



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas, and I wish you all a good, healthy, Happy New Year. This year marks the 23rd year of existence for SSDS. We've come a long way since those early days. We have definitely expanded our repertoire from 1983, when we only knew a few songs.

Our membership has grown to 145. We completed a CD in the latter part of the last century. Is it time for another? Is there anything you would especially like to see or do in 2006?

Thanks again to all of you who participated in those holiday playdates. There were a lot of folks who came to us after we performed, to give us a compliment. They really enjoyed our performances. George

There's nothing I like better than the sound of a banjo, unless of course it's the sound of a chicken caught in a vacuum cleaner.

WEBMASTER'S NOTES

Hi All,

The website is back up and running. All sections have been restored since the October crash. In addition, new photos and videos have been posted, and don't forget about our message board!

In case you have a few spare minutes, be sure to check out the new Silver Strings photo albums that were recently posted!

Labor Day, Pleasant Lake Picnic
Eastern Michigan University Family Day
Silver Strings Banquet
Franklin Community Church

Karen

V.P. Business

Happy 2006 to one and all ! May your blessings be many--your troubles few.

To the 35 members of SSDS who participated in the playdates throughout 2005, a million **THANK YOUs** for all of your support. To all of the spouses, friends, significant others, photographers, and "roadies", we appreciate your help, too. For all of the referrals and other ways you have helped make last year such a success--**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

To start off our new year, we have two bookings for January. We will again visit the American House in Westland on January 4th. Then, we are playing at the Lake Erie Metro Park on Saturday, January 21st, from 11 am - 3 pm, and on Sunday, January 22nd, from Noon - 4 pm. May we count on your support ?

I look forward to working with you in this new year.

Ramona

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 4 SSDS Playdate 2:30-3:30
American House..... Westland
- Jan 14 Uncle Carl's Jam, Spring Arbor
- Jan. 21 SSDS Playdate 11am-3 pm
Lake Erie Metropark, Gibraltar
- Jan 22 SSDS Playdate noon - 4 pm
Lake Erie Metropark, Gibraltar
- Jan 23 Happy Birthday Terry Avery
- Jan 26 Happy Birthday Kelly Kaiser
- Jan 28 West Adrian Music Jam

What do you call a group of topless female accordion players? Ladies in Pain

What's an accordion good for? Learning how to fold a map

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MAN

Alright, the holidays are past and it's time to get on with a new year. Last year was good but, 2006 will be even better.

I am working on a new song for January called "Larry's Waltz" by Bob McQuillen and have requested, from him, permission to copy. As soon as I receive it, I will produce copies for the club. In the meantime, if you have Waltz Book #2, start practicing.

Two other songs have been suggested for future months: Angeline the Baker and Sophrina.

The play list for January will be on the website soon as well as an up-dated repertoire.

Practice, practice, practice. Roger

BOARD NOTES

We would like to thank each and every one of you for making this past year such an enjoyable event. We sure had a lot of fun playing music with you. We would also like to thank every one of you who joined the playdates with us over the past year. Your presence was much appreciated. We had a lot of fun, didn't we? We expect next year will be just as enjoyable.

We hope your holidays were enjoyable, and we wish to extend to each of you our best wishes for the coming year, and hope to have fun with you all at our club meetings.

Marlin and Carol Harmon

YOU CAN BANK ON THIS

Happy New Year to one and all. It seems like we just did this a couple of months ago. What a great Christmas potluck we had !. The desserts were the best part. Our music performance for the church members who came, was a lot of fun. It seems to me, all the practice and play dates we had in December have made us sound better as a group. Thanks to all of you for your support this year.

I will have a year-end (2005) financial report available at the two meetings in January. There is too much to put in the newsletter. **If you have not paid your 2006 membership fees, please do so soon.** They were due by the end of December. The dues are \$10 for renewal. I am sending an email, as a reminder to those unpaid members. I am looking forward to a great musical year with you. Happy New Year.

