



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

# Soundboard

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Everyone,  
A big THANK YOU to all those who participated in our first SSDS playdate for 2005. We had a great time at Old St. Patrick's Church in Ann Arbor helping them celebrate their feast day with lots of Irish music. We started playing to a standing room only crowd before they started putting up additional tables. Some of our SSDS members had to eat in the kitchen as there just weren't enough seats available in the hall. We dined on corned beef and cabbage, salads, vegetables, and desserts too numerous to mention. Bill Deighton delivered a solo performance of 'Danny Boy' which we ended up playing again as a request later on in the program. Many compliments were received from the parishioners as they exited the hall, and I'm still hearing about the performance a week later. Everybody in our group seemed to have a good time and very definitely enjoyed all the food.

George



## V.P. PROGRAMS.....

The Silver Strings Campout is set for June 18-19 at Miner Lake. We would like your registration and money by the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We also need to know how many want the Boy Scout swiss steak dinner, and how many prefer a pot-luck. Registrations may be given at the business table (at the meeting room entrance) or directly to me or to Carol.

Marlin

## SECRETARY'S NOTES.....

An open board meeting was held March 3<sup>rd</sup> before the regular jam.

Evie Bain is heading the annual banquet to be held in October. She has her committee, and is looking for a place to hold it.

Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Internet posting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. All articles are to be sent to Sandi Hlavacek. Sound board will not be sent out to people who can pick them up at the meetings. This will save a LOT of postage expense.

Summertime picnic should be 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August, working around festival workshop dates. Club will provide the meat, members bringing a dish to pass.

We need to review by-laws, and bring dates of nominating, elections, etc more into line with the changes made 2 years ago in officer turnover time.

The website limitations (speed, storage, service) still plague us. We need some changes. This will be explored.

Carol

Our thoughts and prayers are with our secretary, Carol Harmon, who had surprise open heart surgery March 21<sup>st</sup>. We are thankful to say that she came through it well, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery. A flood of cards would brighten her days.

Hello Everyone...

It's good to hear from you from time to time. Thanks BUNCHES for all of the encouragement. I am doing all my exercises, healing, and some day WILL play music again.

Peggy Kustra

**ANNOUNCING \* \* \* \* \***

Our webmaster, Lynne Ellen Kaiser, has resigned due to lack of time. We are grateful for her service, and offer a **HUGE THANK YOU** for the time and talent she has shared with us. It is not a simple job.

This transition seems to be an opportune time to revamp the Silver Strings website. The board made the decision to register our own domain name and create our own internet website. The new website name will be [WWW.SSDSociety.org](http://WWW.SSDSociety.org). (Other variations were taken). The old site at geocities was providing some challenges that would require us to pay for increased resources per month. So, as long as we have to pay something, we can have our own site, free of nuisance advertising, pop ups, junk mail, etc. The site is under construction as we speak. The LISTSERVE function will be replaced by a MESSAGE Board. We will notify you as soon as it is ready. We will also try to redirect hits on our old site to our new one for a period of time. We should be able to do some interesting and fun things on our new domain. Stay Tuned.

**BANK ON THIS (Treasurers Notes)**

Ok! For any of you who have not brought snacks, I'll give you a hint. "We need more chocolate".

We had a great play date at St Patrick's Church in Whitmore Lake. The corned beef and cabbage, with pot-luck was great, although mine ended up all over the floor. Someone knocked over a chair in front of me as I was walking back to the table. I took the most ungraceful, head long lunge to the floor that I can ever remember. I think I took out about three more chairs with me. Lesson learned...I cannot fly. Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, the play went fine.

This was our first "for pay" gig this year. We also sold four CD's. I encourage all of you to sign up and come to some of the "Play Dates". They are generally fun and we have some interesting venues. Help share the load.

We have moved the bank account to TCF Bank. The new account is 'fee free' and will save us \$120 a year of Credit Union fees. The bank is on Plymouth Rd at Farmington Rd., with several new branches scheduled to open in the metro-Detroit area, which will be much more convenient for future treasurers.

