

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS RAMBLINGS _____ Bob Niemczewski Hi Folks,

Let me start out by saying that many of our members are going through some hard times with their own health issues or the loss of friends and/or family members. If you have been reading my email updates you are aware of who we are talking about, and rather than listing each and every one, I will just ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers in their time of need, and darkest hours. I will also ask you to pray for our entire musical family, I'm thinking it can't hurt. Ok, now that this year is starting off with all that bad news, I am looking forward to the warmer weather and a lot of fun music.

Our By-Law committee has been meeting and going over the club's by-laws, making changes where needed, and bringing us into current times. They are working hard and giving up much of their time, so feel free to just say "thanks" when you see them.

If you're reading this newsletter and you have not received any e-mail updates, you will need to see Sally and give her your new e-mail address so we can get you back on the list. I had our e-mail account up to date, but lately a few have been coming back undelivered.

Well, I'm going to keep it short as I have had a bad cold, so back to the Lazy-Boy, blanket, and remote.
Peace Through Music Bob

PURSE STRINGS _____ Treasurer

The year is already going by too fast. We need to slow it down and get everyone healthy.

We still have a few members who have not paid 2013 dues. It is an easy thing to overlook, so if you are not sure whether you've paid, please see me at the next meeting. Our bank account is balanced and in the black.
..... Sally

Hi Everyone,

As February draws to a close, I'm looking forward to SPRING! We had two mild winters in a row, but this has sure been a cold one.

We had a successful February as far as play dates go, and I'm really looking forward to putting our "Irish" on and playing our 4 upcoming dates in March. We have two new gigs for Mar/Apr booked by people who have seen our group perform, and just had to have us play for their organizations!! I will have sign-up sheets at the meetings.

Please get your playlist from the newsletter and begin to practice those tunes that have not been played for a while.

Thanks to Sharon McAuliffe, who has put together a nice list for us, so let's be ready to play when the time comes.

Happy Jammin' Linda Osgood

NOTABLE NOTES _____ Secretary

Board Meeting Feb 7th

* Good Hope Church needs to use the activity room on February 21st, so our meeting will be moved to February 28th.

* Bob Hlavacek will do our 2012 taxes

* Get well cards were sent to Luke Kawecki, Sandi Hlavacek, Steve Beck and John Mercier.

* Sympathy cards were sent to Sharon Shalk, Tom Koppin, Larry Roper and Janelle Pacic.

Respectfully Submitted Sharon McAuliffe

This is a synopsis. Full board minutes are available from Sec.

Here's to you and yours and to mine and ours. And if mine and ours ever come across to you and yours, I hope you and yours will do as much for mine and ours as mine and ours have done for you and yours!

IT'S MARCH...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 1....Shayla Rachelle
- 3....Kay Rowe
- 12...David Smith
- 12...Evie Bain
- 15...Sherry Humecky
- 16...Kaye Hemmerline
- 24...John Freeman
- 27...Ida O'Dell
- 30...Dorothy Ewald
- 30...Bob Niemczewski
- 30...Jerry Coval



If your Birthday or Anniversary is not on the list at the Business Table, please write them in so we can help celebrate.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- 7...**SSDS meeting and jam** 7:00-?
- Slow Jam :6:00
- 13...**Playdate** **BC** 6:00-7:00
- West Lake Health Campus Commerce Twp.
- 15...**Playdate** **BC** 6:00-7:00
- Maple Hgts. Retirement Center Allen Park
- 16...**Playdate** **BC** 7:00-8:00
- St Patrick's Episcopal Church. . . . Madison Heights
- 20...**Playdate** **BC** 1:30-2:30
- Heartland Health Care Dearborn Hgts
- 21...**SSDS meeting and jam** 7:00-?
- Kay Rowe whistle class 6:00-7:00

BC=Business Casual, **C**=Casual

Don't forget the "wearin' 'o the green" for these playdates.

For Kay Rowe's whistle class on March 21 bring whistles, music and suggestions for songs you'd like to learn. I thought it would be fun to try Pig Ankle Rag.

There will be no business meeting this month.

VP PROGRAMS _____ George Gonyo

Just a short note from Colorful Colorado. Skiing was great today. I will be back by the middle of March. The first run I made today was longer than all the runs I made at Mt. Brighton in month of February.

Don't forget the Myers Lake campout coming up in June. I'm checking with the Myers Lake personnel to see if the registration forms have been updated for the upcoming season. I will let you all know as soon as I find out. See you all in March.

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MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Sharon McAuliffe

There will be an Irish playlist for March, and one Spring/Summer playlist for April through June.

We have been invited to play on stage at the Evert Dulcimer Funfest. Practice Larry's Waltz, Washington Square and Pig Ankle Rag for this event. There may be more music added to this list once we know how much time is given to each group.

A Jar, Golf Balls and Coffee.....The Keys to Balancing Your Life!

