

CALENDAR

MVFD Events

➤ DECEMBER

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Ethnic Sunday: Dec. 12, 2:30 PM

➤ JANUARY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

January 6, 13, 20, 27

☞ **Annual Meeting: Jan. 9, 2:30 PM!**

➤ FEBRUARY

Regular Dance (beginners, 7 PM):

February 3, 10, 17, 24



Workshop: Feb. 12 & 13!!

Other Regular Events

Scottish Dancing – The Flying Ghillies. Beginning & intermediate classes on Mondays, 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall, Beavercreek.

Cityfolk Waltzing and Contra Dance at the Pavilion – 6:30 PM waltzing, 7:30 instruction, 8:00 contras. \$7 if over 12. No Dec. dance. Jan. 7, Kathy Anderson with the Corndrinkers. Feb. 4, Susan Moffett with the Coffee Zombies. Mar. 4, Mike White with Brittany Bay.

Israeli Folk Dancing – Classic and modern for all. 6-8 PM Weds Dec.1, 8, 15, & 29; Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23. Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$3 after Dec.

English Country Dance – Kathy Anderson and Leslie Hyll. 7-9:00 PM, Dec. 19, Jan. 17, Feb. 20, the Pavilion.

Yellow Springs Folk Dance – Bryan Ctr., 7 PM, Dec.17, Jan. 14, Feb. 18. www.yellowspringsfolkdancing.com.

Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties – FRI Dec 17, Charlie Brown Christmas. Jan. 22, Hägar the Horrible. Feb. 12, Love in the Comics!

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Petur, Valya, and John



★ DON'T MISS THESE DATES! ★

- ❖ **FRIDAY, DEC. 31: MVFD's New Year's Eve Party!** We don't have the Pavilion on New Year's Eve this year, so we've rented C.I. Beaver Hall in Beavercreek. It's at 3696 Highmont Street – take Forestdale off Dayton-Xenia Road and bear left; the hall is on the right. Vatra Živa will play, with recorded requests between sets. \$10 admission to cover costs. Coffee provided; bring other treats to share!
- ❖ **SUNDAY, JAN. 9: MVFD's Annual Meeting!** Come, suggest, volunteer, and vote! And find out about this year's Honor Dancer(s)....
- 🍷 **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEB. 12 & 13. MVFD's Winter Workshop with Kyriakos Moisidis.** Kyriakos began studying Greek dances seriously while he was still in his teens, and by the time he was 30 he abandoned the world of business for full-time dance teaching and research. For this workshop he will be doing dances from several areas of Greece, with an emphasis on the Pontic dances of his birthplace. The weekend schedule will be as follows:
 - **Saturday (12th):** Request dancing at 9:30 AM. Workshop sessions from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Culture corner at 7:30 PM, and a party (and review) from 8:00 to 11:30 PM. Refreshments (but no meals) during the workshop and party.
 - **Sunday (13th):** Request dancing at 9:30 AM. Workshop sessions from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.Each of the sessions will cost \$12, and the syllabus \$5. If you register for the weekend by Jan. 15, admission to all sessions (plus syllabus) will be only **\$55!** (Weekend registration is \$65 at the door.) Please e-mail John Pappas with any questions at jepappas@sbcglobal.net. A registration flyer will appear before long!
- ❖ **FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 26–28. The Columbus Folk Dancers' Winter Workshop with Lee Otterholt.** Lee has founded two Balkan dance groups, but choreographs for the Norwegian government (including the Olympics) and directs a Greek ensemble! Check him out on columbusfolkdancers.webs.com. Details on the workshop locations and schedule will be published in January. (Lee will also come to MVFD the preceding Thursday for a preview!)



The Chair's Corner

Some special events are coming your way! There will be a Christmas party on Thursday, December 23, with seasonal music provided for some favorite dances. Please bring a contribution for the refreshment table.

Do plan to come to the MVFD New Year's Eve party to "dance in" the new year with your folk dance friends. Non-members and family are most welcome. (Directions and details are on the front page.)

We will be voting on some minor changes to the Rules and Regulations at our annual meeting on January 9. Copies of the motions to be considered will be put on the counter at least two weeks before the meeting.

Even February will be a busy month. There will be a Greek workshop with Kyriakos Moisisdis on February 12–13, and a Balkan mini-workshop on Thursday, February 24 with Lee Otterholt. Mark your calendars!

