



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . . . .

I hope everyone has rested up during this quiet time of our musical year. With March upon us, we will have our first Variety Nite on the 30th. From some of the activity I observed recently, it looks like our emcee and his helpers are planning some interesting things for that event. So dust off your special talents, and plan to join in the fun.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, we are looking at the possibility of a group of Silver Stringers driving down to Dollywood in April. Luke suggested, that on the return trip, you might be interested in stopping in Springfield, Ohio for the National Trail Dulcimer Festival, April 28-30<sup>th</sup>.

It's really great to see so many of you at our Thursday evening jams. George

### V. P. PROGRAMS . . . . .

It's not too soon to be thinking about our campout at Myers Campground June 16-18. We are working on the flyers now, and they should be out by the first meeting in April. We will have a "Show of interest" pad in the back of our room at Good Hope. We would like each one of you who hasn't already signed up, to please do so.

We have one important change this year. **We must know before the campout, whether you will be there for the steak dinner.** If you are coming up for the day, we must know if you are staying for dinner too. For those planning to register for the campout, please include your money for the dinner with your registration. It will be much appreciated !. Thanks! Marlin

**If you have not registered your birthday or anniversary on the big calendar at the business table, please do it so we can help you celebrate... . Thanks !**

### V. P. BUSINESS . . . . .

It's been rather quiet (or perhaps it just seems that way) after all the activity we had late last year). I've mailed out a couple of proposals along with a demo CD to community groups where we haven't performed before. Hopefully, I'll hear from them before our next newsletter and have some happy news to share with you. Thanks to Sharon and John McAuliffe for providing the demo CDs for me.

We have the following dates scheduled: Tuesday, April 25 – Alzheimer's Fund Raiser at Laurel Manor in the evening and Thursday, May 4 – Farmington Hills Police Department Volunteer Recognition 10:30 am. I'll share the details with you later as they become finalized. Both of these have requested a limited number of players. Ramona

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Mar. 2 . . . . .	SSDS board meeting, . . . 6:00pm @ Good Hope Church
Mar. 7 . . . . .	Happy Birthday . . . Bonnie Ream
Mar. 8-12. . . . .	Buckeye Festival, . . . Ashley, Oh.
Mar. 11 . . . . .	Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club jam In Spring Arbor, Mi
Mar. 12 . . . . .	Happy Birthday . . . David Smith Happy Birthday . . . . . Evie Bain
Mar. 15. . . . .	Happy Birthday Sherry Humeckey
Mar. 25 . . . . .	Happy Birthday . . . Donna Mayer
Mar. 25 . . . . .	Adrian Jam . . . . . Adrian, Mi
Mar. 30 . . . . .	Happy Birthday. . . Dorothy Ewald
Mar. 30 . . . . .	SSDS Variety Night , . . . 7:00 pm @ Good Hope Church
April 17-?. . . . .	Int'l. Music Festival @ Dollywood
Apr. 25 . . . . .	SSDS playdate, . . . Alzheimer's Fundraiser @ Larrel Manor
May 4 . . . . .	SSDSplaydate, Police Volunteer Recognition @ Fqrmington Hills
June 16-18 . . . . .	SSDS Campout, . . . Meyers Lake
July 12-16. . . . .	Evart Funfest . . . . . Evart, Mi
Aug. 25-27. . . . .	Midland Musicfest . . . Midland, Mi

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY . . . . .

Hello everyone! Are you enjoying this cold weather ?

We did have some good news. Jason and Ellen Yanity had a new baby boy the middle of January. His name is Nathan, and he weighed 9 lb. Congratulations ! We hope he brings you a lot of happiness. Thanks for bringing him to our last meeting. He sure is a cute little fellow.

I again want to thank all the people who have been faithfully bringing snacks to our meetings. They sure are good !! Please continue to do so! Carol

### Haydn's Chopin Liszt at Vivaldi's:

- Rossini and cheese
- Schumann polish
- BeethOVEN cleaner
- orange Schubert
- TchaiCOUGHsky drops
- Honey-nut Berlioz
- Chef Boyardee Raveli
- Strauss (straws)
- Del Monteverdi corn
- Mozart-rella cheese
- new door Handel
- Golden Brahms
- Little Debussy snack cakes

## NEWS FROM FLORIDA . . . . . from Hal Bain

The Suncoast Dulcimer Society meets weekly in Port Charlotte, Florida. This group of 23 "snowbirds" includes hammered and mountain dulcimers, guitar, marimba and bass, playing traditional, gospel and hymns.

In January they played to a full house of over 150 at the Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, and are scheduled to play Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda, Edison community College Art Sensations, and Zee Carriage Village in North Fort Meyers by mid March.

