

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer fun is almost over. The summer picnic was a lot of fun with great food and good music. But now the leaves are beginning to fall. Autumn is right around the corner. It is time to roll up our sleeves and start practicing for Christmas concerts. Practice dates will be announced at meetings and via Email. Through the year, the playdates have been staffed by a core of members. They will need your help to fill the many concerts coming up. Won't you please sign up for some playdates and help with the load? This is the primary fundraiser to help with club expenses without raising dues. You need not be an experienced "pro" to play. There is comfort in the numbers around you.

We will have a workshop at 6:00pm September 20th before our regular jam. Music has not been chosen.

The annual business meeting will be held October 18th. Any **items of business must be published** in the October newsletter. **Articles are to be submitted by September 20th**. Candidates for board office will be presented at that meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor that night **and** at the Nov. 1st election meeting. **Your 2008 dues must be paid to be eligible to vote.** Keep on hammering, strumming, and having fun. Bob Hlavacek

We have just a few "Ruffwater Fakebooks" still available for members to purchase. This book has been referred to as the "Bible" of Michigan folk music for jamming. If you don't have one, here's your chance to buy it at the club discount price of \$18. It is a great foundation for your music collection. We have several new members, and expect to sell out.
See Bob or Sandi Hlavacek to purchase.

PLAYDATE CHATTER _____ V.P. BUSINESS

Our playdates are starting up again, so get ready to play. We played for Cherry Hill Baptist Church and were invited to have lunch with them. It's always nice to be invited to a good meal. Our contact, Colleen, had heard us play at the Finnish Cultural Center. She invited us to play at her church. At the center, the people were very interested in our music and instruments, and bought several tapes and CD's. Our experience with her church was just as positive, and again we sold a lot of CD's and tapes.

We played for Woodhaven Retirement Community with a very good group of musicians. We passed out rhythm instruments so residents could join us, and they responded well. There was a lot of laughter and fun, not only for the audience but we really enjoyed ourselves. That's what makes this so rewarding, to be able to go, laugh with the people, and connect on a musical and personal level – it's very worthwhile.

Thanks to Linda Losse and Bob Hlavacek for taking over for me during my absence from the August playdates, due to family health problems. Both just jumped right in and relieved me of my duties so I could concentrate on my mother and brother. This was greatly appreciated. I miss the music and the friendships and look forward to returning soon.....KT

BANQUET 2007 UPDATE
BANQUET PLANS ARE ALL SET
OCT. 4.....Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00...Dinner at 7:00
IS TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE , IN SEPTEMBER.
IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN, PLEASE NOTIFY ME
EBAINO@COMCAST.NET or (734)697-6249
TO PURCHASE TICKETS
COST IS \$10 for MEMBERS & \$15 FOR GUESTS.

V.P. PROGRAMS

Many of the music festivals and camp-outs are over and it's time to get ready for more playdates.

If you haven't signed up for a Variety Night, we still have one more in November, so you still have time to think of something that you would like to do or play.

On the table close to the doorway we have a big calendar where you can sign up to bring a snack for our Thursday night jam session or for Variety Night. If you don't sign up, don't let that stop you. Feel free to bring in a goodie... it'll be much appreciated.

Thanks to all who bring in the snacks, everyone appreciates and loves them. A big thank you goes out to those who have helped with clean-up.

Looking forward to jamming and playdates with all Strings members, see you there! Linda Losse

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 1	SSDS Playdate	4:30- 6pm
	Old St. Patrick's Church,.....	Whitmore Lake
Sept. 6	Board meeting	6:00pm
	Before regular jam	
Sept. 15	SSDS Playdate	4:30- 5:30pm
	Northville Victorian Festival.....	Northville
Sept. 16	SSDS Playdate	11:30-12:30pm
	Northville Victorian Festival.....	Northville
Sept. 20	Workshop	6:00pm
	Before regular jam	
Sept. 28	SSDS Playdate	7:pm
	Borders Books.....	Dearborn
Sept. 29	SSDS Playdate	3- 4:pm
	IHM Sisters Convent.....	Monroe
Oct. 4	SSDS Annual Banquet	6:pm-midnight
	Fox Hills Country Club.....	Plymouth
Oct. 5	SSDS Playdate	7:15 pm
	Oak Leaves Red Hat Society.....	Woodhaven
Oct. 7	SSDS Playdate	1- 4:00pm
	Northville Girl Scouts.....	Northville
Oct. 14	SSDS Playdate	2:30-3:30pm
	American House.....	Rochester Hills

SSDS 25th Anniversary

In July of 2008, Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will celebrate 25 years of joyous music. We have a few volunteers for the planning committee. If you would like to help, please contact Sandi Hlavacek at **734-663-7974** or **datadoc@sbcglobal.net**.

The primary celebration will be at the Annual Banquet in October of 2008, but we may have mini-celebrations throughout the year.

If you are an "old-timer", we need your help in finding past members (especially past officers) and points of history. If you are newer to the club, here's a perfect way for you to get involved and learn more about the club. We would like to put together a book of "25 years of SSDS" history.

