



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi everyone.

At our first meeting in 2005 we had 42 people sign in. In case you missed this meeting, we announced Roger Davis as our Music Coordinator, and Sandi Hlavacek as Editor in Chief of the Soundboard. David Smith will be our Historian and Lynn Ellen Kaiser will continue to be our Webmaster. Thanks to all of you who brought goodies to the meeting for us to eat, and to those of you who helped clean up the kitchen afterwards.

Keep on hammering, strumming, plucking, picking, practicing and playing your instruments.

George Gonyo

SOMETHING NEW

A table will greet you as you enter the door on jam nights. We ask you to sign in. This is the board's attempt to gain a statistical pattern of participation for our members, and there might even be some drawings for prizes.

- * If you haven't checked your address on the new Member list, please do so there. If all is correct, mark it OK.
- * That is where you will also find sign-up sheets for play dates, camp-out, etc..
- * A large calendar will be there for anyone to write in or check on dates of interest (workshops, festivals, play dates, birthdays, etc.). These dates will be published in the SOUNDBOARD newsletter.
- * Please use the highlighted area on the calendar to sign up for snacks for meeting nights.

Perhaps having these at the door will encourage people to use them, either on their way in or out.

Your Board of Directors

V.P. BUSINESS _____

When I opened my newspaper to work the word puzzle the other day, I encountered the word "dulcifying". Hmm.... I thought, an unfamiliar word. So I got my trusty old dictionary, and was pleasantly surprised to learn the definition of the word. Dulcify means to make more agreeable; to sweeten; to please; or, to mollify. How appropriate for us, because that's what we can achieve when we play our dulcimers and other instruments as part of SSSD. We sweeten the musical experience for our audiences and ourselves through our playing....DULCIFY!

On a more pertinent note, I have made some contacts over the past several weeks seeking play dates for 2005. I have had one call back, and will have more details for you by February. If anyone is aware of potential play opportunities, please let me know so I can follow up with them, or you may give them my name and telephone number. Thank you.

Here's looking forward to a happy, successful year for SSSD.

Ramona Hadley, 734-953-8894.

V.P. PROGRAMS _____

I'm glad to be part of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, and to be able to serve you in any way I can. We plan to get new music into our program and we can have fun learning to play it together. The board is working to make sure we all have a good time. We were all very happy to see the fine turnout on our first meeting of the year, in spite of the snowy weather. Watch for information regarding our 2005 - SSSD campout.

Marlin Harmon

TREASURER'S NOTES

I look forward to serving as your treasurer for the coming year. I offer expertise gained from years of service to other organizations and running my own business. A year-end financial report will be available at the next 2 meetings. A monthly report will be available at the meetings, and a quarterly report will be published in the SOUNDBOARD. This is your money.

After reviewing past bank statements, I have recommended that we change banking institutions to one with no monthly fees. (This will eliminate \$120 per year expenses.) I will choose a bank with many branches, for convenience of future treasurers.

In the coming weeks, we will pursue the benefits of changing our corporation charter. Currently, SSDS is chartered as a Member Managed LLC (Limited Liability Corp.). A simpler charter, such as a 501-C7 tax exempted corporation for a membership club or organization may be more appropriate. There is no tax liability till we pass \$20,000 income. Charitable donations are not deductible, by a donor. We operate under a set of by-laws (corporation) rather than an operating agreement (LLC). Our by-laws will require a couple of changes. We will keep you informed regarding the progress.

Now, for some operating requests. **If you want reimbursement for an SSDS expense, you must provide a receipt.** Expenses will be paid by check. For payment, please call or E-mail me with your information prior to a meeting, so I can have it ready for you. That way, we can all play more music. Thank you !

Bob Hlavacek

FROM YOUR EDITOR

The new board did not think it appropriate to publish articles before they officially took office. Due to miscommunication, a blank "January" newsletter was prematurely published and posted on the website in mid-December. Rather than publish an extra issue at extra expense, we will call this the "January / February" issue. I apologize for any confusion.