Isn't it great to have music we can take anywhere to share ? Keep it up, Hal... it's great exercise for the brain cells !



Suncoast Dulcimer Society in performance  
Don't they look spiffy in their dress-up black & whites ?

## FROM THE MUSIC MAN . . . . .

I chose the chorus only, of "My Wild Irish Rose" for those of you who wish to play for your friends etc. We need to pick a couple of songs each month to just practice. The two songs for March will be "Nancy" and "My Little Girl". I have received some suggestions for future months, which are "Sophrina" and "Angeline the Baker".

There were a couple of errors in "Larry's Waltz"... in the first measure and in the last line. The B note should be a quarter note, not an eighth. The repeat at the end goes back to line four... second measure from the end of the line... right after the second ending of part A.

A lot of groups play Turkey in the Straw in the key of G. I may do this for later. Practice makes perfect most of the time. Roger

	SSDS	March Play List		first note
1	G	Westphalia Waltz	2X	D
2	D	John Ryan's Polka	3X	D
3	G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3X	D
4	G	South Wind	3x	D
5	D	Flop Eared Mule	3 1/2	F#
6	D	Young Roddy McCorley	4X	D
7	G	Down Yonder.	3X	B
8	C	When Irish Eyes are Smiling	3x	G
9	D	Painter's Polka	3X	A
10	G	Hundred Pipers	3X	G
11	C	Julida Polka (end on A)	3 1/2	G
12	AM	Katushka	5X	A
13	G	Silver and Gold 2-step	3X	B
14	D	Danny Boy	2X	D
15	G	Eddie's Reel	3X	D
16	C	My Wild Irish Rose	3X	G
17	D	Hey Polka	4X	A
18	AM	Star of the County Down	2X	E
19	G	Rosin' the Beau	3X	D
20		Endless Medley:	2 ea	
	D	Ragtime Annie		F#
	D	Soldiers Joy		F#
	D&G	Golden Slippers		D

The 2006 SSDS play repertoire will be found on page 4 of this Soundboard. Look through your music, and if there are any pieces you are missing, write them down, put your name on the list, and either mail it to Roger Davis, 23444 Greening Dr., Novi, Mi. 48375 . . . or E-mail it to [rdavis@twmi.rr.com](mailto:rdavis@twmi.rr.com), or leave it on the back "business table" at any meeting.

## YOU CAN BANK ON THIS . . . . treasurer

Spring is around the corner. Soon it will be music festival season. We are off to a fine start with five new members already this year. Please update your membership directory from the list, and make them feel welcome. There are still several members who have not renewed their dues for 2006. Please get your renewal in as soon as possible.

We currently have a bank balance of \$6337.38. March has a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday. That means **variety night** and pizza on **the 30<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up with Bob and Sally Niemczewski.

Keep on hammering, strumming, & picking!.....Bob

## REMINISCING . . . . "Red Haired Fiddlers Waltz"

We often accepted or sought out jobs, not for the pay or the publicity, but for the sheer fun of them. As many of us as could, were expected to support the club on these playdates. We had large groups show up for just about everything.

This was true of the Kingsville Ontario Migratory Bird Festival that we played for a few years. This was fun, not just for the adventure of getting across the border with the interesting drive, but for the carnival atmosphere of the entire town involved in their festival. There were carved birds, quilted birds, stuffed birds, and bird calls, and things to eat, and things to do. But the prettiest thing of all was the sunset arrival of thousands of birds landing in the marsh off of Lake Erie.

We played on stage, in the school auditorium for a number of years. One of those years stands out particularly in my memory because of an incident that happened. Our leader at the time, Sue Tanner, introduced a song something like this... "I learned this song from a friend, and I taught it to MY friends. We enjoy it, but I don't know where it came from originally." After our performance, I was approached by a gentleman from the audience. He smiled and said, "You may not know where that song came from, but I do. My Dad wrote it." The gentleman's name was Ron St. Pierre, and his father's name was Harvey St. Pierre. He went on to tell me his dad passed away on stage, fiddle in hand, playing that song. We often saw Ron after that. He would look us up, if he heard we were going to be someplace close. Yes, we had permission to play the song after that.

Marie Naster

## Thank you, Marie !!!

Any articles of musical interest are welcome for publication in the Soundboard. Many who have been in SSDS for several years have some special insights and fun memories to share.

**Please do !!!** Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## NEW MEMBERS

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## NEW ADDRESS

Ron & Ida O'Dell  
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Saint Peter is checking ID's at the Pearly Gates, when in walks a Texan. "Tell me, what have you done in life?" says St. Peter.

