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Dear Club Representative &/or eligible voter:

Your Miami Valley Dance Council is holding their annual election on Nov. 14th. I am currently the only officially nominated candidate for President. The "Old Guard" of the Trustee Chairperson and Hot Line Chairperson are up to their usual trick of submitting nominees on election night expecting to slip their lackey candidates in. This year you have an opportunity to turn the "Old Guard" out and bring in new ideas, new energy, new blood, new faces. The active candidates currently nominated are Wayne Forsyth for President; for V.P. Bob DeRegnaucourt; Secretary Diane Marcum; Treasurer Mary Tomilson; and trustees Jean DeRegnaucourt and George Heinz.

To show you how desperate and dirty they are running you have probably received a flyer from their trustee nominee Emily Snider. She doesn't tell you she was my spouse until 30 days ago. She questions my qualifications. I've been an active dancer since 1992. Have been a club representative, was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Committee by our President Mr. Ed Melhuish. I was asked to run for President of the Twin Base Club but declined and accepted the V.P. position. My ex's activity has been done exclusively through my activity. I brought her along on all these positions as a husband and wife team. She's been an active dancer with two clubs for 14 years, but active administratively only since our marriage in 1992. Ask her what activity she was in for the previous 10 years with either Twin Base or the Kittyhawks and you'll find her activity was naught until my activity. Just how low and desperate can the opposition get. You should consider not only the message but also the integrity and honesty of the messenger. To date I have visited 35 clubs since being nominated.

In addition to these square dance positions, I am a founder, organizer and past chairperson of a neighborhood watch organization which is the oldest, most active in Clark County. I am the recipient of the MOST SAFETY MINDED NEIGHBOR AWARD for 1995 presented by the Clark County Fighting Back/Family Council and Clark County Sheriff's Office.

I am beholden to no individual and no group with but one exception. I am beholden to you the dancer - be it round, square, folk, clogger or contra. This can not be said by the opposition candidates!!!

The current Vice President is the "Old Guard's" unannounced candidate for president. HE previously told you all HE would not run for office again. What or who changed his mind? How many clubs has HE visited in the past year as V.P.? What has HE done as V.P. this past year? Why didn't HE put his name in nomination at the September meeting if HE truly wants to run? Why does HE have to be a lackey candidate for the "Old Guard"? Why can't HE stand on his own? HE reported HE lost over \$5,000.00 on the recent State Convention and would not do anything differently if HE were to do it over again. Is this a good management decision? Can't HE learn from and admit HIS mistakes and improve upon them?

The "Old Guard" shut down the hot line this past summer. The "Old Guard" has established a \$50.00 rental fee for callers sponsoring student dances at the pavilion, so now callers are ready to charge \$75.00 for demo dances. Do we need and/or want this infighting? The "Old Guard" removed

from the pavilion walls the Raider Honor Roll. All this without council approval. Who do YOU want to run the council, the "Old Guard" click of basically non-dancers or the club council representatives? The constitution is up for review this year. We intend on eliminating all 22 votes of the Executive Committee from council voting. The clubs have 46 votes so you can see the voting is stacked against club control. Put full control of council decisions and activities back in the club reps hands where it belongs, and not the "click's" hands where it currently is.

The HOT LINE chairperson refuses to give up the hot line which a trustee told the Blue Ribbon Committee over five months ago she, was going to handle. To date this trustee hasn't taken over. This trustee personally told me she was thinking of running for president this year since she has held every other position. The "Old Guard" quickly told her not to and pushed her into the secretary's slot, so you can see who controls this trustee and that the "Old Guard" is pushing their lackey candidates where they want them. Is that who YOU WANT to continue running the council? Are YOU satisfied with the way council meetings have been conducted this past year? Have YOU been able to have input into council meetings? Do YOU want decisions to continue to be made by the "Kitchen Cabinet"? Or do YOU want the club council representatives to be making the decisions?

For those of you who have promised your vote to me and our ticket, I trust your word is your bond. You should talk with every club you dance with at home and on raids and get them to vote for change. This is a grass roots movement against the establishment. Join in OUR CRUSADE to improve YOUR dance council. We will not let them steal the vote this year. All ballots will be numbered and distributed on a roll call vote. Members of both slates will be present for the counting of the votes and the ballots will be maintained by the secretary for 30 days after being cast. No "Dick Daley Chicago" type voting this year.

Only if you vote for the full slate of independent candidates of Wayne Forsyth, Bob DeRegnaucourt, Diane Marcum, Mary Tomlinson, Jean DeRegnaucourt and George Heinz will a change be accomplished. If YOU want to truly be part of and an active participant in YOUR Miami Valley Dance Council, the vote is up to YOU on November 14th. Don't let personalities nor personal relationships interfere with the council operation. Vote for a change in management and for improvement and true club participation.

If this letter is too strong for you, I'm sorry. I would rather go down in defeat fighting for a just and right cause rather than going along with the machine and the way things are in the Miami Valley Dance Council. That machine, the "Old Guard", can not live with honesty and the truth.

Your comments on how better the council can serve your club's needs would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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