Changes are here for your SOUNDBOARD. Articles will be of interest to the group. Schedules printed will be for Silver Strings activities and concert, festival or workshop opportunities only. Members are invited to submit a website address for their group. I encourage you to submit poems, articles regarding history of instruments or music, notes of happenings in the lives of our members (birthdays, anniversaries, loss in their immediate family, etc.), quotable quotes, and other interesting items.

Send all articles to your Soundboard editor :

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YOUR SECRETARY SPEAKS

Thank you all for voting me into office ! I look forward to being a part of Silver Strings board. I also look forward to getting to know all of you a little better than I do now. There are two things I want to do...make sure each of us has a good time, and see that all visitors are helped to feel welcome. There is nothing I like better than meeting new people. See you at the next meeting !

Carol

Board minutes.

The meeting was called to order, George Gonyo, Carol & Marlin Harmon, Ramona and Steve Hadley, Bob & Sandi Hlavacek were present.

Topics for discussion were :

- ?? Roger Davis is now our music coordinator.
- ?? Sandi Hlavacek will be the Editor in chief for the newsletter.
- ?? There will be another annual camp-out, June 17-19 (Fathers' Day weekend). Marlin & Carol Harmon will lead the plans.
- ?? There are 2 classifications of music... one, we can freely share music and play for fun (that is why a method of writing music was devised). The other, we need written permission to "play for pay" (play dates and recordings). "Tamlin" can go on the latter list.
- ?? Bob made suggestions for changes in handling the finances. Board was in agreement. (See treasurer's notes.)
- ?? We will ask the membership to inform us about upcoming festivals and other events we might not be aware of.

Our heartfelt thanks to Karl Malwitz for his great service as past editor of the SOUNDBOARD newsletter. He has chosen to sit back this year, but perhaps we can talk him into helping with some special projects coming up.

Deadline to submit all articles for SOUNDBOARD newsletter **is the 20th of each month.** The new newsletter will be posted on the website on the last day of the month (30th-31st). Printed newsletters will be available at the first meeting of each month. We will not mail out copies to everyone who is absent (except this time, to inform of new policies). Extras will be available on file for pick-up at your convenience. We do know there are special circumstances which require mailing, (if that is you, let Sandi know). We would like to minimize postage.

We believe, for the most part, anyone really interested in what's going on will come to (at least) an occasional meeting.

2005 Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Repertoire

C Alabama Jubilee
 G Amazing Grace
 D Amelia
 D Angleworm Wiggle
 G Angel Dance
 D Ashgrove
 D Ashoken Farerwell
 G Battle Hymn of the Republic
 D Beaumont Rag
 Am Bei Mier Bist Du Schein
 G Bellman's Rag
 C Black Velvet Waltz
 G Blackberry Blossom
 D Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine
 G Cabri Waltz
 G Captain O'Kane
 Am Cello
 G Cherokee Shuffle
 D Chinese Breakdown
 Am Cold Frosty Morn
 G Columbus Stockade Blues
 G Dancing Bear
 G Davy Davy Knick Knack
 D Dennis Murphy's Polka
 G Down Yonder
 Em Drunken Sailor
 G Dusty Bob's Jig
 G Eddie's Reel
 G Fanny Power (Pour)
 G Farewell to Whisky
 D Festival Rag
 C Five Foot Two
 D Flight of the Haggis
 D Flop Eared Mule
 G Flowers of Edinburgh
 D Full Moon Jig
 D Gaspé Reel
 D/G Golden Slippers
 G Grandfather's Clock
 D Harvest Home
 D Hey Polka
 G Hundred Pipers
 G I'll Fly Away
 G In the Garden
 G Irish Washerwoman
 G It's a Small World
 G Jamie Allen
 G January Waltz
 D Jenny Lind Polka
 D John Ryan's Polka
 A Joys of Quebec
 G/C Just Because
 Am Katushka
 C Kentucky Waltz
 D Kesh Jig
 G Let me Call You Sweetheart
 D Liberty
 D Little Judique
 G When You & I Were Young
 "Maggie"

