M.V.D.C Honor Roll Dancer(s) Nomination for 2009

Nominating Club Miami Valley Folk Dancers (MVFD)

Name, Address, & Phone of Couple/Person(s)

James and Eleanor Woolley, 937-432-2136

6162 Quinella Way, Dayton, OH 45459

Number of Years Dancing Over 26 years

Club Elected Positions and Years Held (Pres., VP, Sec., etc.)

Jim – Treasurer, 10 years (1998 – 2007)

Club Appointed Positions and Years Held (Kitchen Chairperson, etc.)

Jim – Program Committee Member, 2 years (1985, 1996)

Eleanor – Program Committee Chair, 2 years (1988, 1989)

Program Committee Member, 1 year (1999)

Kitchen Chair, 4 years (2005 - 2008)

Service at Club Level (Kitchen, Greeters, Clean-up, Decorate, etc.)

Both Jim and Ellie have served as greeters, worked in the kitchen, and on clean up committees for Ethnic Sundays. Jim has taken Registrations for several weekend workshops.

Number of Raids and Retrievals Not applicable – MVFD is unable to participate in Raids

Special Activities (Organize or Assist with Demos, Weekend & Week long Workshops, Special Dances, Parades, World A'Fair, State Fair, Festivals, etc.)

<u>MVFD Demos</u> – They have participated in many demos, including the Sauerkraut Festival (many years), Winter Festival in Springboro, World A'Fair, and the Buckeye Square Dance Convention (2001, 2006).

<u>MVFD Workshops</u> – Each plays a critical role in every weekend workshop (one to two per year) sponsored by the Miami Valley Folk Dancers, Jim as Registration Chair and Treasurer and Ellie working in the kitchen.

<u>Dayton Contra Dance Club</u> – The Woolleys were active members of the Dayton Contra Dance Club for over 26 years.

<u>South Slavic Club</u> - Jim has served as treasurer of the South Slavic Club for seven years and is responsible for the club's expenses including activities connected with The World A'Fair. Both Ellie and Jim spend many hours working in the South Slavic booth during the festival.

<u>Dance Camps</u> – The Woolleys love to travel and dance. They have attended many week long camps and weekends, including:

- Kentucky Dance Institute, several years in the 1990s
- York Contra Dance Holiday, PA, 1991 2007
- Contra and Traditional Dance Week in Dillard GA, 1985 1997
- "Spring Fling" in Marietta, Ohio, 2002-2008

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M.V.D.C Position and Years Held (Pres., VP, Treasurer, Trustee, etc.)

None

State & National Positions and Years Held (State Corp, State & National Convention Positions, etc.) **None**

State & National Conventions Attended

State - 1988, 1991, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006

Additionally, the Woolleys have attended many camps and weekends as noted under Special Activities.

Attach a Write Up (Include all information about applicant that might be of importance to the Selection Committee)

MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE COUNCIL SECRETARY BY THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING!

8/26/00

Write Up

Although, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers think of the Woolley's as folk dancers, they enjoy square dancing and contra dancing just as much, if not more. In fact, Jim and Eleanor Woolley met in a contra dance class and have been long time members of the Dayton Contra Dance Club.

As active members of MVFD, Jim and Ellie have both served on the Program Committee several times, twice as Chair of that committee. This is the busiest committee of our club, setting up teaching each week and helping members plan programs. And although Ellie has officially been Kitchen Chair for only 4 years, for many years before that she has helped out in the kitchen. She is well known for her excellent cooking. You will regularly find her in the kitchen at the Pavilion helping out with MVFD's Ethnic Sunday dinners, Thursday evening refreshments, and workshop dinners and snacks.

Active in MVFD since 1983, it wasn't until eleven years ago that the folk dancers discovered that Jim was precise with numbers and knew how to work number magic with the computer. He has been an exceptional treasurer, also serving as registration chair for many of our workshops. He is so exceptional that he soon took on the additional task of treasurer for his housing association and the South Slavic Club, which included the club's financial activities at the annual World A'Fair. It was with deep regret that after 10 years as treasurer, the members of MVFD accepted his resignation.

The Woolleys also love to travel and dance. For many years they have attended camps, workshops, weekends, and conventions throughout Ohio, and south and east, including the

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Kentucky Dance Institute, York Contra Dance Holiday in Pennsylvania, Contra and Traditional Dance Week in Georgia, "Spring Fling" in Marietta, Ohio, and many Ohio Buckeye Dance Conventions.

The Wooleys are exceptionally creative, exceptionally capable, and exceptionally well organized. They need to be because inbetween their dancing, Ellie still works part-time (at age 80!); they restored a home in the Oregon District; Jim studied and became proficient in tinsmithing and later stained glass; Jim volunteers at a local hospital; Ellie plays cards with friends, makes artistic scrap books, and prepares and serves elegant meals. Whew!

To look at the Woolleys, your impression would be that they are quietly poised and friendly. With a shy smile, they obviously enjoy everything they do, especially their dancing. We are fortunate and thankful that they have chosen to share their abilities and their enthusiasm with us these past 26+ years. The Miami Valley Folk Dancers are exceptionally pleased to name James and Eleanor Woolley as the 2009 MVFD Honor Dancers and nominees to become the Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Roll Dancers.