

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS REPORT _____ Harold Crane

Greetings,

We made it through February and Ground Hog Day, Superbowl 50, Valentine's Day and the Daytona 500! This month we have Daylight Saving Time change (13th), Spring begins (20th) and Easter (27th).

Silver Strings has a lot of activities coming up, so mark your calendars and join in the fun. Our Variety Night has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 24th so come and enjoy an evening's food, friends and entertainment.

The Michigan Music Heritage Project team is invited to one of our April jams to film and record our group to add to their research project. (More information to follow)

We are also hosting an ODPC (Original Dulcimers Players Club) jam at Good Hope on Thursday, April 28th from 10:00am to 10:00pm. This will be a good time to see old friends, make new ones and share music together.

More good news - Meyers Lake Campout is June 10-12 so make your reservations, enjoy some Michigan weather and make joyful music! . . . See ya soon, Harold

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying your day!

We have a confirmation for Myers Lake. You should be receiving an email with the invitation sent out to other groups who might be interested in joining us, along with an attachment specifying dates, group registration number and information about reserving a campsite.

Also, our Variety Night has been changed from March 31st to March 24th, one week earlier due to conflicting schedules at Good Hope. We have an MC for the evening, and Carol Ann will be providing salad, (thank you so much for doing this). Anyone can sign up to play that evening for our enjoyment. A sign-up sheet will be provided. I'm looking forward to this evening. Hope to see you there.

One more thing, ODPC is planning a jam session at Good Hope in April, more information will be coming.

That's my news for now, stay warm, stay safe! . . .Gloria

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Ann Wassell

Our first "slow jam" on Thursday, February 18th, was successful! We worked our way from slowly unsure to moderately fast and together, on four different tunes. The tunes we played were - "Schottische du Stockfish", "Whiskey Before Breakfast", "Beaumont Rag" and "Swallowtail Jig".

We will review these tunes next time, which will be March 17th, and build on the speed. After the review, anyone can introduce another tune for us to work on. I hope to build on these and get them up to "Club Speed". We particularly want to work on the newest tunes from recent workshops and on the tunes that are generally played when we have playdates.

Keep in mind, to increase speed, you must practice speed. There is no other way. Practice each tune faster than the last time, one section at a time.

We have four playdates in March, all with the St. Patrick's Day theme. Most of the Irish tunes really emphasize speed! Start practicing now so you can keep up.

It's really great to have people in the club with different instruments and abilities to come together and work to produce music they enjoy and want to share. You are all invited to join the "slow jam". We meet in the basement area of the church at 6 pm.

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 1....Shayla Rachelle
- 3....Kay Rowe
- 5....Nancy McKee
- 12...David Smith
- 15...Sherry Humecky
- 16...Kaye Hemmerline
- 24...John Freeman
- 24...Stephen Beck
- 30...Dorothy Ewald
- 30...Bob Niemczewski



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2....Shirley Keyser.....69th

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ Jeff Despard
March Report

1. Membership: Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. Our membership is now at 83. We're about at last year's number at this time. If you have any changes to your email, mailing address, telephone number, etc. please notify me. If you are in contact with members who we haven't seen in a while, invite them back. If you have friends who play acoustic instruments, give them a personal invitation to join us. It would be nice to be over 100 members again!
2. Gig payouts for January and Heartland in February are completed. See Ann Wassell for your gracious reward if she has not found you yet.
3. We still have plenty of T-shirts in all sizes and hats for your wearing pleasure. See me if you'd like to purchase any.
4. Treasury book is available for inspection. See me at any of the jams or variety night for review.

**Silver Strings Dulcimer
ORCHESTRA**

Yes, you read the headline correctly; Silver Strings has formed a Dulcimer Orchestra. You might wonder how an Orchestra setting is different from our regular JAM sessions so hopefully this will help.

In the Dulcimer Orchestra participants must be able to read and understand written music fairly well and follow directions from a leader who sets the pace and the flow of the music. The orchestra music is divided into 4 different parts so everyone plays a specific part supporting one another in a given piece. Counting and keeping time is the most important factor in this kind of group. The music itself is not complicated but not everyone has the same melody line like the music we play at a JAM.

The orchestra group is working on two pieces: Beethoven's Finale, "5th Symphony" and Vivaldi's "Spring" from the "Four Seasons".

We need more willing mountain and hammered dulcimer, fiddle and others to give it a try.

Our goal is to perform on stage at the Evert Funfest coming up this July to show people that these instruments can be used in a classical setting as well as a folk music setting. If this sounds like something you might have thought about and want to experience to expand your music ability come and join us the last Thursdays of each month just before our regular JAM starting at 6:pm upstairs.

It's not as hard as you might think and there will be plenty of help for you to succeed and feel comfortable.

For more information contact Marsha at:
mt.koz@hotmail.com

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt
A copy of the full minutes is available upon request.

