 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 Waltzing and Contra Dance** at the Pavilion. Waltzing, 6:30 PM; contra instruction 7:30, contra dance, 8:00. \$6, 12 & under free. **November 2**, Darlene Underwood with Dan, Debbie & Whitt.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – There is currently no Israeli dancing at Wright State. Please try the new group that meets 7-9 PM most Tuesday evenings (Oct. 16, 23, & 30 and Nov. 13, 20, & 27) at the Boonshoft CJCE, 525 Versailles Drive, Centerville. Details available from Janifer Tsou.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties.** 8–11 PM. Themes: Sat. Oct. 27, brown & orange; Sat. Nov. 24, polka dots; Fri. Dec. 14, red & green. Details at roberts-nider.com/BalkanNight.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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.....Nancy Hyll

.....Jim Tsui  
.....Bill Vernon

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Orientation Class.....Leslie Hyll  
.....Harry Khamis

.....John Pappas  
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.....Patty Gehring  
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# The News



🔔 ...News No. 1

- ❖ **Now Hear This!!** (And put it on your calendar. ) The MVFD Annual Meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, beginning at 7:00 pm. The reason for moving the meeting to a Thursday is to involve people who might not be able to come on a second Sunday.

The annual meeting is an opportunity to recap the past year, and to get suggestions for what the club should do during the next year. We also elect officers. The meeting is expected to run 1.5 to 2 hours. So **please come at 7:00 on the 10<sup>th</sup>** and share your ideas on what the club should be doing!

🔔 News No. 2

- ❖ **Sad news:** MVFD will NOT hold a New Year's Eve party this year. The Pavilion is not available, and now that Dot Santi has moved her house is no longer available either. Some of us will try to fill the void, and we'll have our (un)usual pre-Christmas dancing on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please enjoy New Year's Eve with your family and friends, wherever you may be!

🔔 News No. 3

- ❖ **Wired? No, better....**The Pavilion now has wire~~less~~ connectivity! Specs are on the bulletin board. Also, the software on our music computer has been updated – see Eddie for a quick run-down on its new capabilities.

☞ *Treat yourself to an MVFD Syllabus CD this Christmas!* ☞

## The Peripatetic Chair

I hope everyone had a good summer! Eddie and I took two dance trips this summer, one to the Door County Folk Festival in Wisconsin, and one to the Stockton Folk Dance Camp in California. They were very different from each other. There are many opportunities, near and far, to experience folk dance, meet new friends, and expose yourself to different points of view. I encourage you to expand your horizons! Many of these opportunities have scholarships you can apply for to reduce the cost. It's not too early to begin thinking about a dance trip....

With this fall's Israeli workshop (thank you, Harry!), MVFD has started its 55<sup>th</sup> year of existence. To celebrate, we'll have an Anniversary Workshop on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The theme will be "Oldies but Goodies." Please let me know what dances are your favorite "oldies but goodies." They should be ones that the club has not done in the past 5 years or more. I'll sort through all the suggestions and select some to be re-taught during the workshop. Others will become the nexus of the Saturday evening party. We'll also have a bazaar, so save up those ethnic white elephants to donate to the sale.

I am very pleased to announce that Sam and Sara Fleischer, Mary Hill, and Kaye Preis have been designated Honorary Members. Not only have they been with MVFD for a very long time, but they were the club's movers and shakers in their day. Honorary membership is a small way to thank them and keep them connected to the activity they loved so well.

—Leslie Hyll

## Milestones and News

**Harry Khamis** traveled to Sweden to participate in the annual "uppdansning" dance event, earning his seventh "diplom" in traditional Swedish polska dancing awarded by the Svenska Folkdansringen. He is now the only non-Swede in the world to hold seven diploms in polska dancing!

Other cheerful news: **Sam and Sara Fleischer** have moved to an apartment in Friendship Village, on the northwest side of town. Their new address is 5790 Denlinger Rd., Apt. 6208, Dayton, OH 45426. And **Dot Santi** has moved to Bethany Lutheran Village; her address is now 6441 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45459.

And **Dolores Brooks** reports that Joshua Carlton, the sweetest, cutest baby ever, was born on September 17<sup>th</sup> to Rick, Jr. and his wife Missy. Proud "Oma" can't wait to teach him some German as befits his Austrian heritage. She notes that if she misses a Thursday night, it'll probably be because she's babysitting during the U.D. basketball season!

Less cheerful – for anyone who might not have heard it already – is that Susan and Jim's son **David Tsui** died unexpectedly on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of us were able to attend the viewing, and we continue to remember David as we dance with Jim and Susan.

David's prayer card had a line that also suited **Marnie Squire**, for whom **Jim Rohal** recently held a memorial celebration: "My life's been full, I savored much." MVFD and Cincinnati folks savored good dancing, food, and friendship in her memory on September 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Coming Chances to Dance

Thank you to everyone who participated in the demo/teaching session at BTAS, Inc. on September 15th! Our treasury is grateful. Upcoming opportunities for more dancing are:

→ **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, Živio Fall Party at the Czech Club. Potluck at 7:00 PM, all-request dancing to recorded music from 8 PM to 12 Mt. Their December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas party will have live music – save the date if you like Balkan!

→ **October 30<sup>th</sup>** is Open House at the new Israeli group – see Janifer!

→ Another date to save is the **last weekend in February**. The Columbus Folk Dancers are firming up the arrangements for a Hungarian workshop in Columbus. Details to come!

→ **On Mondays** this fall you can take beginners' Scottish dance classes again. See Dolores for information.

→ **Any Saturday**, from 8:30 to 11, you can dance with the Cincinnati international folk dancers, who have just moved to the Twin Towers Retirement Community, 5343 Hamilton Ave. The room is reputed to have a beautiful floor and *climate control*! Directions available from Jim Rohal.



## MVFD Lanyards

Lanyards with "MVFD" on them are now available for \$2 each. A lanyard is a great way to wear your club name tag, your work badge, or any other form of ID, and advertise the club! They are a beautiful blue with white lettering, a swiveling clip, and a breakaway clasp that ensures that your neck will never be caught. See Leslie or Eddie to purchase one.

## A Very Strange Day

June 27, 2007 – another day that will live in infamy..... It started out at a Dunkin' Donuts in Seoul, Korea when someone asked what the date was. Someone else responded that it was Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All of a sudden, I had aged one year! I had always thought I was 37 years old, so I realized that I must have become 38 years old.

On a subway train, a beautiful young woman (about my age) offered me her seat. Chauvinist pig that I was, I declined and continued to stand. Another metro patron left the train, and an old man (old enough to be my father) motioned for me to take the seat. Again, being a bit ageist, I refused. He, not realizing his age, took me by the arm and forced me to sit down. Not wanting to be an ugly American, I sat down.

Next, an older man (old enough to be my grandfather) offered me a candy bar. Out of respect for the Korean way of politeness, I declined that as well. He did not offer it to me again. He shook my hand and left the train. I thought, "What is the matter with everyone? They are treating me as if I were ready to kick the bucket."

Just at that time, the train went into a tunnel. Most of the windows acted like mirrors, but I noticed an old man with half a dozen scattered gray hairs on his bald pate looking at me through one of them. This guy was really an old geezer – quite thin, indeed nearly emaciated, with wrinkles the size of the Grand Canyon! I couldn't help smiling at him. He smiled back at me. I thought, "This is a very strange day."

—John Pappas