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TO: MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

FROM: RAYMOND DUNN, PRESIDENT
MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCE CLUB.

ENCLOSED ARE THE REQUIRED
DOCUMENTS FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY
ROUND DANCE CLUB NOMINATION FOR
THE 1991 HONOR COUPLE:

1. HONOR COUPLE NOMINATION FORM
2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
WRITE-UP.
3. PHOTO OF COUPLE

Sincerely
Raymond Dunn
PRES. MVRDC.

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HONOR COUPLE NOMINATION

NOMINATING CLUB MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCE CLUB
NAME OF COUPLE MERLE and EVELYN STEINER
ADDRESS 321 ST. LOUIS AVE
DAYTON, OHIO 45405
PHONE 275-1727
NUMBER OF YEARS DANCING MERLE - 40 YEARS EVELYN - 16 YEARS
CLUB POSITIONS HELD PRESIDENT - MVRDC 1YR, TREASURER - MVRDC
2 YEARS, ON COUNCIL MVRDC - 3 YRS, TREASURER - DAYTON SQUARE
DANCE CLUB 3 YEARS, LIAISON OFFICERS FROM MVRDC TO TWO
STATE CONVENTIONS, WERE ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES FOR DAYTON
SQUARE DANCE CLUB IN 1950's and 1960's.
COUNCIL POSITIONS HELD--ELECTED AND APPOINTED PRESIDENT MVDC - 1981,
VICE PRES. MVDC - 1980, DELEGATES FROM DSDC AND MVRDC FOR 14 YEARS,
ACTIVE ON MICHAEL SOLOMON SUPPORT COMMITTEE 16 YEARS.
STATE CORP. POSITIONS HELD SHOPS CHAIRMAN FOR 3 STATE CONVENTIONS,

STATE CONVENTIONS ATTENDED ALL FROM 1973 THRU 1990, WERE IN
PUBLICITY SKITS FOR ALL THEY ATTENDED.
NATIONAL CONVENTIONS ATTENDED MERLE - 14, EVELYN 7.
NUMBER OF CLUBS (MEMBER) 5, 2x4's, DAYTON 8's, DSDC, WHIRLAWAYS, MVRDC and
BACKGROUND 20 YEARS WITH THE OHIO CAMPERS.
MERLE BEGAN SQUARE DANCING WITH THE FIRST DAYTON SQ. DANCE
CLUB IN 1950 AND STARTED ROUND DANCING WITH MVRDC IN 1955, EVELYN
HAS BEEN DANCING FOR 16 YRS. SINCE THEIR MARRIAGE. MVRDC HAS
CHOSEN THEM 4 TIMES AS HONOR ROLL COUPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO READILY ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, TO PROMOTE
HARMONY AND TO FURTHER THE EXPANSION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING,
AS AVID TRAVELERS THEY HAVE ATTENDED MANY DANCES AND WEEK-ENDS ACROSS
THE U.S., AND HAVE ADDITIONALLY GAINED EXPERTISE BY ATTENDING LEADER-
SHIP CONFERENCES AND MINI-LEGACY MEETINGS, THEY PERSONALLY VISITED
EVERY CLUB IN THE COUNCIL WHEN THEY WERE PRESIDENTS IN 1981. NOTED
FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CAPABILITY COMBINED WITH A SPLENDID
SENSE OF HUMOR, MERLE AND EVELYN ARE VERY EFFECTIVE
AMBASSADORS OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WRITE-UP--ATTACH SHEETS AS NEEDED.

TO: Miami Valley Dance Council

SUBJECT: Nomination for 1991 Honor Couple

The Miami Valley Round Dance Club is proud to nominate Merle and Evelyn Steiner for the 1991 Honor Couple of the Miami Valley Dance Council.

Merle's square dance experience spans a time frame of 40 years beginning with the first Dayton Square Dance Club lesson class in September 1950. From that time to the present he has been continuously and actively involved in leading, promoting and supporting square and round dancing at all organizational levels. He has been an active member of the Miami Valley Round Dance Club since 1955. Prior to 1973 Merle, and his first wife Charlotte, served on various committees performing many skits to promote square dancing; attended 7 National Conventions; and participated in many square dance camps and seminars across the United States.

After the passing of Charlotte in 1973, Merle and Evelyn were married in 1974. They have continued Merle's enthusiasm for square and round dancing. They are a delightful couple always amenable to accept when asked to lead or help. A recap of their long and varied service follows:

1. President of the MVDC in 1981. They personally visited every club in the Council, thus creating goodwill and providing counseling when needed. They were instrumental in starting the Grand Squares with Hylon Shows.
2. Vice President of the MVDC in 1980 and in charge of the largest lesson class ever held.
3. Served as Convention Shops Chairmen for 3 Ohio State Conventions and to include the 1991 Convention.
4. Have participated in all of the publicity skits at every Ohio State Convention and have attended all of the State Conventions since they have been dancing.
5. Merle has attended 14 National Conventions and Evelyn has attended 7.
6. Have been continuously active with the Michael Solomon Support Committee. Both have participated in all decoration, repair and clean-up projects.
7. Provided leadership as Chairmen of the Miami Valley Round Dance Club for 1 year and served as Treasurer of the club for 2 years.
8. Served on the Dayton Square Dance Club Council and held the office of Treasurer of the club for 3 years.
9. Served as Liaison Officers from MVRDC for 2 Ohio State Conventions.
10. Have "Angeled" at many MVDC lesson classes.
11. Gained experience and improved their leadership ability through attendance at the Mimi-Legacy and Leadership Conferences.
12. Are members of 5 square dance clubs including a 20 year membership with the Ohio Campers. They are also members of the Miami Valley Round Dance Club.

Merle and Evelyn have truly dedicated their time, talents and financial support to the enhancement of the Square and Round Dance cause. Being avid travelers they have danced at many of the Square Dance Lodges and have involved themselves in numerous weekend specials and seminars. Dancers throughout the state respect and admire them for their warm and friendly manner, for their dedication, loyalty and hard work and for the positive image that they project.

Through their willingness to accept responsibility, to be enthusiastic, effective and creative in the discharge of their duties, Merle and Evelyn Steiner - our stellar performers - deserve beyond all doubt to be selected as the 1991 Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Couple.