

## CALENDAR

### MVFD Events

#### ➤ DECEMBER

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
December 20 (holiday party), 27

#### ➤ JANUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
January 3, 10, 17, 24

**\*Mini-Workshop with Daniela Ivanova:**  
**Sunday, Jan. 13, 2-5 PM. No charge!**  
To be followed by a potluck dinner and informal singing session.

#### ➤ FEBRUARY

**Regular Dance** (beginners, 7 PM):  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

**Ethnic Sunday:** Feb. 10, 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. **January 4**,  
Kathy Anderson with the Corndrinkers.  
**February 1**, Steve Edwards with Pigtown  
Alley. **March 7**, Mike White with Black  
River Ironworks.

**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 (Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and  
Fe. 5, 12, 19, 26) at the Boonshoft CJCE,  
525 Versailles Drive, Centerville. Details  
available from Janifer Tsou.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties.**  
8–11 PM. (New Year's Eve party, 10 PM  
– 1 AM.) Themes: Sat. Jan. 26, gold &  
black; Sat. Feb 9, romantic red; Sat.  
Mar. 22, Irish green! Details at  
robertsnider.com/BalkanNight.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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.....Nancy Hyll  
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.....Harry Khamis  
.....John Pappas  
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# The News



🔔 ...Still News No. 1!

- ❖ **Is this already on your calendar??** The MVFD Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2008, beginning at **7:00 pm**. Now you can come without even having to drive to the Pavilion an extra time – how convenient is that? We look forward to involving people who might not have been able to make a Sunday.

The annual meeting has three main objectives: hearing from YOU what you think the club should do during the next year; electing the officers for 2008; honoring dancers who have done much for the club; and hearing a review of what has been accomplished over the past year. Whether there will be a skit as well is a closely held secret – you'll have to come to find out. (Conferences to those who missed the wonderful *This Is Your* [Louise's] *Life* last year.)

The meeting is expected to run less than 2 hours even if there's a skit. So please **come at 7:00 on the 10<sup>th</sup>** and share your ideas on what the club should be doing!



And Right After That....

- ❖ ... is our unexpected **Mini-Workshop with Daniela Ivanova on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**! She is going to be in the area, and since we already had the Pavilion reserved Eddie quickly snagged her for that afternoon. Anyone who got to her workshop last March knows that she is a low-key but precise teacher who somehow manages to share an amazing number of mostly Bulgarian dances in a short time. Don't miss her! Teaching starts at 2:00 PM a potluck and singing will follow.

**\* Don't Forget....**

- ❖ MVFD will NOT hold a New Year's Eve party this year. We hope you will have a happy one somewhere else!

## 🌸 The Moving Chair

Greetings from the Chair! We will start 2008 very soon now. Take a moment to stop and breathe – but don't take too long! We have dances to dance, people to greet, plans to be implemented.

I expect to see everyone at our annual meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>. This is your once-a-year opportunity to help shape the club and its activities for the coming year. We'll try to keep it short, but we really want your input!

On Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Daniela Ivanova will give us an encore visit. I was very impressed with her teaching during the Tri-City Workshop last spring. We have decided to make this mini-workshop a free one. She will also run an informal evening singing session.

After her day with MVFD, Daniela will work with elementary students in the Huber Heights school system during the week. By arranging this kind of collaboration, we can bring folk dancing to children who might not encounter it otherwise. On Wednesday evening Daniela will work with the Živio performing group on their Bulgarian suite.

Last, plans for our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop are coming along nicely. The instructors, Ron Houston and Alix Cordray, are very excited about doing this workshop, and are sending me lots of ideas. I think it is going to be an excellent workshop! We'll need help from lots of people to make everything happen, though, and I hope you all will be eager to help out when asked. (In fact, you can go ahead and let me know right now what you'd like to do.) This is going to be a workshop you won't want to miss!

—Leslie Hyll

## 🌸 New Member: Louiza

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Our newest member comes to us originally from Algeria, where she says belly dance, Middle Eastern dances, and Berber dances were part of her cultural background. These were the dances that she would do at weddings and family reunions.

From those beginnings, Louiza has thrown herself wholeheartedly into the entire spectrum of international dancing! She says that she had wished for a long time that she could find a group like MVFD, but never came across the right information. One day last spring, however, one of her daughters was golfing at the Community Golf Club and noticed dancers in the Pavilion. You can guess the rest!

Louiza is a French teacher at Thurgood Marshall High School (the former Colonel White HS). She lives in the Singing Hills division of West Carrollton with her son Tewfik, a junior at Wright State studying electronic engineering. Of her two daughters, the older, Badia, is also at Wright State, pursuing a master's in international business. Louiza is helping to plan her wedding, scheduled for March. The second daughter, Amel, is a recently married senior nursing student who also works full time at Good Sam hospital.

When not juggling teaching, parenting, and wedding planning, Louiza enjoys gardening, cooking, and baking. She also works out

regularly (not just so she can keep up with the dancing). She wants to thank all the MVFD members who have helped her improve her dancing skills so much since she first came to the club!

## 🌸 Milestones and News

**Nancy Hyll** recently had cataracts removed in both her eyes; she reports that colors are now very bright. Even with cataracts, though, she won two Best of Shows at the Montgomery County Fair and a whole slew of other ribbons for her needlework. In between her two operations, you'll note that she made MVFD a nifty little newsletter holder in green and orange with our initials! Who knows what she'll be inspired to do now that she has new eyes?

**Lina Considine** is just back from a trip to South Bend (IN) to help her daughter Jamie after the birth of Shiloh, Lina's first granddaughter.

## 🌸 MVFD Lanyards

Handsome blue breakaway lanyards with "MVFD" on them continue to be available for \$2 each. So convenient for name tags or badges, keys, or anything else small you want handy. See Leslie or Eddie to purchase one.

## 🌸 Coming Chances to Dance

➔ **Save the last weekend in February!** The Columbus Folk Dancers are firming up the arrangements for a **Hungarian workshop** in Columbus with Aron Szekely. It will run from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, February 22-24. Three different locations will be used – check [geocities.com/cfd4folkdancing](http://geocities.com/cfd4folkdancing).

➔ **AND save the next-to-last week-**

**end in March, of course!** That will be MVFD's very own **Oldies Workshop**, celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> year with a retrospective. We have arranged for two teachers who remember *almost* that far back, and they are working with Leslie to choose dances that everyone will enjoy. We expect to have both teaching and an oldies party at a 1950s price of \$25 – full details and schedule in the next newsletter!



## A New Approach

Hello all,

Your Program Committee is trying out a different approach to the teaching schedule. As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, we are doing the initial teaching of all dances at 9 PM on a Thursday evening instead of on an Ethnic Sunday. The Ethnic Sundays will serve as an **optional** review time for the dances taught during the **previous** month. Any non-review time at E.S. will be spent on request dancing.

This means that if you like a dance but think you could use a review session to really get it down, you need to let the instructor know. It will be up to the individual instructors to decide whether a formal E.S. review is needed.

This new teaching schedule will continue at least until the new Program Committee (2008-9) takes over in March. Please let us know what you think of this approach and how it affects your enjoyment of both Thursdays and Ethnic Sundays.

For the Program Committee,

—Patty Gehring