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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

A fun time was had by all who attended the SSDS Banquet held at the beautiful Fox Hills Country Club. Evie Bain and her committee, consisting of Bonnie, Carol, and Jim, made this a super event. Theresa and Dave Smith, and Sharon McAuliffe provided a "Name that Tune" game. One of our past presidents, Pennye Scheiber, had the highest number of tunes correct. There were five past presidents in attendance at this evening. We had Hors D'oeuvres and a wonderful buffet dinner. After dinner we jammed until we were tired. I think we made it to 10:00pm, when people started to pack up.

We have a lot of good candidates running for the SSDS board positions for the coming calendar year. We should give all of these members our support. Thanks to all members who submitted their names for consideration. This is your club, and all of you make it what it is today.

We have many playdates coming up for the month of December that need your support. Please contact Ramona Hadley if you can make yourself available for any of them. Some of these playdates are limited in numbers, so sign up early. Regarding our music, we need to remember that not every song needs to be played at "Mach 1" for the coming Christmas playdates. (I noticed that some of you were blowing on your hammers after the songs to cool them off). We need to be aware of our quieter instruments, such as the autoharp, violin, and harmonica. Our audience wants to be able to hear **all** of our instruments.

We are planning a Christmas potluck for the second meeting in December. More details will follow. Our next board meeting will be held on December 7th, at 6:00 pm, before our regular jam. George

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

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Nov. 2	SSDS Board elections & jam7pm							
Nov. 11	Uncle Carl's Jam 12:30-4:30pm Senior Center @ Spring Arbor, Mi							
Nov. 16	SSDS Playdate1-2:00 pm Elderwise Ann Arbor							
Nov. 18	SSDS Playdate 5:00pm Riverview Terrace Riverview							
Nov. 19	SSDS Playdate :2:00pm Northville Historical Society. . . . N'ville							
Dec.4	SSDS Playdate6-7:00 pm Cherry Hill Presb.Church, . . Dearborn							
Dec. 5	SSDS Playdate6:30pm First Baptist Church Wayne							
Dec.7	Board meeting 6:00pm Good Hope Church(before jam)							
Dec. 11	SSDS Playdate . . noon(lunch) 1:00(play) First United Methodist,Wyandotte							
Dec. 12	SSDS Playdate 1 - 2:00 pm Retired School Personnel, Berkley							
Dec. 13	SSDS Playdate :2:30-3:30 pm American House Westland							
Dec.14	Holiday Potluck & concert . . .6:45pm							
Dec. 15	SSDS Playdate :7:00pm Grand Court Farmington Hills							
Dec.16	SSDS Playdate :5:00pm Rivergate Terrace. Riverview							
Dec.17	SSDS Playdate :9:00am Franklin Community Church Franklin Hills . . . (breakfast follows play)							
Dec.17	SSDS Playdate6-7:00 pm St. Richard's Church. Westland							
Dec. 19	SSDS Playdate :7-8:00 pm Northville Library Northville							
Dec. 21	SSDS Playdate :12:15-1 pm Livonia Civic Center Livonia							
Dec. 21	NO MEETING & JAM							

NOTICE... the December 21st meeting has been moved to the 14th, and we will have a Christmas potluck that evening.

V.P. BUSINESS

Hi everyone:

We are rapidly approaching the end of another successful year and with it, a heavy schedule of playdates. So, would you PLEASE get out your calendar and, then, read this information carefully. You now have the complete list of upcoming playdates for November and December.

If you would like to sign up for a playdate, please advise me as soon as possible. Some of the dates have limited room (based on the booking parties restrictions). As we get closer to the actual playdate, I will send out the usual reminder notice to you.

On a celebratory note, be sure to circle Thursday, December 14, 6:45 pm for the SSDS Holiday Pot Luck. The club will furnish baked ham; members will provide the rest of the goodies. Members of the committee are: Dorothy Ewald, Carol and Marlin Harmon, Theresa Smith, and me. There will be a sign up sheet at the next two meetings. We need to have a head count, so that George knows how much ham to purchase, and so that the committee knows how many places to set. We had a wonderful pot luck last year and we look forward to a repeat performance this year! Following our dinner, the Good Hope congregation will join us for refreshments (only cookies and beverages) and a short holiday concert.