25 years is cause for celebration !!!

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

SSDS Board Meeting August 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report accepted with balance of \$3,739.99.

Old Business

The 25th Anniversary was discussed. Sandi Hlavacek is chairing this event, with Hal Bain and Marie Naster on the committee. Other members are encouraged to volunteer to help with this celebration, to be held at our Fall 2008 Banquet.

The Nominating Committee is formed for the November 1, 2007, elections. Anyone wishing to run for the Board or to nominate someone can contact the Committee members: Steve Hadley, Janelle Pacic, Larry Roper, Marie Naster, and Bonnie Ream.

Dave Smith will be the emcee for the August 30th Variety Night at 7:00. We will have salad and pizza. Members are asked to bring dessert and help with set-up and clean-up.

The Fall Banquet will be October 5th at Fox Hills Country Club. Evie Bain is Chairperson. Tickets will be available Variety Night.

Bob reported on the group's application for tax status (501-C7). We were denied, based on having too much revenue from playdates and CD sales. We will remain an LLC organization and continue paying around \$200 annually to the IRS.

George reported on the progress of the Pig Roast.

New Business

Special practice for Christmas music was discussed. Holiday music will be ready for the 1st meeting in September. We may have special practices the 2nd and 4th Thursday during Sept., Oct., and Nov.

Workshops on the 3rd Thursdays in the Fall are being planned. Marie will help Mountain Dulcimers and Roger will help Hammered Dulcimers on August 16th. The song will be "Bury Me Beneath the Willow".

December 6th will be our Christmas pot luck, followed by a concert for the Good Hope congregation in the Sanctuary. After the concert, we will have cookies and punch with our church friends.

The last holiday playdate will be December 19th.

2008 Dues MUST be paid prior to the November 1, 2007, election in order to vote. Fees remain \$10 for renewal, \$20 for new members, \$5 for youth.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Ream, Recording Secretary

Zucchini Bread

(Linda Osgood)

2 c flour	2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp salt	3 tsp cinnamon
1½ c. sugar	3 eggs
1 c oil	2 tsp. vanilla
2 c. grated zucchini	1 c. raisins
1 c. chopped nuts(optional)	

Mix well. Pour into greased bread pans.

Bake at 350 for 40 min.....Enjoy !

YUMMY !!!

NOTE...I tried to make this flexible by adding the additional songs and Irish tunes to have one list for all September playdates. The Victorian festival and St Patrick's Church are longer playtimes. KT

S.S.D.S. Sept. 2007 Play List

Key	Tune	Play
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
G	Red Wing	3
D	Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3
D	Over The Waterfall	3
G	Southwind	3
D	Festival Rag	3
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Road To Lisdoonvarna	3
D	Hey Polka	4
D	Viola's Schottische	3
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
Am	Katushka	5
D	Midnight On The Water	2
Em	Missouri	3
G	Maggie	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
C	Five Foot Two	4
	Endless Medley	
D	Ragtime Annie	2
D	Soldier's Joy	2
D/G	Golden Slippers	2D/2G
Extras for Sept 1st, 15th & 16th Playdates		
Black Velvet Waltz (C-3), Chinese Breakdown / Nelly Bly (D-2/3), I'll Remember You, Love (G-2), Tamlin (Em-3), Sandy River Belle (D-3), Columbus Stockade (G-3), Harvest Home (D-3), Maple Sugar (D/A-3½), Dancing Bear (Em-3), Tick Tock Polka (G-3), Cold Frosty Morn (Am-3), Sophrina (G-3), March of St. Timothy (G-3), Young Roddy (D-4), Painter's Polka (D-3)		
Irish/Scottish Extras for Sept 1st Playdate		
Rosin The Beau (G-3), Irish Washerwoman (G-3), Hundred Pipers (G-3), Bellman's Jig (G-3), John Ryan's Polka (D-5)		

"Haven't I seen your face before?" a judge demanded, looking down at the defendant.

"You have, Your Honor," the man answered hopefully. "I gave your son violin lessons last winter."

"Ah, yes," recalled the judge. "Twenty years!"

Music daffynitions...

time signature: what you need from your boss if you forget to clock in.

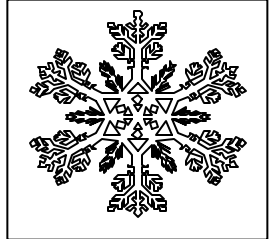
passing tone: frequently heard near the baked beans at summery barbecues.

Espressivo: Close eyes and play with a wide vibrato.

December is a very busy time for all of us. For your planning convenience, these are the December playdates we have scheduled to date.

EVERYONE is welcome to join playdates.

Dec.1.....Dearborn
 Dec.6.....Good Hope Church
 Dec. 7.....Dearborn
 Dec.11....Dearborn Heights
 Dec.12....Livonia
 Dec.16....Westland
 Dec.19....Riverview



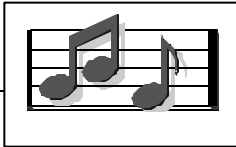
This list of holiday songs gives an opportunity for you to start learning / practicing so you will be prepared to play them. There will be folders of the holiday music for new members who don't have it. Older members may get a folder to assemble the holiday music you already have. They will be available after Sept. 1st. We will discuss the possibilities of holiday practices on the 2nd or 4th Thursdays or the workshop time of Sept-Oct-Nov. at the next meeting.

