



MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Honor Roll Dancers

Helen and Roland Mock

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Dayton, Ohio

Helen and Roland have been square dancing since 1955 when they completed their basic and advanced class. During that year, they formed the "Miami Valley Square Dance Club", which was for new dancers when they finished their lessons. This club is now meeting regularly in Dayton and is known as the Date N-8's.

For twelve years, they served as the chairmen of all the city sponsored clubs. Also, for this same twelve year period, Helen and Roland were chairmen of all of the beginner's square dance classes.

From 1956 through 1973, their services were devoted to the Miami Valley Dance Council. In 1971, they helped to reorganize the council and served as its first chairmen during that year.

During the years 1965 through 1970, Helen and Roland were representatives of the Miami Valley Dance Council to the Ohio Corporation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. In 1968-1969, Roland was elected President of the State Council.

The Mocks worked on many projects related to the Square Dance movement in Dayton including having the Michael Solomon Pavilion dedicated to Square, Round and Folk dancing. Assisted in raising \$3,000 to furnish kitchen appliances and to replace the dance floor. Roland was Master of Ceremonies for the dedication of the pavilion and the new floor. Roland was influential in having Mayor McGee proclaim Square Dance Week in Dayton in 1971. At the time our pavilion was threatened with closure during an austerity program of City of Dayton in 1971, Roland personally appeared before City Council and presented such an excellent plan for circumventing closure that the square dance program went unscathed during this critical financial period. Several councilmen highly praised square dancers as the only group which came forth with a constructive program during this time. We considered this a highly creditable performance.

During this period of time, Roland and Helen helped reorganize several dance clubs into successful, active organizations. As a result, Helen and Roland were named honorary members of one of these clubs. They consider this one of their proudest accomplishments.

In 1973, Roland and Helen Mock were vice chairmen of the 14th Annual Buckeye Dance Convention in Dayton. This was a very successful convention due in no small part to their efforts.

It is a pleasure to present this couple as the Honor Roll representative from the Miami Valley Dance Council. I am sure everyone will agree that great things happen when Roland and Helen Mock get involved.