The Texan says, "Well, I struck oil, so I became rich, but I didn't sit on my laurels--I divided all my money among my entire family in my will, so our descendants are all set for about three generations."

St. Peter says, "That's quite something. Come on in. Next!"

The second guy in line has been listening, so he says, "I struck it big in the stock market, but I didn't selfishly just provide for my own like that Texan guy. I donated five million to Save the Children."

"Wonderful!" says Saint Peter. "Come in. Who's next?"

The third guy has been listening, and says timidly with a downcast look, "Well, I only made five thousand dollars in my entire lifetime."

"Heavens!" says St. Peter. "What instrument did you play?"

## 2006 Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Repertoire

Key	Tune	Key	Tune
C	Alabama Jubilee	Am	Metsakukkia
G	Amazing Grace	D	Midnight On The Water
D	Amelia	D	Mississippi Sawyer
D	Angleworm Wiggle	Em	Missouri
G	Angel Dance	Am	Moscow Nights
C	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	G	My Little Girl
D	Ashgrove	G	My Wild Irish Rose
D	Ashoken Farewell	G	My Wild Irish Rose (Chorus Only)
G	Battle Hymn Of The Republic	G	Nail That Catfish To A Tree
D	Beaumont Rag	D	Nancy
G/D	Folk Medley (Red River Valley, Comin' Round the Mountain, U R My Sunshine)	G	Nearer My God To Thee
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schein	D	Nelly Bly
G	Bellman's Jig	G	Never On Sunday
G	Blackberry Blossom	G	Off To California
C	Black Velvet Waltz	G	Old Joe Clark
D	Bonaparte Crossing The Rhine	D	Over The Waterfall
G	Cabri Waltz	D	Painter's Polka
Em	Captain O'Kane	D	Pays de Haut
Am	Cello	D	Peek-A-Boo Waltz
G	Cherokee Shuffle	D	Petronella
D	Chinese Breakdown	D	Possum Up A Gum Stump
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	G	Puncheon Floor
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	D	Ragtime Annie
Em	Dancing Bear	G	Rakes Of Mallow
D	Danny Boy	G	Red Apple Rag
G	Davy Davy Knick Knack	G	Red River Valley
D	Dennis Murphy's Polka	G	Red Wing
G	Down Yonder	Em	Riding On A Load Of Hay
Em	Drunken Sailor	D	Road To Boston
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	D	Road To Lisdoonvarna
G	Eddie's Reel	D	Rochester Schottische
G	Fanny Power (Poer)	G	Rock Of Ages
G	Farewell To Whiskey	D	Rock The Cradle Joe
D	Festival Rag	G	Rosin The Beau
C	Five Foot Two	D	Sandy River Belle
D	Flight Of The Haggis	Em	Scollay's Reel
D	Flop Eared Mule	D	Scotty O'Neil
G	Flowers Of Edinburgh	G	Seneca Square Dance
D	Full Moon Jig	G	She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain
D	Gaspere Reel	G	Shoes And Stockings
D/G	Golden Slippers	G	Silver And Gold Two-Step
G	Grandfather's Clock	D	Simple Gifts
G	Happy Birthday	G	Sligo Fancy
D	Harvest Home	D	Smash The Windows
D	Hey Polka	G	Snow Deer
G	Hundred Pipers	D	Soldier's Joy
G	I'll Fly Away	G	Southwind
G	I'll Remember You, Love, In My Prayers	D	St. Anne's Reel
G	In The Garden	D	Stan's Hambo
G	Irish Washerwoman	Am	Star Of The County Down
G	It's A Small World	Em	Swallowtail Jig
G/D	Jamie Allen	D	Sweet Hour Of Prayer
G	January Waltz	G	Takes Two To Tango
D	Jenny Lind Polka	Em	Tamlin
D	John Ryan's Polka	C	Tennessee Waltz
A	Joys Of Quebec	C	Tenstrike
C	Julida Polka	G	Tick Tock Polka
G/C	Just Because	D	Turkey In The Straw
Am	Katushka	D	Viola's Schottische
C	Kentucky Waltz	G	Westphalia Waltz
D	Kesh Jig	G	What A Friend We Have In Jesus
G	Larry's Waltz	C	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	Am	When Johnny Comes Marching Home
D	Liberty	D	Whiskey Before Breakfast
D	Little Judique	D	Wildwood Flower
G	Maggie (When You & I Were Young)	G	You Are My Sunshine
D/A	Maple Sugar	G	Young Jane
G	March Of St. Timothy	D	Young Roddy McCorley
		G	You're A Grand Old Flag