

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

Nominating Club **Clinton County Country Squares**

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

Larry Ferguson and Mary Reynolds
Larry - 4609 Abernathy Rd., Lynchburg, OH 45142
Mary - 2 Prairie Creek, Wilmington, OH 45177
Phone 937-763-6812 for Larry; Mary's cell is 937-283-1626

Number of Years Dancing **Larry - 26 and Mary 8 years**

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

Larry - 1991 - Program Chairman
Larry - 1993 - Assistant Treasurer
Larry - 1998 - President
Larry - 2001 - Council Representative
Larry - 2009 - 2012 - President and Mary - 2009 - 2012 Banner Raid Chairperson
(This includes 2012 as President and 2012 Banner Raid Chair)

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

Mary has served on Hospitality Committees both at Clinton County and the Michael Solomon Pavilion Clinton County's special dances from 2007 - 2014. She was Co-Chairperson in 2009 for Clinton County's Special at the Michael Solomon Pavilion.

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

Both Mary and Larry have served as Greeters, and worked on clean-up at Clinton County Dances and Specials at the Michael Solomon Pavilion from 2007 - 2014.

Number of Raids and Retrievals **Larry - 400 plus; Mary has 196.**

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

In 1998, Larry planned and organized a bus trip to Nashville, Indiana for the Clinton County Country Squares

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

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State & National Conventions Attended

51st State in Dayton, OH 2011 - Mary and Larry
53rd State in Columbus, OH 2013 - Mary and Larry
54th State in Covington, KY 2014 - Mary and Larry
41st National Square and Round Dance Convention - Cincinnati, OH 1992 - Larry
59th National Square and Round Dance Convention - Louisville, KY 2010 - Mary and Larry

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

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Write Up

Clinton County nominates Larry Ferguson and Mary Reynolds for 2014 Miami Valley Honor Couple. Larry has been square dancing since 1989, accepted officer positions, and earned 400 plus Raids and Retrievals while putting over 100,000 miles on his other van driving and taking other Clinton County club members to several of those dances.

Mary has been dancing for 8 years, accepted the Banner Raid Officer positions, and has earned 196 Raids and Retrievals.

1990 - 1999 Larry's Activities

In addition to participating in Raids/Retrievals, regular club dances at Laurel, angeling lesson classes, the All Nighter specials, Graduation Dance, Wilmington Corn Festival, Christmas Dance, demos, Sweetheart Dance, Weekend Getaway Dance at Kings Island, Traveling Annie, Lake Cowan, a Mystery Trip to Lake Choctah, and Hoedown at the First Christian Church, Larry was there dancing in the heat at the Clinton County Fair.

Larry supported Miami Valley's activities by attending summer plus workshops at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. There were two dances shared by Clinton County, Fayette County, and Highland County. One was a Jamboree with several callers alternating between the county locations in the summer months each year, and a New Year's Dance on New Year's Eve. He was there to assist with those events.

Larry supported the club by traveling on mystery trips and many of those were out of state. In January 1990, he drove south to Kentucky for a Snowball Dance; in 1991, a dance at the Kentucky Horse Park. In Dec. 1993, he drove one of six vans on a mystery trip to Maysville, Kentucky. Then in 1998, Larry went to the Biltmore Estates in North Carolina. In 1999, he drove members of the Clinton County dance club to the Cincinnati Zoo to see the lights at Christmas. Thanks to Larry, those who like to travel to Richmond to Hoosier Corners and eat at Rob's, but are not fond of driving that distance get to enjoy that Raid by riding with Larry.

He made two trips to Gatlinburg - one to the Smoky Mountain Festival in Gatlinburg and the other one to downtown Gatlinburg. This downtown Gatlinburg dance was a memorable event which included 4 states: 3 of those were Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama with 4 callers participating. One caller was dressed in Elvis attire and Tom Roper even did an imitation of Elvis. No one was on the dance floor, they were all watching and having a good time.

As the Club's Spring Dance and Halloween Dances were moved to the Michael Solomon Pavilion in 2007, that meant driving that extra mile. I didn't hear him complain.

