



MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Honor Roll Dancers

Bernie & Don Linkous

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Bernie and Don Linkous began their square dancing in the 1980-81 Miami Valley Dance Council's (MVDC) lesson class. Bernie began clogging lessons in the fall of 1982, and Don joined her in 1983. They took beginning round dance lessons from Dorothy and John Roasa in 1982. In 1983 they attended the A1 class sponsored by MVDC and an A2 class with Chuck Myers. In the fall of 1984 they took intermediate rounds with George and Mady D'Aloiso.

Upon completion of their initial square dance lessons, they danced at many clubs in the Council before joining Squares A Go-Go. They were club secretary in 1983 and part of the group which drafted a constitution for the club. During their tenure as secretary, they acted as leaders of the club when both the president and vice president were absent because of personal problems. They are currently square dancing the C1 program and are members of Tally-Hos in Bellbrook and Shazams in Cincinnati.

As members of Miami Valley Round Dance Club, they have served as social chairman and general chairman. 1994 completed their second term as general chairman. They continue to plan special events for the club.

Don served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Miami Valley Dance Council in 1986-87, and Bernie served as sewing chairman. Don was elected president of MVDC for 1988, and Bernie retained her position as sewing chairman through 1991. One of her major accomplishments was the design and construction of the Council blanket.

The Linkouses' first experience with Ohio state conventions was in 1982 when they assisted the registration chairman. In 1984 they served on the sewing room committee. They were sewing room chairmen of the 1988 convention where they introduced the idea of handmade door prizes contributed by Council clubs, and Bernie organized and narrated the fashion show. They either assisted with or guided the operation of Dayton's hospitality rooms at state conventions from 1984-1991. In 1991 Don and Bernie served as general chairmen of the 32nd Buckeye Dance Convention. As convention chairmen, they attended the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs' meetings for two and one-half years. They are currently serving as advisors to the 35th Buckeye Dance Convention.

Don and Bernie have been actively involved in numerous elements of square and round dancing. Both have earned the state and council friendship badges. They were awarded the "angel" dangle for having been angels for MVDC lesson classes from 1981-88. They have spent many hours assisting in the cleaning and maintenance of Michael Solomon Pavilion. Don helped install both the floor and pull-down stairs to the upper storage area. They were asked to design and relocate the honor couple wall currently in use.

As a result of her idea, Bernie was asked to design and make the banners which are given to the clubs presenting "table clinics" at leadership clinics. The Linkouses designed the honor raider banners which are awarded annually and in 1988 originated the awarding of MVDC dangles to the executive committee for service to the Council. Don has taken part in several leadership clinics. Both have helped to organize and have taken part in Kettering Holiday-at-Home and Day in the Park functions and have participated in many Council demos.

The Miami Valley Dance Council recognizes Bernie and Don Linkous's dedication and continued support of square dancing and has selected them 1995 Council Honor Couple.