Bob

March:  
EXPENSES....\$160.29  
INCOME.....\$430.00

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**New member...**

Kathleen Harrison, (ukulele) (313)563-1758  
22530 Cherry Hill, Dearborn, 48124

**V.P.BUSINESS .....**

**WOW !** Three successful playdates are behind us. The audiences were enthusiastic and had a great time (if happy faces and loud applause are good indicators). On behalf of the 2005 Board of Directors, many thanks to the following SSDS members for contributing their time and talent: George Gonyo, Ramona & Steve Hadley, Carol & Marlin Harmon, Sandi & Bob Hlavacek, Barb & Roger Davis, Sharon & John McAuliffe, Dorothy & Bob Ewald, Karen Turner, Evie & Jim Bain, Theresa & David Smith, Sally & Bob Niemczewski, Bill Deighton, Pat Altpeter, John Mercer, Linda Losse, Luke Kawiecki, Sue Duncan, and Dave Lovelace. We had fun...and some good food, too !. And, of course, our treasury shows a bit more black ink.

More opportunities to participate are coming up April 21 and April 28, both in Livonia. Details to follow at SSDS meetings or contact me directly. Please join us.

Regarding participation in play dates, please note:

- \* If you want to play, please sign up on the sheet provided for that purpose or let me know. Some clients ask for a limited number of players.
- \* Time listed for the play date is the actual start time; plan to arrive 1/2 hour before start for set up and staging.
- \* If you are unable to attend, notify me in advance and provide name of your substitute, if possible.
- \* Observe dress code. Slacks or khakis, shirts or sweaters are appropriate for most play dates. Please... no jeans, denim, shorts, tee shirts or sweatshirts, unless the event is very casual. We want to put our best foot forward, and leave a good impression.

Ramona

Before spreading rumor or gossip, try to remember the Rotary International's Four-Way Test of things we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Asking ourselves these questions before we inflict verbal venom on our brothers and sisters makes us better and more fair-minded human beings.

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MAN . . . . .

Our song for April is "Rosin the Beau". Music will be available for pick-up at the April meetings.

In March, I distributed "Angeline the Baker". This is one of the tunes for Evart. As I announced at one of the meetings, I plan to introduce and lead practice on Evart tunes, so our members can feel more prepared when they get there. So keep practicing...they won't be "song of the month", but we will be playing them.

If you are missing any music in your collection, please see me or leave me a note in the suggestion box. I am not putting the music out at meetings, because we have seen too many visitors pulling out sheet music just to have it. A lot of SSDS money has been spent to print off sheet music for our members, only to see it walk away with outsiders, or be thrown away.

### SSDS Playlist.....April-May

- 1...D ANGLEWORM WIGGLE . . . . .3X . . . . . A
- 2...D VIOLA'S SCHOTTISCHE . . . . .3X . . . . .F#
- 3...D OVER THE WATERFALL . . . . .3X . . . . . D
- 4...D JOHN RYAN'S POLKA . . . . .5X . . . . . D
- 5...G MAGGIE . . . . .3X . . . . . B
- 6...DA MAPLE SUGAR . . . . .3-1/2 . . . . .F#
- 7...C BLACK VELVET WALTZ . . . . .3X . . . . . G
- 8...G DOWN YONDER . . . . .3X . . . . . B
- 9...DD CHINESE / NELLY BLY . . . . .2ea. . . . .A-F#
- 10...Am JOYS OF QUEBEC . . . . .3X . . . . . E
- 11...Am KATUSHKA . . . . .5X . . . . .A
- 12...D HARVEST HOME . . . . .2X . . . . .A
- 13...G OLD JOE CLARK . . . . .4X . . . . .A
- 14...D PEEKABOO WALTZ . . . . .3X . . . . .F#
- 15...G RED APPLE RAG . . . . .3X . . . . . D
- 16...G SILVER & GOLD 2-STEP . . . . .3X . . . . . B
- 17...D YOUNG RODDY McCORLEY . .4X . . . . . D
- 18...G COLUMBUS STOCKADE BLUES 4X . . . . B
- 19...D HEY POLKA . . . . .4X . . . . .A
- 20...G WESTPHALIA WALTZ . . . . .2X . . . . . D
- 21...D FLIGHT OF THE HAGGIS . . . . .4X . . . . . D
- 22.....ENDLESS MEDLEY . . . . .2 EA.....
- D..... Ragtime Annie.....F#
- D.....Soldier's Joy.....F#
- D-G.....Golden Slippers.....D-G

Copies of this play list will be available at meetings and play dates, so you can keep your Soundboard intact.

## THANK YOU !!!

.....to all of the people who are submitting articles to the Soundboard....to all who sign up & bring snacks....to all who sign in at the meetings (Gerry Hermans and Evie Baine have been our 1<sup>st</sup> two door prize winners)... to all who put their birthday or anniversary on the calendar (hope you like the cards !)... to all who are helping make the back "business table" work for us...for all of your smiling faces... to all who have come out for our play dates... to all who continue to support the current board in any way...your support is **SO-O-O** appreciated !

