



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

It was good to see everyone at the potluck in August. The weather, food, friends, and music were all terrific. A good time was had by all who attended the SSDS Picnic held at German Park in Ann Arbor. The meat (roast pig) was very moist and tender, and all of the numerous potluck items were fantastic. We have some really great chefs in our club. We had five SSDS past presidents there.

I want to thank Bob and Sandi Hlavacek, Ramona and Steve Hadley, and Marlin and Carol Harmon for helping out with arranging the picnic, helping with supplies, the setup, and all who helped in the clean-up. I hope ALL of our members will attend next year.

Manfred and Judy Schmidt have asked us back again to play at their cottage on Sunday, Sept. 4th. Their cottage is located on Pleasant Lake in West Bloomfield. A few of us played there in July, and had a really good time. This would also be a potluck, complete with storytelling, etc.. More details to follow. I hope you can make it !

There will be a board meeting Sept. 1st at 6:30, before the regular jam. All are welcome George

V. P. PROGRAMS

Next week is the Midland Festival from Aug 25 thru the 28th. Hope to see all of you there. .Marlin

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

During our Silver Strings meeting, Aug 18th, we voted to change the appointment of the nominating committee from July to September, to coordinate with the board changeover, moved last year from October to January. The count was 35 to 1, in favor of this change... .Carol

V. P. BUSINESS

As our summer vacations wrap up, I hope that some of you will now be able to join us for the upcoming playdates after all your summer fun.

Here's what's coming up. We have enough people for September 8th, but could use a few more folks for September 25th, at the Heritage Park Mound Church in Taylor. Please let me know if you'd like to be part of that event.

On October 17th, we will be performing in Canton. A sign up sheet will be available at our next club meeting.

At the present time, we have six pre-holiday playdates. Roger mentioned at the last two meetings that it really isn't too early to dust off those holiday tunes and start practicing. He will provide us with the list. If you need copies of any of the tunes, let us know, and we will make the music available to you.

If you know of any individual or group that might be interested in booking our Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, please have them contact me, or, let me know and I'll call them or send out information. I have done a mailing to a few groups to remind them of our availability and to solicit bookings. We'll see what happens.

This club remains solid because we have supportive and dedicated members. Keep up the good work !

Thanks

Ramona

Never view adversity as an
overwhelming challenge.
Instead, welcome the challenge
of overcoming the adversity

YOU CAN BANK ON THIS \$\$\$

Summer is swiftly drawing to a close. By the time this newsletter goes to press, the last of the great summer music festivals (Midland) will be over. Midland is my favorite because it is smaller than Ewart and more relaxed.

Fall is also time to form a nominating committee and think about election of officers for 2006. If you are interested in being a member of the nominating committee please contact me or a member of the board. Candidates must be identified and presented at the annual meeting in October. Nominations will be accepted at meetings until the election, at the first regular meeting in November.

The treasury stands at \$5281.72. Thanks to all who helped at the picnic. Thank you Ramona and Sandi for all the help in set-up and clean-up after the meal. A big thanks also to Larry for helping clean up. Bob

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MAN

Starting this month we begin to revisit and review our Christmas songs. The song for September will be an old song, "Greensleeves (What Child is this) in Dm. Most of you should have the music, but if not let me know. I'll have some at the next meeting.

We could use the 4th Thursday of Sept. and Oct. for extra practices. This way we can play better and make a good impression on our audiences. Roger....

NEW MEMBERS

Richard and Helen Fowler 810 694-0520
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Gwen Barber
12278 Wisner Hwy, Clinton, Mi 49236
(HD, MD, Violin, Harmonica, Piano)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Sept. 1 SSDS board meeting, 6:30pm
@ Good Hope Church
Sept. 4 Schmidt house potluck
West Bloomfield
Sept. 8 SSDS playdate 12-1:00 pm
Ward Church Keenagers
Sept. 13 Happy Birthday Ellen Yanity
Sept. Adrian Jam
Sept. 25 SSDS playdate 4-5:00 pm
Taylor Historical Society
Oct. 6 SSDS Banquet in Plymouth
Oct. 17 SSDS Playdate, Canton

**SSDS BANQUET WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th
AT FOX HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
IN PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

Banquet tickets will be on sale at the SSDS meetings beginning August 18th .. They may also be purchased by mail. Send your check (payable to Silver Strings Dulcimer Society) to: CAROL BALOGH, 36101 LADYWOOD, LIVONIA, MI. 48154. **There will be NO SALES AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH.** Tickets will cost \$10 per member, and \$15 per guest.