- ♪ Everyone is welcome to attend the board meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. A copy of full minutes will be given on request.
- ♪ There were no new workshops scheduled due to no volunteer leaders.
- ♪ On the third Thursday Marsha will continue to lead the classical group upstairs, and Ann will lead a slow jam in the basement.
- ♪ In April, the Michigan Musical Heritage people will film us at our club meeting playing tunes from the April playlist. They would also like to film us in our Victorian costumes. It was felt that the Northville Garden Club playdate would be a good place for that.
- ♪ Ann created a sheet explaining the proposed membership application changes and Marsha created a suggested membership form.
- ♪ We will host an ODPC jam on April 28th at Good Hope from 9:00am to 9:00pm and Harold will check with the ODPC people to finalize just what our club is responsible for in the way of helping.
- ♪ Gloria had flyers ready to go for info about the Myers Lake Campout.
- ♪ A volunteer is needed for the newsletter as Lee Lack is resigning as editor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00-??
Intro to Therapeutic Music Workshop . . . 6:00
- 10...**PLAYDATE** **G** 2:30-3:30
The Gilbert Residence Ypsilanti
- 16...**PLAYDATE** **G** 2:00-3:00
Oakmont Northville
- 17...**PLAYDATE** **G** 2:30-3:30
Four Chaplains Nursing Center Westland
- 17...**SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00-??
- 22...**PLAYDATE** **G** 6:30-7:30
Maple Heights Retirement Cntr Allen Park
- 24.....**SILVER STRINGS VARIETY NIGHT**
- 27...**PLAYDATE** **G** 2:30-3:30
Four Chaplains Nursing Center Westland

APRIL

- 14.....**SILVER STRINGS NAMETAG DAY**
- 28.....**ODPC ALL DAY JAM** 10am-10pm
At Good Hope Church

C=Casual, **BC**=Business Casual, **G**=Green

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.
G. B. Shaw

To print the March play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2015/MarchPlaylist.pdf>

Silver Strings March 2016 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3
	Rosin the Beau	3*
	Drunken Sailor	4
G	Cockles & Mussels	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
	Dusty Bob's Jig	5
G	Southwind	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	4**
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3**
D	Eagan's Polka	4
Em	Swallowtail Jig	3
	Danny Boy	3*
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Muss I Denn	3
Em	Tamlin	4
	Irish Washerwoman	3
	When Irish Eyes are Smiling	3
D/G/C	Golden Slippers Medley:	2/2/2
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
	You Are My Sunshine	3
	* 2 nd time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly	
	** last time thru – rest on the run-up.	

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.

NEW WORKSHOP

"Introduction to Therapeutic Music"

For all Instruments March 3, 6:00pm

What Therapeutic Music is and what it is not - How it differs from, but compliments Music Therapy. I will demonstrate on the hammered dulcimer and show you how the music you already know can be adapted for healing, and how music heals. (See my short article in the November 2015 SSDS Newsletter.) No need to bring instruments. Kay Rowe

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm
(next is Mar 12th)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month Sept thru May – 6pm
(next is Mar 5th)

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

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month Sept thru May – 6pm
(next is Mar 26th)

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 5th)

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 25th)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

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

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

mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Mar 2nd)

Good Hope Lutheran Church,

28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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 - POB

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

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

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month 7-11pm (Mar 19th)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

FARMINGTON JAM

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

Second Tuesday of each month from Sept – June, 7pm

Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...

If you are a beginner, this is a good place

to meet people and get involved.

Contact: HolmesSid@aol.com

If anyone knows of a good jam that should be in this column and isn't please let me know. Lee



**COMING IN APRIL!!!
2nd ANNUAL SSDS
NAMETAG DAY!!**

Get ready for our second annual NAMETAG DAY on Thursday, April 14. It's good to know your fellow musicians by name - let's find our nametags and wear them.

We have some new members we haven't met and returning "snowbirds" whose names we may have forgotten, coming to the club meetings. Nametags continue to be the introduction to some new friendships and mentors.

If you can't find your Silver Strings nametag (or don't have one), any nametag will do - even an address label. There will also be blank tags available for your convenience. To have a Silver Strings name tag made, see Terry Treppa.

**THERE WILL BE REWARDS ON THE 14th FOR
THOSE WEARING A NAMETAG!!**

A Change in the By-Laws

The board has recommended a change in the by-laws to streamline membership applications. In accordance with the by-laws, the procedure to make changes is as follows: "These by-laws may be amended at any time. An AMENDMENT PETITION containing signatures of at least 20% of eligible regular members is required for consideration. A majority vote of regular (and honorary) members is required to adopt an amendment. The proposed amendment must be published in the newsletter preceding a vote at a regular club meeting."

The 'Amendment Petition' for by-law change for 'Membership Acceptance' is as follows:

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 - Delete "Eligible persons must submit an official application after attending at least three club meetings".

Amend to read "Eligible persons must submit an official application after attending at least one meeting".