Ramona

NEW PLAYDATES :

- Sat - Nov 18, Rivergate Terrace, Riverview, 5 pm
- Sun Nov 19, Northville Historical Society, N'ville, 2 pm
- Tue - Dec 5, First Baptist, Wayne, 6:30 pm
- Mon - Dec 11, First United Methodist, Wyandotte, Noon (lunch); 1 pm
- Fri - Dec 15, Grand Court, Farmington Hills, 7 pm
- Sat - Dec 16, Rivergate Terrace, Riverview, 5 pm
- Sun - Dec 17, Franklin Community Church, Franklin Hills, 9 am (breakfast follows playdate)

V.P. PROGRAMS

Well folks, we are getting close to the end of the year again and we have lots of playdates and lots more fun. We have elections on November 2nd, 1 more variety night, November 30th (the "Bob & Dave Show") and our Christmas pot luck December 14th. We hope you are planning to attend. See you there!!!.....Marlin

YOU CAN BANK ON THIS _____ (TREASURER)

The year is rapidly coming to a close. We are already in the process of planning Christmas activities mixed with playdates, jam sessions, and practice for the seasonal songs. It does not seem like two years since taking the position of treasurer. There are still a few things to wrap up this year.

The application for a corporate status change from an LLC to a 501c7 "Membership Club", has been submitted to the IRS. If approved, this will change our tax status to "exempt", as long as income is under \$20,000 per year (not a problem). We should have a determination before our next tax deadline.

Elections will be held on November 2nd. Your 2007 membership dues must be paid to be eligible to vote. You can still pay them at the meeting before the election. The ballots will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting, and voting will be done following that. So come early if you need to pay your dues. I will produce a new current member roster for you to pick up at the Christmas potluck meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving !.

Bob Hlavacek

Silver Strings offers our deepest sympathy to the McKinney family in the death of Loretta's father.

YOUR SECRETARY'S NOTES

I really had a good time at the banquet. I just want to thank Evie and Jim Baine for doing such a fine job in preparing this for us. I am sure I speak for the other board members too. Thanks again Evie and Jim and their whole committee, who helped out. Also I want to thank everyone who has been bringing snacks to our meetings. What would we do without them ? Keep bringing the snacks! If you haven't brought any for a while, how about doing it soon ?.....Carol

CORRECTION.....

In the last Soundboard, John & Sharon McAuliffe's anniversary was erroneously reported as October 9th and Marlin Harmon's birthday as October 16th. The correct dates are **November 9th** and **16th**. I apologize for this, and wish them happiness on their occasions.

Sandi, (editor)

LET'S CELEBRATE!!!!

Nov. 9.	Happy Anniversary	John & Sharon McAuliffe
Nov. 9.	Happy Birthday	John Mercier
Nov. 16	Happy Birthday	Marlin Harmon
Nov. 30.	Happy Birthday	Greg Kaiser
Nov. 30.	Happy Birthday	Marie Naster

FROM THE MUSIC MAN

With so many Christmas play dates and the extra practice session, I wasn't going to do a new song, but I heard some people playing "Oh Susanna" the other night and thought this would be great for the club to be able to play at the Senior Centers. So guess what! Let's do it. It also, sounds great if you medley it with "Buffalo Gals". I'll do it for December.

Don't forget to practice the Christmas songs. We have a zillion play dates in December.

