

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ JUNE

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

June 5, 12, 19, 26

Ethnic Sunday: June 8, 2:30 PM

➤ JULY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

July 3 (?), 10, 17, 24

Ethnic Sunday: July 13, 2:30 PM

➤ AUGUST

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

☞ **No Ethnic Sunday – come to the picnic on August 10 instead!**

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Intermediate classes Mondays at 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall Rd., Beaver-creek. Beginners' classes will start again in the fall.

CITYFOLK Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion starts again in September.

Israeli Folk Dancing – No Israeli dancing currently at Wright State. Please try the classic/modern group that meets 7-9 PM most Tuesday evenings (June 17 and 24; July 8, 15, and 22; August 12, 19, and 26) at the Boonshoft CJCE, 525 Versailles Drive, Centerville. A beginners' class starts June 17. Details available from Janifer Tsou.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties start again in September. Information at robertsnider.com/Balkan-Night.

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JUNE 2008

THE NEWS



Rare Days in June (and July and August)

- ❖ **Friday, June 20: Yellow Springs /Antioch Alumni Folk Dan-cers.** Golden-oldies folk dancing in Antioch's South Gym at 7 PM. We ex-humed lots of wonderful dances last year! Write Jay Williams (scrubjay@fuse.net) for more info.
- ❖ **Sunday, June 22: Midsummer Dance Party & Potluck.** As usual, this eight-dance-group party is at the Red Barn at White Star Farm, near Columbus. 2:00-9:00 PM. Details (and map) at www.geocities.com/RFDofColumbus/party-details.
- ❖ **Thursday July 3 – Saturday, July 5: CITYFOLK Festival.** (Yes, *Thursday*, honest.) At the RiverScape MetroPark. More activities, new and old performers, fireworks – and (incredibly) completely free! Starts at 5:30 PM Thursday and 1 PM Friday and Saturday. The full schedule of performers can be found on www.cityfolk.org/festival/festival.html.
- ❖ **Friday, July 25 – Sunday July 27: Seventh Annual Dayton Celtic Festival.** Also at RiverScape, this year the festival will include both music and dance workshops. From 6 PM Friday, noon Saturday, and 11:00 AM Sunday. Check www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival for a full schedule.
- ❖ **Friday, August 8 – Sunday, August 10. 25th Annual GermanFest Picnic.** At the Montgomery County Fairgrounds again. Check out the bands (imported!) and other attractions on <http://daytongermanclub.homeip.net/liederkranz/picnic.php>.
- ❖ **Sunday, August 10: The Annual MVFD Picnic!** 2:30 PM. This year we return to Delco Park. Details inside.
- ❖ **Friday evening, August 29 – 1:30 PM Sunday, August 31: Classic/Modern Israeli Dance Workshop.** Again this year we will have Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann at the Pavilion for Labor Day week-end. Harry Khamis will have details soon! Watch the MVFD website, www.daytonfolkdance.com/mvfd.

From the Chair

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to and helped out with the 55th Anniversary Workshop. It was a resounding success! It is great that we are still working our way through reviews of workshop dances.

Lee Moser is conducting a survey of your opinions on teaching within the club. Thank you if you have provided your answers. If not, please see Lee to get a survey form.

It is time to be planning our workshop for March 2009. If you would like to take on the mantle of workshop chair, please let me know.

The officers will next meet on June 28. Please tell one of us if there is something you want us to discuss.

I hope all of you have dancing planned as part of your vacations. I am looking forward to mine. Enjoy your summer!

—Leslie Hyll



He Who Was Lost (well, missing) is Now Found!

Some jaws dropped in April when long-absent MVFD member Ed Gesel appeared one Thursday evening with no warning whatsoever! He has been absent for some 10 years.

Many people remember him warmly, but for the newer members, some introduction may be in order.

Ed came to Dayton from Philadelphia to open a franchise of Snelling and Snelling, an employment agency. He and his wife Roseanne raised their three children in Dayton: Ira, now a math professor at Brandeis University; Mike, who represents Dayton's business interests in Wash-

ington; and Louise, who is a lawyer in Boston.