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

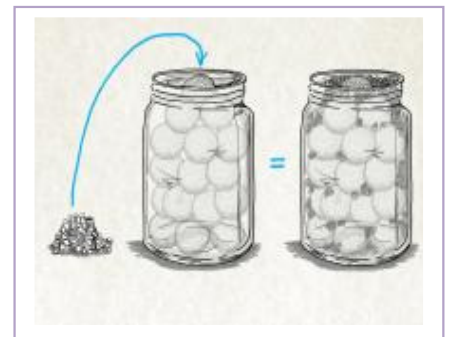
The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, " I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-your God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions-things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else-the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



To print the March play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2013/mar13.pdf>

MARCH PLAYLIST

Key	Tune	Play
G	Maggie	3
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
A	Red Haired Boy	3
D	Flight Of The Haggis	3
G	Jamie Allen	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
G	Rosin The Beau	3
Em	Road To Lisdoonvara/Riding on a Load of Hay	3/2
G	Southwind	3
G	March Of St. Timothy	4
D	Irish Washerwoman	3
C	Black Velvet Waltz	3
G	Down Yonder	4
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
G	Bellman's Jig	3
G	Silver And Gold Two Step	3
D	Midnight On The Water	2
G	Hundred Pipers	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	4
	* Check with Linda or on sign-up sheets for dress code & if chairs are needed	

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Music:

We have been given permission, by several composers, to play their music in our club. We also pay for a license that allows us to play some of our favorite tunes. We want to protect our Silver Strings members and respect the composers who have generously shared their music with us. In consideration of the composers and SSDS, do not sell, copy, give away or share any of our Silver Strings music.

Dee Dee Tibbits

Hammered Dulcimer Workshop

Saturday: April 13, 2013 Cost: \$55

Presbyterian Church, 215 Almer St., Caro MI 48723

Dee Dee Tibbits combines learning techniques both visual and practical, and will have seasoned and beginning players gleaning information and skills while feeling challenged, but not overwhelmed.

In this one day workshop students will learn the essentials for creating their own arrangements and how to make the song pleasing to the ear. Participants will experience the world of playing two hand separation, improvising on a minor pentatonic scale, and practicing tips for becoming a better all-around player.

Dee Dee is a songwriter, performer and music teacher, who is excited to share her skills and abilities with her students. She has two solo CD's and 3 Celtic "Sonas" CD's available. For more information about Dee Dee or her CD's visit her web-site at deedetibbits.com

For information: Phone: 989-551-4902

E-Mail: [Kandee Marie@yahoo.com](mailto:Kandee_Marie@yahoo.com)

♪♪ Ann Wassell's Group ♪♪

2nd and 4th Wed. from 1 to 3 p.m.

If you are a beginner, or just want to brush up on some tunes, Call 734-744-4255 or email:

ann.wassell@yahoo.com

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm (next is Mar 9th)

For info. call Pennyne 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month – 6pm (next is Mar 2nd)

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month – 6pm (Mar 23rd)

For info. contact

Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

Or Larry Roper 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Mar 2nd)

Now at Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Mar 22nd)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

For Info contact Alice Perry at: mthaleymism@gmail.com

1:00-4:00-Folk and Traditional Music Jam

Clubs and individuals are welcome.

Come to play or listen. Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. Metamora's 1888 Old Town Hall is part of an historic community.

For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287 or go to FolkJam.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Mar 6th)

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Ukulele players of all abilities can strum and sing.

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

Contact: Bob at bsnemo@yahoo.com or

David at musicalcraft@yahoo.com

PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor,

First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

Our jam sessions are free and open to all interested musicians.

We play jigs, reels, and waltzes as played for contra dancing.

The goals are to have fun, learn more tunes, and develop our contra dance musician skills.

<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month (Mar 16th)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Share musical talents and appreciation for music, song and other forms of joyful noise on the 7:00-11:00

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

**Winter got you down?
Think Summer...Think Evart**
It'll be here before you know it

Stephen Seifert Dulcimer Class

July 15-17, 2013 - Evart, Michigan

Mountain dulcimer teacher and performer,
will teach a **3 day class**
in Evart right before the festival.

\$165 for 3 days and 3 nights of work, laughter, and
a great learning experience.

Limited to 30 students. Register early.

Credit cards accepted.

Information is on his website:

www.stephenseifert.com

Or, you can call Paula Brawdy: **616-240 0445.**



Rick Thum Dulcimer Class

Rick will be teaching a class in Evart
for three days preceding the Dulcimer Funfest.

Learn techniques of good playing
in sequential order.

One technique builds on the other.

It is called the **A to Z of Hammered Dulcimer**

It's a great investment of time and money.

Day one we start at the beginning,
which is a great review, to be sure we all have the
same basis to work from, then build from there.

Class size is restricted to the first 50,
so do not wait to sign up. Credit cards accepted.

www.rthum.com Ph: **314-406-0690**

Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering

invites ukulele players of all abilities to join us for monthly meetings where we will strum and sing. All music will be projected onto a screen so that we can all follow the lyrics and chords. So bring your Ukulele and your Voice for a good time. Our monthly meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2013. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the use of the church. Refreshments and snacks will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks to share.

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH , 28680 CHERRY HILL, GARDEN CITY, MI.
between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads

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