Practice, Practice, Practice. Roger

SSDS Nov. Play List

	key			
1	G	Westphalia Waltz	2x	D
2	C	Julida Polka	3.5	G
3	D	Turkey in the Straw	3x	F#
4	G	Old Joe Clark	4x	A
5	D	Hey Polka	4x	A
6	D	Chinese Breakdown	3x	A
7	D	Harvest Home	2x	A
8	G	Silver and Gold Twostep	3x	B
9	G	Eddie's Reel	3x	D
10	G	Down Yonder.	3x	B
11	D	Over the Waterfall	3x	D
12	G	Columbus Stockade Blues	4x	B
13	D	Painter's Polka	3x	A
14	G	Red Wing	3x	D
15	G	Rosin the Beau	3x	D
16	C	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	3x	E
17	DA	Maple Sugar	3.5	F#
18	EM	Missouri	3x	E
19	G	Southwind	3x	D
20		Endless Medley:	2 each	
	D	Ragtime Annie		F#
	D	Soldiers Joy		F#
	D&G	Golden Slippers		D

What does SSDS mean to you ? What fond memories do you have of playdates & other activities from our past 24 years ? What have you liked best ? Will you share these thoughts with the group ? Please send it to the Soundboard.

Are there old traditions you would like to bring back ? Please put it in the suggestion box, or direct it to your Board of Directors

Holiday Play List

	key			first note
1	G	Jingle Bells	Ch+2	B
2	G	Red Wing	3X	D
3	G	Away in a Manger	3x	D
4	G	Deck the Halls (3 rd time soft/slow)	3x	D
5	G	Red Apple Rag	3x	D
6	C	Winter Wonderland	2x	G
7	C	Silver Bells	3x	C
8	G	The Bells of St, Mary	3x	D
9	Em	We Three Kings	3x	B
10	G	I'll Remember you Love,	2x	B
11	G	Joy to the World	3x	G
12	G	Let it Snow	2x	D
13	D	Festival Rag	3x	A
14	D	Rudolph	3x	A
15	G	Up On the House Top	3X	D
16	G	Westphalia Waltz	2x	D
17	D	Frosty the Snowman	2+end	A
18	D	Simple Gifts	3x	A
19	G	Angels we Have Heard	3x	B
20	G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3x	B
21	D	Silent Night	2 ea	AD
	G			
22	G	Wish you a Merry C-mas	Ch-V Ch	D

Holidays are coming.

Practice ! Roger

"Katushka" is a Russian composed song, and the Latvians hate it !. When the Russians invaded Latvia, they made all the Latvian children learn this song for propaganda reasons.

"Bile Em Cabbage Down" is a minstrel tune from the 1850's The verses float from song to song, and can be found in "Shady Grove", "whoa Mule", and "Lynchburg Town", among others. The lyrics refer to the "hoe cakes" enjoyed by the slave, who cooked them over an open fire on their hoes. Confederate soldiers roasted them on their bayonets.

Went up on the mountain, give my horn a blow.
Thought I heard my true love say, yonder stands my beau.
Bile 'em cabbage down, boys, turn the hoe cakes brown.
The only song that I can sing is "Bile 'em Cabbage Down"

(Excerpt from *Front Porch Songs, Jokes & Stories*, by Wayne Erbsen)

SSDS ANNUAL BANQUET



The annual banquet was held October 5th, celebrating 24 years of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society's existence. There are many musical groups who open their doors by "audition" or by "special invitation". For 24 years, SSDS has uniquely offered a place for beginner or experienced to learn and to practice their acoustic instruments.

Our mission has been to preserve and promote the dulcimer (hammered and mountain). But, just as an orchestra would "sound naked" with only violins, the blending with other acoustic instruments enhances our musical production. Fiddle, guitar, ukulele, banjo, folk harp, autoharp, recorder, penny whistle, harmonica & musical saw provide backup music, while string bass, washtub bass, spoons, tambourine, & bodran assist with rhythm.

Pictured above: Chairpeople Evie & Jim Bain sit back to enjoy the results of their work.
Carol & Bonnie welcome Smokey & Luke with doorprize tickets & gifts.
Sharon, Dave & Theresa lead a fun game of "NAME THAT TUNE"
For almost 90 people, dining was delicious and jamming was delightful.

Photos by David Smith and John & Sharon McAuliffe