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Larry and Mary's 2007 - 2014 Activities

At Port William's special in the summer time, Mary and Larry were there "dancing in the heat" on the streets of their town in 2007 and 2008 for a Demo.

Larry and Mary have been faithful attending and participating in demos at six different nursing homes, Cape May Retirement Village, Fellowship of Praise Church, Corn Festival and Strawberry Festivals; dancing on the street in Bowersville, John and Fran's Pastor's house and performing in freezing cold weather on the Court House steps in Wilmington in November.

Plus, they have participated in special dances like the Miami Valley's Purple Heart Dance, Gem City's Ken Roberts' Hallelujah Jubilee, Frontier Squares Dance/Picnic in Cincinnati, a Benefit Dance at Cardinal Squares, Wounded Warriors Benefit Dance, and a canned food dance at Kitty Hawks club.

Traveling a distance isn't a question for Larry. Larry is supportive, too, of other out-of-state dance club specials. In 2009, he drove to Brown County, Indiana for a special weekend dance. Both Mary and Larry are not only active in our club, but travel to support the Miami Valley area clubs as well. Since 2008, they have been traveling to Jackson, Ohio for a Southern Ohio Round-up Dance with Homer Magnet. Larry and Mary were on the road again in 2011 driving to the Fairfield Commons Mall for a square dance demo with other Miami Valley dancers.

In 2010, Larry and Mary supported the club by taking round dance waltz lessons. They participate in rounds at our club dances.

Larry and Mary have been supportive to the club secretary by sharing pictures they have taken at Christmas Dances, Graduation Dances, and the 2011 Miami Valley Honor Dance.

In 2012 and 2013, we don't know the pain Larry may have endured the next day after stepping into a square. But he didn't give up, he gave it the "Ole College Try." We thank you Larry for continuing to support the club.

Surgery in January, 2013, didn't slow him down for long, as in March he braved the weather and drove on those wintry roads to Dayton for the Hallelujah Jubilee Dance at the Pavilion. Larry and Mary didn't miss the CCCS April special at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, the Family, Friends, and Fun Dance, a CCCS Graduation Dance, a June Frontier Squares Picnic Dance near Cincinnati on a rainy, cold evening, and in July, the Strawberry Festival Demo, the Fundraiser Dance for Brenda Hayslip, the Southern Ohio Round-Up and attended the Tom Dillander Benefit Dance in Dayton in September 2013.

Mary always looks so stunning in her square dance dresses as she wears those bright vibrant outfits with matching crinolines. And, Larry always looks handsome as he wears the official square dance attire to demos as well as dances. Remember the Corn Festival in September 2013? It was one of those hot, humid afternoons and evenings for that demo. If a spotlight were on, Mary would be the one featured wearing the colorful "yellow" square dance attire. Plus, they always plan to dress for the occasion whether it's Halloween, Hawaiian Luau at Cardinal Squares, Concord Cloverleaf's "Dress Foolishly" Dance, or the Southern Ohio Round-Up "Christmas in July" theme dance.

During the current year 2014, Larry didn't hesitate to continue to drive to lesson classes, club dances, state convention, or demos. We are extremely grateful for his driving his van and taking new dancers to numerous Raids & Retrievals so that the club could have a square. As Mary and Velma will tell you, there were many times when raids were planned, and the club would not have had a square if Larry hadn't been the supportive person he was.

In 2014, Mary and Larry continued to support other Miami Valley club dances, go to the Miami Valley Honor Dance, and on the 18th and 19th of July, they traveled to Jackson, Ohio to the Southern Ohio Round-up Dance. In September, you saw Mary and Larry at the demo at the Wilmington Corn Festival. On October 5th, 2014, Mary and Larry attended the Benefit Dance for the 2017 National Square and Round Dance Convention. Once the student dances were announced to be held at the Michael Solomon Pavilion, Mary marked her calendar and she and Larry invited new dancers to join them riding to the Pavilion and dancing in the squares.

We are indeed proud to have Larry and Mary in the club and thank them for being the active members that they are.