



## MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

### Honor Roll Dancers

## Betty & Pete French

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Betty and Pete French have been involved in the square-dance activity ever since they graduated from lesson class in 1972 at Just-A-Mere Squares in Brookville.

As active members of the club, they served as president in 1972-1973 (during which time the club constitution was revised), booked callers and developed a caller-contract form, served on all committees, helped with lesson classes each year, attended banner raids, demos, and parades. In 1972 they became representatives to the Miami Valley Dance Council, a position they held for many years.

Pete and Betty began advanced dancing in the late seventies. They learned much from the Pacesetters club and individual members and home workshops. As a refresher course, they took advanced lessons again in 1987.

Over the years they also have been members of or danced regularly with Adventure Squares, Dayton Square Dance Club, Dayton Whirlaways, Wayne Squares, and Xplorers. They served as treasurer of Dayton Square Dance Club in 1976 and 1977. Currently, they are members of Dayton Whirlaways and Dayton Square Dance Club.

The French's service to the Miami Valley Dance Council has been long and varied; most notable is Betty's having been editor of the *Miami Valley Dance News* since 1975 and Pete's serving as Council treasurer since 1987. Their other activities include preparing the new-graduate dance coupon booklets (which Betty designed), preparing the foldout dance schedule for the printer, compiling lesson-class information from all Council clubs and producing a flyer, and helping conduct Council leadership seminars. Also, they designed the "Welcome to the Miami Valley" leaflet. Betty was on the constitution revision committee in 1979-1980 and was chairman of the committee in 1987-1988. The Frenches support Council activities by helping with and/or attending benefit dances, lesson classes, the honor dinner-dance, the friendship dance, sewing clinics, "Day in the Park", and demos. They are council representatives to the Miami Valley Callers' Association and volunteer their help with that organization.

Pete and Betty have attended all but one state convention since 1973. They were greeters in 1976 and then became program chairman for 1979, 1982, 1984, and 1988. They are currently program chairman for the 1991 convention.

They are members of Ohio Mini-Legacy and participate in programs and serve on committees for that group. Betty designed the current state friendship badge form. (For a fleeting moment they were assistant program chairman for the 1992 National.)

In recognition of their dedication and continued support of the square dance activity, Betty and Pete French were selected the Miami Valley Dance Council's 1990 Honor Couple.