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I would like to extend best wishes to all during this holiday season. We are most fortunate to have such a special group of friends with whom we can share our time.

—Joanne Dombrowski



Not Exactly New Member

Charlie Stubbs returned to us less than a year ago, but he's not really a new face: He is one of the few people left who came to dancing through the late Grace Wolff! Although that's not wholly surprising – he has lived in the Forest Park area of Dayton since 1956.

Charlie's career was at Hobart, where he was an inspector. In his spare time, however, he developed quite a range of interests. He loves dude ranches – he says that for some years "It was a passion!" Charlie belongs to the Dayton Gem and Mineral Society; he especially enjoys their field trips. He takes classes in history at the Vandalia Senior Center, and belongs to their bridge club. And he ushers at both the Victoria Theatre and the Schuster Center, where he particularly likes the Broadway shows, opera, and ballet.

With all this variety in the rest of his life, it's no wonder that Charlie likes a number of different kinds of dancing. He has done both round and square dancing with several groups. MVFD members who do Scottish dancing will have seen him on Monday nights, and he also comes to Leslie Hyll's and Kathy Anderson's monthly English country dances here. (Ah, retirement....)

Charlie, we're glad you've found time in your busy schedule to rejoin MVFD!



Also Not a New Member

It's really very flattering to have so many people from the past rejoin us! **Colleen Dillon** first danced with MVFD shortly after she married and moved from Athens, OH to rural Preble County in 1983. She and Ann Mosconi had done international folk dancing in Toledo during their time at Bowling Green State U., where they also did Hispanic folk dance. They were delighted to discover MVFD when they found themselves in the Dayton area. Colleen has always loved to dance. Her father was a square dance caller, so she and her brother spent most Saturday nights doing square and round dancing at Elks, Moose, and Eagle

lodges. She later joined her father's square dance band. When Colleen began to travel to Hispanic countries, she would take courses in the local dances while she was there. Then she would organize performing groups from her students and teach them the dances.

Colleen found the time to rejoin MVFD when she retired in May from teaching Spanish at Miami University. Her sons' soccer, band, and extracurricular activities took up her spare time for some years, but now that they are out of college (and her husband Jim is still working), she's baaaaack!

One of Colleen's main interests (other than dance) is music. She has rung handbells with the Sinclair College Concert Choir for many years. She directs the handbell and vocal choirs of the church Jim and she attend in New Lebanon, and she and Jim both play saxophone with the Eaton Area Community Band.

Colleen says she adores MVFD because the members are so welcoming, so energetic, and so diverse. Each Thursday is like traveling abroad! (She particularly likes "traveling" to Greece and the Hispanic countries.) Colleen thanks us for taking her back, but the pleasure is ours.



The Space Ship Lady

In 1977, NASA launched the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecraft to go beyond our solar system and relay information back to earth. Aboard both craft were gold-clad copper phonograph records containing sounds and images selected to portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth to any intelligent extraterrestrial life forms, or future humans, who might find them.

The contents of the records, which were selected by a committee chaired by Carl Sagan of Cornell University, included 116 images and a variety of natural sounds (such as those made by surf, wind, and thunder), and animal sounds (such as the songs of birds and whales). To this they added musical selections from different cultures and eras, spoken greetings in 55 languages, and printed messages from then-President Jimmy Carter and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

The musical selection is varied, but features mainly Western artists such as Mozart, Stravinsky, and Chuck Berry. The only folk song is a Bulgarian song called "Izlel Delyo Haidutin," sung by the Rhodopan singer Valya Balkanska.

Now, I had heard this song, and enjoyed it, but never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would hear and meet this artist in person! However, during our trip to Bulgaria this past summer, we visited Elena Pumpholova. It was her birthday, and a gaida player and an elderly female singer were introduced and sang a few songs. The woman's voice was strong and vibrant, and the Kaba gaida player, Petur Yaneff, was an imposing figure. They had me at the first sound of the gaida and the shrill sound of the Rhodopan voice.

Only after the birthday guests had left and we were chatting with the two performers did I realize that the singer was the 'space ship lady' whose voice is traveling through outer space on board Voyager 1 and 2! Naturally, I had to buy the book about Valya, and also the two CDs that Petur had in his briefcase....

—John Pappas