Section 3 - Delete "After attending three club meetings, the applicant will meet with the board for approval, pay their prescribed dues and receive the club music."

Amend to read "After attending at least one club meeting, the applicant will take home and complete an official application form and return to the next club meeting with the prescribed dues and receive the club music".

At the regular meeting, Thursday, February 4th, the AMENDMENT PETITION was signed by at least 20% of eligible regular members, which is required. The club will vote on this proposed amendment at the next regular club meeting following the publication of this Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted . . . Ann Wassell, VP Business

From Your Newsletter Editor

Ever feel nostalgic? I've just been looking at the archived issues of the Soundboard and it's fascinating to see people who have come and gone and the ones who are still here! To look at all the pictures from past gigs and events. There are a lot of memories wrapped up in these old issues.

I joined Silver Strings in November of 2008. It's hard to believe so much time has passed! I took over the newsletter in April of 2011 from Sandi Hlavacek, who did it for 7 years. I was very green as far as computer skills go but not anymore! Sandi did a fine job training me to do this and I would be more than happy to do the same for someone else. It doesn't require a lot of experience to start out but I guarantee it picks up quick. I have a format that I use that is pretty simple to work with. It doesn't take a whole lot of time each month to put it together and you can take your time and set your own pace. Most of the articles come from the Board and from members and there are other sources you can use for material. The payback is the very rewarding feeling that comes from helping out in a club doing something you feel passionate about as well as learning new skills that can be used for many other things.

I have other things I want to do and places I need to be so I need to pass this on to someone else who wants to help and loves to learn. Please talk to me.

Lee Lack, leelack@att.net, 734-612-1172



**A mélange of inspiring quotes
relating to Irish traditional music**



Never get one of those cheap tin whistles. It leads to much harder drugs like pipes and flutes. Unknown

One fear I would always have is that the emphasis is on technicality – whereas for me, the whole thing is the feeling and heart and soul. That's what the older musicians had. Mary Bergin

There's no other profession in the world where you can get to meet such amazing characters – the real people of the country that you go to. Music kind of invites you to walk into these lives. They're not great academics, or geniuses – they're just ordinary people, like you and me. That's the lovely thing about music, and it's the same with art and the same with poetry. Brian Finnegan

Be yourself when playing. Don't try to copy anyone or you'll never really be at ease playing. Just develop your own style naturally. Catherine McEvoy

It's the heart and that's so important in the music. There's a tendency for people to think that they have to be the best technicians and the best at learning all the tunes, but actually it's to do with who you are and not what you play. Bob Bickerton

Music is an act of love. Pat Higgins



The After Hours Jam at Silver Strings was reborn tonight! 15 musicians stayed after the club jam and break to continue jamming! Everyone is welcome to attend! This is a great time to kick up the tempo a little, maybe learn some new tunes or try out new techniques and test yourself!

One of many regular visits to the Canton Heartland Rehab Center and we had a standing room only crowd. Good fun for everyone.





Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

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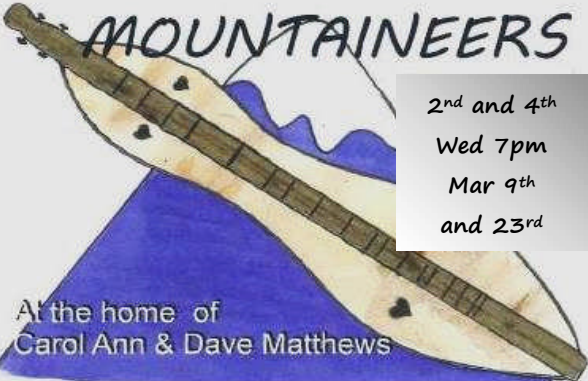
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MOUNTAINEERS

2nd and 4th
Wed 7pm
Mar 9th
and 23rd

At the home of
Carol Ann & Dave Matthews

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7-9p.m with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

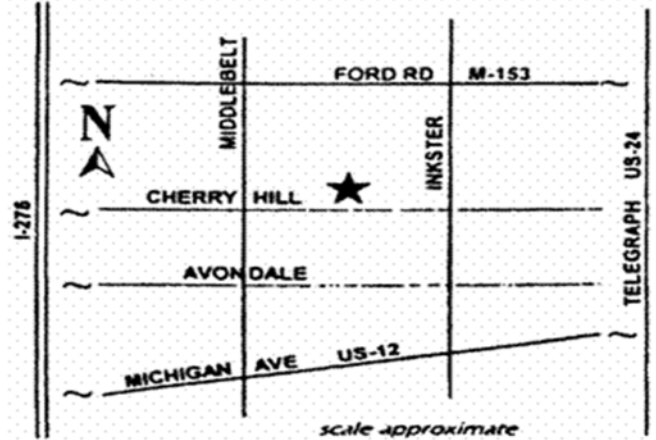
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,
and other acoustic band instruments :
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,
and harmonica.

Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

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IT'S MARCH...!
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!

If you were on the mailing list
your name would be here.