**THANK YOU !!! ... Please keep it up !**

## COMING EVENTS.....

- April 1 .....Happy birthday Alice Avery
- April 9.....Uncle Carl's
- April 16.....Adrian Jam
- April 21 .....SSDS PLAY DATE @  
Livonia Civic Center Library**
- April 22-30 .....Dollywood festival
- April 27 .....Happy Birthday Jason Yanity
- April 28 .....SSDS PLAY DATE @  
Laurel Manor, Alzheimer fundraiser**
- May 12 .....SSDS PLAY DATE @  
Rivergate Terrace**
- May 14..... Uncle Carl's
- June 18-19 ..... SSDS Campout
- July 13-17 ..... ODPC Dulcimer Funfest, Evart, Mi.
- Aug. 26-28 ..... Midland Musicfest

## TID-BITS FROM FLORIDA

The Suncoast Dulcimer Club performed a gig Saturday, Feb, 19<sup>th</sup>. at Fisherman Village for the Edison Community College Spring Festival, they have moved because of damage done by Hurricane Charley.

Four of us are Silver Stringers, Dale & Pat Ihrrie, me, Donna Mayer's sister and another gal who plays the banjo – What's her name??

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we played at a North Fort Myers Mobile Home Park. In April, before everybody departs for their homes up north, Suncoast Dulcimer Club will give a concert for our home base, Winter Garden Presbyterian Church.

I have a 15 key marimba I just got it last week. I am working on the Bells of St. Mary's.

Hal Bain

P.S. I hope to get my new roof on really soon

## TAX TIME TRIVIA. . . . .

Did you ever notice that when you put two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS" ?

### 1. How do you get a banjo player to play softly ?

Hand him / her some sheet music.

### Hi Y'all !

You are cordially invited to attend our **Bluewater area jams**, every Friday at 7-11:00 pm in Port Huron, (60 miles north of Detroit). They are held in the "church house" behind the First Free Methodist Church, on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., just south of the Bluewater Bridge to Canada. There is lots of room for players, and lots of parking. All acoustic instruments welcome..."Evart flavor". Bring tunes to swap, and jam the night away. Donations appreciated (\$5 suggested), you may bring snacks, pop machine available. . For more info. **Contact Rochelle at dulcimatika@aol.com.** or call **(810-982-0762)**

## THE MELODY LINGERS ON

By Gerry Hermans

"Begin the Beguine",  
sophisticated title  
for a kid to decipher...  
juke boxes spun it:  
the tune spilled from the  
speakers at the Five and Dime  
as we rifled through the  
12 cent jewelry inventory.

The teen next door crowed that it  
was her favorite on the hit parade.

Later our gang played it on the old  
phonograph at a garage party,  
sipping coca cola, dancing, giddy  
as the clarinet took the lead.

Today I read that Artie Shaw died at  
age 92. The redolence of metal,  
plastic, dust and motors activates  
that garage turntable in my mind's eye.

The oldies station played the  
classic hit in tribute today.  
Yes, the maestro has come to  
his end, but music lovers  
will continue to  
"Begin the Beguine".

## New Book Finally Finished!

The companion book to my CD "Old But Timely" is finally finished! It contains all the tunes on the CD. The arrangements are progressive. In other words, you may start out with melody and work into the more difficult arrangements, or, go right to the advanced variation. There are 37 pages of music on 12 tunes, with 5 pages of notation information and how to embellish. You also get some of my poetry.

The tunes are: Rosin The Beau, The Shepherd's Wife, Swinging on a Gate, Simple Gifts, Off to California, Red Wing, Arkansas Traveler, Scotland The Brave, St. Anne's Waltz, Westphalia Waltz, and Carolan's Quarrel with the Landlady.

The response to the book has exceeded my expectations. The first printing sold in two weeks. When the April Soundboard is posted, the second will be available. The book is \$22.00, CD is \$15.00, or get the set for \$32.00. Tax of 6% on all items.

You may call or email me to order your copy. Please add \$4.00 S&H or make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

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**CONGRATULATIONS JANE...  
THAT'S QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT !**

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If you haven't written your anniversary or birthday into the calendar on the back table, please do so. This will enable us to do one more nice thing for you, our members.....help you celebrate your special day.

If you know of any member with a death in the immediate family, an extended illness, or hospitalization, contact Ramona so the board can respond accordingly.