Bob Hlavacek, Treasurer

PLEASE... mark your birthday on the big calendar on the "business table" in the back of the meeting room, or e-mail it to me at datadoc@sbcglobal.net so we can wish you a Happy Birthday. You're worth celebrating !

SSDS January Play List

			first note
1G	Westphalia Waltz	2X	D
2AM	Joys of Quebec	3X	E
3G	Bellman's Jig	3X	D
4D	Peek-a-Boo Waltz	3X	F#
5D	John Ryan's Polka	3X	D
6G	Old Joe Clark	4X	A
7G	Down Yonder.	3X	B
8G	Maggie	3x	B
9D	Painter's Polka	3X	A
10D	Young Roddy McCorly	4X	G
11C	Julida Polka (end on A)	3 1/2G	
12AM	Katushka	5X	A
13G	Silver and Gold	3X	B
14D	Over the Waterfall	3X	D
15G	South Wind	3x	D
16G	Columbus Stockade Blues	4X	B
17D	Viola's Schottische	3x	F#
18D	Ashoken Farewell	2x	A
19G	Redwing	3x	D
20	Endless Medley:	2 ea	
D	Ragtime Annie		F#
D	Soldiers Joy		F#
D&G	Golden Slippers		D

AND MORE DEFINITIONS

Agitato: A string player's state of mind when a peg slips in the middle of a piece.

Altered Chord: A sonority that has been spayed.

Bravo: Literally, How bold! or What nerve! This is a spontaneous expression of appreciation on the part of the concert goer after a particularly trying performance.

Harmony: A corn-like food eaten by people with accents

Modulation: "Nothing is bad in modulation."

Tempo: This is where a headache begins.

Triplet: One of three children, born to one mother very closely in time. If a composer uses a lot of triplets he has probably been taking a fertility drug.

Virtuoso: A musician with very high morals.

Silver Strings Christmas Potluck and Concert

submitted by David Smith



Lots of good food, Holiday spirits, and toe-tapping music was on hand at our last Silver Strings meeting of 2005. We started the evening with a leisurely meal, with ham provided by our club, and lots of potluck favorites, brought in by our members. After the meal, there was an incredible table full of all sorts of desserts. At around 8 pm we set up our instruments and performed for the Good Hope Church congregation. It was a lively performance, with many in the audience joining in by singing the Christmas tunes, or clapping along with the dance tunes. A Detroit News photographer was also on hand to capture the concert for an upcoming article about SSDS. Afterward, there was still time for jamming upstairs and down. This was a full evening of food, socializing, concert, and jamming... a great celebration to end 2005. More photos and videos are available on our club website, so check it out. Now it's on to 2006 and lots more fun, food and music!

Holiday on the Avenue

submitted by David Smith



Here is one of many Christmas concerts from December that Silver Strings played festive music for. This one took place on December 3 for "Holiday on the Avenue" at Comerica Bank in Dearborn. 20 of our members provided background Christmas music as children visited Santa and Mrs. Claus. A color photo of our club in performance appeared later that week in the Dearborn Press and Guide newspaper. More photos of this event are on our club website at:

<http://www.ssdociety.org>



Franklin Community Church

Photo by Bill Smith

On December 18th, Silver Strings entertained at a holiday brunch, for Franklin Community Church members... one of a dozen December performances. 2005 has been filled with playdates at an assortment of churches, community centers, luncheons, banquets, fundraisers, country clubs, nursing homes, senior living facilities, ladies' teas, Greenfield Village, public libraries, banks, museums, a shopping mall, Lake Erie Days, Dearborn Art in the Park, other community festivals, and a theater grand opening. It has been an interesting and fun year of playing together.

There is usually room for one more, so come join us! Watch the "calendar box" in each Soundboard, and talk to Ramona, our V.P. of Business. Her job is the very difficult task of coordinating our outings.