It was Ira who first introduced Ed and Roseanne to folk dancing, by dragging them to one of the MIT Folk Dance Club's sessions when they visited him in grad school in 1975. When they returned to Dayton, they told their longtime friends Sam and Sara Fleischer what a good time they'd had dancing, and that they wished there were something like that in Dayton. Sam drawled, "Welllllll, as a matter of fact..." – and the rest is history!

The day they completed their initiation, Ed and Roseanne signed on as MVFD members. Before Roseanne's death in 1992, they went to many weekend workshops, attended week-long sessions at Maine Folk Dance Camp and Camp Blue Star in North Carolina, and participated in many demonstrations.

After 27 years of Snelling and Snelling, Ed retired. In the meantime, he had enrolled in Wright State's Counseling and Guidance program, which led to a 17-year stint teaching economics at Sinclair in the evening.

Now that he has retired from that too, Ed is very happy to be back dancing. "I remember much of the music," he says, "but the feet don't always follow. They're improving, though!"

They are indeed. We're so glad to have you with us again, Ed!

Milestones and News

Sad news came to MVFD this winter from our expatriate member in Washington, DC, **Nirmal Mondol**. He reported that Rosemary had died in December of 2007. A number of MVFD members were able to attend the memorial service Nirmal held in Dayton

and share their memories. Nirmal played a lovely lament on his fiddle.

We were also sad to hear of the death of **Grace Wolff-Moran's** husband Mike in March – at the age of 100.

More cheerfully, MVFD has another published author! **Ann Mosconi** and her sister have just published a book of full-color picture logic puzzles. You can purchase it at Puzzle Plus or www.BigFlyGames.com.

And if you haven't heard, **Midge Hall** is now Mildred Hall, Ph.D. – in chemistry. Congratulations!!!

It's Picnic Time!

The MVFD picnic will be held at 2:30 PM on **Sunday, August 10**. (No Ethnic Sunday that day!) This year we return to Delco Park, at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane. Take Delco Park Drive off either street, turn into the park, curve around the ball fields, and go to the far end.

The grills will be ready by 5 to cook any meats you bring. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share as well. Water and lemonade will be supplied.



Coming Chances to Dance

→ Angie Thompson reports that on **Sunday, July 20th, The Greek Tycoons** will be playing a combination concert/dance at Stubbs Park in Centerville. The dance will run from 7 to 9 PM (at least officially).

→ As noted on the front page, don't miss the **Labor Day Israeli Workshop** right here at the Pavilion, **August 29th-31st**!

→ Looking way ahead, be sure to put on your calendar **The South Slavic Club's Fall Kolo Party**, fea-

turing the Detroit Off Beats, which will be held on **October 4th**.

→ Also this fall will be the **October Moon Grand Ball** (1600-1830 costumes preferred) in Springfield on **October 11th**. Check out www.octobermoonball.org for details – and costume sources.



Our 55th Anniversary Workshop

Our Oldies but Goodies Spring Workshop was so well attended, it hardly needs reporting on! But for the few of you who weren't able to come, here's a quick rundown. (Actually, "rundown" is probably a very appropriate word, because that's what we were by Sunday evening.)

The workshop began with the Thursday evening session, at which each of our instructors, **Ron Houston** and **Alix Cordray** (Eddie's sister), taught a dance. We sang on Friday, and then danced from 9:30 AM Saturday to 5:00 PM Sunday with barely time to sleep in between. The dances taught ranged from German quadrilles to Macedonian lines – if your favorite hasn't been reviewed yet, just ask! Dancers from Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Columbus joined us.

A highlight of the weekend was the catered dinner Saturday evening, at which several of MVFD's "founding dancers" were honored. Grace Wolff-Moran, who was instrumental in starting MVFD, and rarely seen longtime dancers Ann Ballinger and Vera Fisher were in attendance, as well as more-often-seen honoraries such as Sam and Sara Fleischer and Dot Santi, and our 2008 Honor Dancer Carolyn Stovall.