



MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Honor Roll Dancers

Rose and Frank Graziano

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When Western Style Square Dancing was being revived 25 years ago, Rose and Frank Graziano were involved in taking their basic lessons and they have been involved in Square and Round Dancing ever since. They were in the first square dance class sponsored by the Dayton Department of Recreation. This class became the Dayton Square Dance Club and Rose and Frank became the council chairmen of that club from 1952 to 1954, which was a critical growth period for Square Dancing. In 1955, they became part of a group which formed the Miami Valley Dance Council and served as members of the Constitution Committee.

Round Dancing has also been a big part of the dancing life of Frank and Rose. They were involved in promoting Round Dance Festivals in Dayton from 1957 to 1965 when round dance festivals were in their infancy. They were charter members of the Miami Valley Round Dance Club and its council chairmen three times, the latest being in 1970. When financial insolvency faced this club, it was Rose and Frank who organized a Lasagna dinner using the proceeds to heal the financial wounds. With know-how gained here, they were natural choices to chair a Fall Festival for Round Dancing in Xenia, Ohio and to represent the Miami Valley, teaching round dancing at a dance seminar sponsored by Ohio State University. They also served as chairmen of the Round Dance classes for three years.

Rose and Frank served square and round dancing on the state level as representatives of the Miami Valley Dance Council to the Ohio Corporation of Square and Round Dance Clubs from 1964 through 1971. They became leaders in the State Council also, serving as treasurer, vice president, and in 1971, as President of the State Council.

The Fourth Annual Buckeye State Convention in Dayton saw the Grazianos serving in the capacity of chairmen of the Registration Committee. When the Fourteenth State Convention came back to Dayton in 1973, there were Frank and Rose turning in another star performance as the Registration Chairmen. Their efforts helped smooth the way for perhaps the most successful State Convention yet held.

Whenever a service or a job for round or square dancing in the Miami Valley needs to be done, there stand Rose and Frank. They are always ready and willing to do those things that are asked of them with the same devotion and determination today as they did twenty five years ago. The Miami Valley Dance Council is privileged to have them as our dancers and proudly present them as our Honor Roll Dancers for 1975.