

## CALENDAR

### *MVFD Events*

#### ➤ SEPTEMBER

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

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

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

#### ➤ OCTOBER

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

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

**NO Ethnic Sunday!** Instead:

☞ **Oct. 9, Mini-Workshop** with

Daniela Ivanova, 2:30 PM

(and there's the Tammies on **Oct. 23!**)

#### ➤ NOVEMBER

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

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

**Ethnic Sunday:** Nov. 13, 2:30 PM

### *Other Regular Events*

**Scottish Dancing** – The Flying Ghillies.

Beginning & intermediate classes on Mondays, 7:30 PM, Mangan Banquet Ctr., 1585 Grange Hall, Beaver Creek.

**Israeli Folk Dancing** – Classic and modern for all. 6-8 PM most Wednesdays at the Boonshoft CJCE, Centerville. \$3. janifer.tsou@gmail.com.

**Cityfolk Contra Dances at the Pavilion** – 7:30 instruction, 8:00 contras. \$7 adults, \$5 students, under 12 free. Oct. 7, Gallimaufry (caller TBD); Nov. 4, caller and band TBD. No dance in Dec.

**English Country Dance** – Kathy Anderson and Leslie Hyll. 7-9:00 PM, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, the Pavilion.

**Columbus Balkan Night Dance Parties** – Oct. 29, Pumpkin Polka; Nov. 26, Turkey Trot. (The Kabile dance party is substituting for September.)

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### *MVFD Council*

**Chairperson:**.....Joanne Dombrowski  
426-8509....joanne.dombrowski@wright.edu

**Vice Chair:**.....John Pappas  
291-3343.....jepappas@sbcglobal.net

**Secretary:**.....Bill Vernon  
294- 6722.....verwill@hotmail.com

**Treasurer:**..... Lee Moser  
885-4698.....moserted@aol.com

**Member-at-Large:**.....Carolyn Stovall  
427-2120.....cstovall31@aol.com

### *Committee Assignments*

Historian.....Leslie Hyll

Kitchen.....Ellen Rice

Membership.....Lee Moser

Miami Valley Dance Council and  
Pavilion Support Committee  
Representative.....Carolyn Stovall

MVFD Webmaster.....Leslie Hyll

Newsletter Editor.....Ellen Rice  
(277-1814.....efrice927@att.net)

Orientation Class Coordinator  
.....John Pappas

Program Committee  
.....Chair, Harry Khamis

.....Lina Considine

.....Meredith Martin

.....Dan Reckers

.....Jim Rohal

.....Rose Vernon

Publicity.....Dolores Brooks

Recordings & Equipment Maintenance  
.....Edmund Cordray

Refreshments.....Lee Moser



### **DON'T FORGET!**

We're having a mini-workshop  
with Daniela Ivanova  
at 2:30 on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>



## SEPTEMBER 2011

# THE NEWS



### ★ *Dancing in Greece* ★

- ❖ **Cassandra Hall** reports that she had the time of her life in Greece, at Kyriakos Moisidis's Dancing Seminar! She writes: "We spent the first part of the seminar on a small island off the coast of Halkidiki, and it was nothing short of paradise. We attended the annual festival every evening we were there, and watched as they performed demo dances in their traditional costumes. The second half of the seminar was spent mostly near the city of Thessaloniki and in the small villages on the outskirts of Thessaloniki and Perea. The villagers were all very warm and welcoming, and very appreciative of our interest in their music and culture.

"It was wonderful seeing Kyriakos again and meeting a marvelous group of fellow dancers from all over the world. Many dancers were from Germany and Israel, a handful from the Czech Republic and Austria, one from Russia, a few from the UK, one from New Zealand, and three (apart from myself) from the States. The dances we learned were all fantastic, and if given the opportunity I would be delighted to share a few of them with MVFD. Most are quite easy with lovely music. One or two are a bit more difficult, but the majority of our dancers should have no problem learning them."

### ★ *Dancing in the U.S. and Europe* ★

- ❖ **Harry Khamis** sends us news of his annual summer of dance: "I served as Roo Lester's teaching partner at Mendocino (CA) Scandinavian Dance Camp in June and at Mainwoods Dance Camp (ME) in August. In between, Roo and I went to Sweden, where we each earned two more "diploms" at the annual "medal testing" event. The following week I taught Swedish dances (in French... bonté gracieuse!!) at an international dance event called "Le Grand Bal de l'Europe" in St. Gervais, France – there were 170 students in the first two sessions and 70-125 students in each of the following sessions during the week."

### ★ *Dancing in the streets* ★

- ❖ Some of us not lucky enough to be abroad danced in a demo downtown in Courthouse Square, organized by Bill Vernon. Thanks to everyone who came August 25<sup>th</sup> – and dragged participants out of the audience!



## The Chair's Corner

MVFD's annual August picnic had good attendance and good weather! Thanks to all who attended and helped out, especially to Rose Vernon for organizing the event and to Eddie Cordray for providing the music.