Evie bain

SSDS September play list

	key	Song	times	1 st note
1	D	ANGLEWORM WIGGLE	3X	A
2	AM	JOYS OF QUEBEC	3X	E
3	C	BLACK VELVET WALTZ	3X	G
4	G	ROSLIN THE BEAU	4x	D
5	D	JOHN RYAN'S POLKA	5X	D
6	G	OLD JOE CLARK	4X	A
7	G	DOWN YONDER	3X	B
8	D	PEEK-A-BOO WALTZ	3X	F#
9	D	PAINTER'S POLKA	3X	A
10	G	FANNY POWER	3x	G
11	G	TICK TOCK POLKA	3X	D
12	AM	KATUSHKA	5X	A
13	D	WHISKEY B4 BREAKFAST	3X	D
14	G	SILVER AND GOLD 2-STEP	3X	B
15	D	YOUNG RODDY McCORLEY	4X	D
16	C	APPLES, PEACHES, PUMPKIN PIE	3X	E
17	G	WESTPHALIA WALTZ	2X	D
18	G	SOUTHWIND	2X	D
19	D	OVER THE WATERFALL	3X	D
20	G	COLUMBUS STOCKADE BLUES	4X	B
21	DD	CHINESE BRKDN / NELLY BLY	2 ea	A&F#
		ENDLESS MEDLEY	2 ea	
22	D	Ragtime Annie		F#
23	D	Soldier's Joy		F#
24	D&G	Golden Slippers		D

2005 Holiday play list

	key	song	times	1 st note
1	G	JINGLE BELLS	chor+2	B
2	G	RED WING	3X	D
3	G	AWAY IN A MANGER	3X	D
4	G	DECK THE HALLS	3X	D
5	G	RED APPLE RAG	3X	D
6	C	WINTER WONDERLAND	2X	G
7	C	SILVER BELLS	3X	C
8	EM	WE THREE KINGS	3X	B
9	D	ANGLE WORM WIGGLE	3X	A
10	C	TENNESSEE WALTZ	2X	C
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	DM	WHAT CHILD IS THIS	3x	D
		(Greensleeves)		
16	G	WHISKEY (eggnog) B4 BREAKFAST	3X	D
17	D	FROSTY THE SNOWMAN	2+ end	A
18	D	SIMPLE GIFTS	3X	A
19	G	SILVER AND GOLD 2-STEP	3X	B
20	G	ANGLES WE HAVE HEARD	3X	B
21	DG	SILENT NIGHT	2,g chrd,2	A&D
22	G	WE WISH YOU	chor,vrs,	D
		A MERRY CHRISTMAS	chor	

This is the play list... Check your music. If you are missing any, you may sign a request at the back table. Copies will be available after the break or at the next meeting.

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Surgeons at work ?.....or dinner for the picnic?

** Notice**

2006 membership dues are payable Sept 1st. They must be paid before the November election, for you to be eligible to vote.

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We need to have an earnest discussion about the membership dues rate. After calculating the average monthly cost of running our organization for the past couple of years, we are spending about \$18.70 per year per member. This cost is based on a membership of 125 dues payers. This year we have increased membership to 143; but we still have a cost of \$16.00 per member.

Yearly fixed costs include items like postage, sheet music for new tunes and new members, newsletter printing, \$50 per month for church meeting space, food and beverages for meetings and variety night, post office box, internet web site, etc. We have been offsetting these costs (around \$2200 per year) with proceeds from play dates. However, there are only about 21 members supporting play dates. This places a lot of strain on those who are supporting the group. There may be lean years with few bookings. At our current dues rate, we will generate \$700 from a renewal of 140 members, projecting a \$1500 deficit. This requires that we absolutely must book a minimum 10 to 15 play dates per year to break even.

According to our by-laws, it is the responsibility of the board to set the dues rate, then call for a vote from the members present at a regular meeting. This item will be discussed at the Sept 1st board meeting, and the results presented to the membership for action, at the first or second meeting in September. Bob Hlavacek

If Jimmy cracks corn, and nobody cares..... why is there a song written about him ?

*Do the "Alphabet Song" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" have the same tune?
Sing them...*

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If you have questions or problems regarding the new website, please contact:

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Dearborn Homecoming Performance

by David Smith



On Saturday, August 6 Silver Strings performed at Dearborn Homecoming. The weather was pleasant and we had a relaxing and informal performance in a shady spot of the Living History area. Many visitors stopped by to listen and ask questions about our music. A video crew taped us and we appeared briefly on the Channel 7 Evening News.

Silver Strings Picnic at German Park

by David Smith



On Sunday, August 7 Silver Strings hosted an annual Picnic. This year it was at German Park near Ann Arbor. The weather was pleasant in the shade and we all enjoyed the roast pig along with a large variety of foods brought in by everyone. About 50 members and their guests attended. After eating and socializing for a good part of the afternoon, a jam session started and we entertained our guests and ourselves.