D/A Maple Sugar
 G March of St. Timothy
 Am Metsakukkia
 D Midnight on the Water
 D Mississippi Sawyer
 Em Missouri
 Am Moscow Nights
 G My Little Girl
 G My Wild Irish Rose
 G Nail That Catfish to a Tree
 D Nancy
 G Nearer My God to Thee
 D Nelly Bly
 G Never on Sunday
 G Off to California
 G Old Joe Clark
 D Over the Waterfall
 G Painters' Polka
 G Pays de Haut
 D Peek-A-Boo Waltz
 D Petronella
 D Possum up a Gum Stump
 G Puncheon Floor
 D Ragtime Annie
 G Rakes of Mallow
 G Red Apple Rag
 G Red River Valley
 G Red Wing
 Em Riding on a Load of Hay
 D Road to Boston
 D Road to Lisdoonvarna
 D Rochester Schottische
 G Rock of Ages
 D Sandy River Belle
 Em Scollay's Reel
 G Seneca Square Dance
 G She'll be Comin' 'Round the
 Mountain
 G Shoes and Stockings
 G Silver and Gold
 D Simple Gifts
 G Sligo Fancy
 D Smash the Windows
 G Snow Deer
 D Soldier's Joy
 G Southwind
 D Stan's Hambo
 Em Swallowtail Jig
 D Sweet Hour of Prayer
 G Takes Two to Tango
 Em Tamlin
 C Tennessee Waltz
 C Tenstrike
 G Tick Tock Polka
 D Turkey in the Straw
 D Viola's Schottische
 G Westphalia Waltz
 G What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Am When Johnny Comes Marching
 Home
 D Whiskey Before Breakfast
 D Wildwood Flower
 G Young Jane
 D Young Roddy McCorley

SSDS Performance List 2005

D Ashoken Farewell 2
 G Battle Hymn of Republic 3
 D Beaumont Rag 3
 Am Bei Mier Bist du Schein 3
 G Bellman's Jig 3
 C Black Velvet Waltz 2
 G/D Nail Catfish / Angleworm 3 / 3
 D/D Chinese / Nelly Bly 3 / 3
 G Columbus Stockade 4
 G Down Yonder 3
 X Endless Medley
 Ragtime Annie 2D
 Soldier's Joy 2D
 Golden Slippers 2D/2G
 D Fanny Power 2
 D Festival Rag 3
 C Five Foot Two 4
 D Flight of the Haggis 3
 D Harvest Home 2
 D Hey Polka 4
 G Irish Washerwoman 3
 D John Ryan's Polka 4
 A Joys of Quebec 3
 Am Katushka 5
 G Maggie 3
 D/A Maple Sugar 3_
 G Old Joe Clark 4
 D Over the Waterfall 3
 G Painter's Polka 3
 D Peek-A-Boo Waltz 3
 G Red Apple Rag 3
 G/G Redwing / Snowdeer 3/3
 Em Lisdoonvarna / Riding Hay 2/2
 D Roddy McCorley 4
 G Silver & Gold 2-step 3
 G Southwind 3
 C Ten strike 3
 C Tennessee Waltz 3
 G Tick Tock Polka 3
 D Viola's Schottische 3
 G Westphalia 2
 D Whiskey B4 Breakfast 3

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Meetings on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of 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, public performances, picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :

<http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

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Everyone is welcome !

Come to listen, or come to play.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Uncle Carl's . . . Feb. 12

Adrian Jam night . . .Feb.19

Buckeye Festival, Ashley Ohio, March 9-13

Play: St. Patrick's Church, March 13

SSDS Variety night (garage sale?) March 31

SSDS Campout June 17-19

Evart Funfest July 13-17

Midland Festival Aug. 26-28