Our next special MVFD event is an afternoon workshop with Daniela Ivanova on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** (the October Ethnic Sunday). There will be a charge of \$8 for the afternoon of teaching, which will begin at 2:30 PM. The workshop will be followed by a potluck dinner at 5:00. Please bring an interesting dish to share, and your own table service. Do plan to come enjoy an afternoon of great dancing!

I'm happy to report that tickets are now on sale for the Duquesne University Tamburitzans concert! It will be held on **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 2:00 PM at Centerville High School's Performing Arts Center. The Tammies put on a wonderful show featuring the music, dances, and songs of Eastern and Central Europe. See the colorful flyers on the counter for details. Bring your colleagues, relatives, and friends! Fall is coming. It's not too soon to start planning your Halloween costume for the MVFD party on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Anything will do – just have fun!

—Joanne Dombrowski



## Milestones

We have a sad milestone to report this quarter. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, **Carolyn and Henry Stovall's** son David finally succumbed to the cancer that he had been battling for several years. All of us at MVFD send Carolyn and Henry our sympathy.

On the brighter side, **Ellen Rice's** daughter Chrysantha was married on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Silver Spring, MD. The wedding included not only highly original vows, and readings from *The Little Prince* and Rumi, but a Persian wedding tradition called the aghd ceremony. (The groom, Cyrus Nemati, is half-Iranian.) Ellen was surprised to be called up to grind together the bases of two cones of sugar over Chrysantha's and Cyrus's heads – his sisters held a long scarf between the falling sugar and the heads – while the happy couple fed each other honey from a small enameled goblet.



## Wildly Assorted News

**Bette Kelley** has been losing weight the hard way! First she got pneumonia, and was carted off to the hospital in late July. Then, after she had emerged and had a week of tottering about with her oxygen cylinder, they decided she was strong enough to have her gall bladder out! She reports that her digestive system and her lungs have stabilized, and she is finally feeling like someone she recognizes.

**Jim Rohal** has been out west painting rainbows on the walls of his older granddaughter's room. It sounds as though she could give Bette's granddaughter (and others we won't name) some competition for cutest grand!

The Hylls have done it again. **Nancy Hyll** entered 29 needlework items in the Montgomery County Fair. She won 16 first-place ribbons, 11 second-place ones, and 2 third places. (Yup, those prizes add up to 29.) **Dona Hyll** entered 3 items, and she won 2 second places and 1 honorable mention!

And speaking of Hylls, Leslie and Dona organized a fine party for Nancy's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, with live music by Vatra Živa. Many happy returns, Nancy!

**Mike Clark** would like to share news of his progress on what he calls his second passion in life (second to dancing, that is). The land he started farming last year has finally started to produce, and he has opened a little weekend market on the property (which is at 893 Fairfield Rd, just south of Rte.35).

Mike's daughter **Marie** and her friends have been helping him a great deal, and **Sean Andrews** has been showing up to pull weeds and get an education in farming. Mike says **Bonny Snyder** has also been helping a lot in various ways that free him to spend time on the physical labor of farming.

Mike hopes to spend even more time 'on the farm' when he retires – putting himself out to pasture, so to speak!

And last, **Ann Mosconi** and her son Mark attended Balkan Camp in Iroquois Springs, NY. Ann also served as chaperone for the Issa teens (Rima, Rula, and Adel – Bosnians), whom **Eddie Cordray** and **Bette Kelley** sponsored at the camp. Eddie even lent Ann his van so they'd have enough seats!



## Dance Opportunities

September is an incredibly busy month for folk dancing! Upcoming events are:

- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** offers three options: the *Hungarian Grape Dance* (information on line), a *Bulgarian dance party* in Columbus (see Ellen), and the South Slavic Club's annual *Fall Kolo Party*. This is held at the Czech Club on Valley Street. Dinner (ethnic dishes!) and some basic teaching

start at 7 PM, and the Bill Skimos band goes on at 8. Admission is \$15 (or less, depending) and the food options have varying prices (all cheap!).

- **September 30<sup>th</sup>** has only one option: Bill Vernon's *Dance While You Can* party! It starts at 7:30 PM, at the Pavilion. '50s and '60s dress is encouraged, and Bill threatens dances from the same era. Let him know ASAP whether you can come to help him celebrate his milestone birthday! (At least one other person has one too....)

This might be rather late notice for newsletter readers to make it to the Flying Ghillies *Scottish Country Dancers'* "Introduction to Scottish Country Dancing" on September 12<sup>th</sup>. But that doesn't mean you can't start learning Scottish dancing! See the back of this newsletter for the where and when. At least eight MVFD dancers also dance with the Ghillies, and will be happy to introduce you to the pleasures of this lively social dance form – just ask around. You can also find out more about Scottish dance at [www.rscdscinnati.org/FlyingGhillies.html](http://www.rscdscinnati.org/FlyingGhillies.html).

*English country dancing* at the Pavilion will start in October. (The schedule is on the back of the newsletter.) Our own Leslie Hyll, and well-known contra-dance caller Kathy Anderson, will share the teaching duties. All dances are taught on the spot!



## Good Workshop!

We learned some lovely dances from Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann on August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go to Harry Khamis, who organized the workshop; Janifer Tsou, who managed it; and Eddie Cordray, who provided music at the press of a button all weekend.