S.S.D.S. 2007 Holiday Play List

Key	Tune	Play
G	Jingle Bells	Ch+ 2
G	Red Wing	3x
G	Away In The Manger	3x
G	Deck The Halls	3x
G	Red Apple Rag	3x
G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3x
C	Winter Wonderland	2x
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3x
C	Silver Bells	3x
G	Joy To The World	3x
Em	We Three Kings	3x
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3x
G	Let It Snow	2x
D	Festival Rag	3x
G	O Come, All Ye Faithful	3x
D	Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer	3x
G	Westphalia Waltz	2x
G	Up On The Husetop	3x
D	Simple Gifts	3x
D	Frosty The Snowman	2+end
G	Angels We Have Heard On High	3x
G	Silver And Gold Two-Step	3x
D	Silent Night	3x
G	We Wish You A Merry Christmas	Ch,V,Ch

**IT'S SEPTEMBER...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

13... Ellen Yanity
21... Sue Duncan



Birthdays are good for you...
The more you have, the older you get.

You know you're old when you eat out
and they ask for the money up front.

When do wild oats turn to prunes & bran ?



SILVER STRINGS SOUTHERNERS

The southern contingent of Silver Stringers, Don and Vicki Gibboney, recently formed a new group called the "Savannah River Stringband". We are comprised of 4 hammered dulcimers, a guitar, a mandolin, a banjo or bouzouki and a fiddle. 8 people in all. Don plays the banjo and the bouzouki, which he has tuned to banjo tuning. I wanted him to have more of a guitar sound which it does.

We recently played at a city summer concert series for 773 people. They loved our music, which is mostly the Silver Strings repertoire. We gave them a lively and energetic performance with lots of speaking in between. I did the talking and lead the tunes.

Most people attending the concert had never heard of these traditional tunes, and had never heard the hammered dulcimer, so I felt a need to educate them!

We received a standing ovation for which we gave them a rousing repeat of Whiskey Before Breakfast. Not coincidentally the venue was ON Whiskey Road, one of the main streets through town. We received many kind words and emails after the concert. So, Silver Strings lives on in South Carolina

...Vicki Gibboney

MUSIC MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND !

If thy neighbor offend thee, give each of his children bagpipes.....*Old Scottish Proverb*

How do you define a "gentleman" ?

He knows how to play the bagpipes, but doesn't.

Free concert:

Rick Thum will be in Jackson for a Friday evening concert, Nov. 2nd at 7pm. The concert will be at the Sandstone Congregation Church, with a love offering during the concert. Come, bring the family, and have a great evening !

Sunday, September 16th, 4:30-6:pm, All musicians are invited for a Jam session and (no-charge) pork BBQ dinner at the Sandstone Congregational Church, 250 S. Sandstone Rd. Jackson, Mi.. This will be an outdoor function, weather permitting. This is the kickoff for the fall activities at the church. Contact me for any other information.

Bus11ph@comcast.net.Pat Hesselgrave

Friends leave imprints on our hearts

Many were saddened by the news that our friend, Joe Malia passed away last month, after extended battles with cancer. Joe's instrument of choice was the spoons, but one usually found him quietly sketching in a corner, enjoying listening to the rest of us play. My grandmother said everyone has a lesson to teach. Joe's lesson to many of us was that everyone has a special gift to offer. We need only take the time to look and to listen. Joe was a quiet, sweet, multi-talented, creative, humble man with a gift for humor. He will be missed by many. Below is a portion of a sketch from Joe for Silver Strings. The "Civil War soldiers" are Luke Kawecki, George Gonyo and David Smith. The full picture was published in the May 2005 issue of the Soundboard, available on our website. Editor/Sandi





The workshops before the August 16th jam were well attended. After learning the songs separately, we sounded quite good together. It was a good format.



The annual picnic / pig roast August 5th was again headed by George Gonyo and family at German Park in Ann Arbor. The huge pavilion is perfect protection from hot sun or rain. The park was all ours for the day, and jamming was great. Thank you George, Marianne and Joy !



YOUR 2008 DUES MUST BE PAID FOR YOU TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 1ST MEETING. If you need an absentee ballot, contact any board or nominating committee member.



The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society was well represented at the 2007 Midland Musicfest. We tried very hard to gather everyone for a picture, but with the huge number of activities around, it was impossible. We still missed some after 2 attempts.

It rained part of almost every day, but couldn't dampen the spirits of the musicians, stop the learning at the 60 workshops provided, or the "jamming" into the wee hours. Great times were had by all.

Michigan is extremely fortunate to have 2 of the best (and most affordable) "teach & learn" festivals in the country... Evert and Midland. Their committees do an amazing job piecing together these enormous projects and keeping the prices so low. Let's all remember to thank them.