I can post it in the Soundboard, and a friendly card or call from you might brighten a day,  
Sandi

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## DULCIMER WORLD LOSS

Submitted by: Sharon McAuliffe

From the Ann Arbor News, February 24, 2005

Jean Schilling of Cosby, Tennessee, an Appalachian musician who built and played dulcimers, died of congestive heart failure at her home on Tuesday. She was 76 years old. She was married to Lee Schilling who was her music partner for 36 years.

Jean helped start the Folk Festival of the Smokies in 1968, and in 1974 she and her husband created the Folk life Center of the Smokies

The couple built dulcimers, psalteries and mountain harps at their Cosby shop and became a national retail archive of sheet music and recorded music of Appalachia.

## Blue Lion Mountain Dulcimer for sale...

Style I, hourglass, 1 year old, solid walnut back & sides, bookmatched western cedar top, satin lacquer finish, Honduras mahogany fingerboard with walnut overlay, mother of pearl fretboard inlays in frets 3-7-14, bookmatched scroll peghead, Schaller planetary geared tuners, ebony nut & saddle, almost excellent condition (few slight character marks), with case, ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL ! Bought new for \$484.79 + tax... ask \$400.

E-mail Brett at [fbridgeway@juno.com](mailto:fbridgeway@juno.com)

## 2005 Evert preshow tunes list

Friday night	key	Saturday night	key
Festival Rag (By Bill Robinson)	D	Battle Hymn of the Republic	G
Mississippi Sawyer	D	Redwing	G
Columbus Stockade Blues	G	Bells of St. Mary's (plucked with fingers)	G
Dark Town Strutter's Ball	C	Angeline the Baker	D
Ode to Joy (plucked with fingers)	G	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	C
Simple Gifts	D	Joys of Quebec	A
Eddie's Reel	G	You're Cheatin' Heart (We all boo-hoo)	C
Golden Slippers	G/D/C	St. Anne's Reel	.D
Under the Double Eagle	G/C	Steel Guitar Rag	G
America the Beautiful O, Canada	G	God Bless America O, Canada	G
Star Spangled Banner	G	Star Spangled Banner	G



# Annual Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

submitted by David Smith



From left to right (back row) Donna Mayer, Larry Allen, Rob Downie, David Smith, Sandi Hlavacek.  
(middle row) Luke Kaweck, Nancy Downie, Penny Scheiber, Theresa Smith, Mary Lou Battley.  
(seated) Terry Avery, Alice Avery, Tom Gryniewicz. (not pictured) Pat McLane, Jane Chevalier, Rich Smith.

16 Silver Strings members attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckeye Dulcimer Festival at Recreation Unlimited near Ashley Ohio on March 9 - 13. Most of us attended Friday – Sunday but Sandi and Pat took advantage of the Wednesday-Sunday extended stay.

Luke performed with his portable reed organ on open stage and at the Sunday morning prayer service. Penny performed with several of her friends on HD. Jane also performed and took part in vendor sales with her new “Old But Timely” CD and Book. Mary Lou and Penny also taught classes at the festival. Mary Lou won a CD at the Sunday raffle.

Most of the workshops were either for Hammered or Mountain Dulcimer but there were also classes featuring Harp, Autoharp, Harmonica, Pennywhistle, Guitar, Bodhran, Banjo, and Singing. We also enjoyed eating, jamming, open stage, evening concerts, vendors, a Sunday gospel singalong, nature walks and lots of socializing with friends. This is a warm and cozy festival located in a very quiet rural area and we all left the hustle and bustle of our lives behind for a very enjoyable but brief weekend.

Mark your calendar for next year when the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckeye Festival will take place on March 8 – 12, 2006. Be there!

From our roving reporter David Smith:



Silver Strings provided entertainment for the Darany for Council fundraiser at the brand new Elite Manor Banquet Hall at La Pita Restaurant in Dearborn. 20 of our club members had a wonderful time performing, eating and socializing.



47 Silver Strings members attended our 3<sup>d</sup> Thursday jam that also happened to be St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Many members wore green to celebrate the occasion. George was away on a ski trip so Ramona skillfully stepped in and led the jam. There were 18 Hammed Dulcimers, 2 Mountain Dulcimers, 10 Guitars, 4 Harmonicas, 3 Autoharps, 2 Whistles and 1 each Banjo, Fiddle, Cello, Bass, Washtub and Spoons. This has been a busy week for Silver Strings, besides our Thursday Jam many of us just returned from the Buckeye Festival and we had performances on March 13 and 19. Wow! What a fun time!