



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS RAMBLINGS _____ Bob Niemczewski

Well folks, as I sit writing this little article, it is the day before Thanksgiving, and it makes me think of all the people and things that make me thankful. Aside from the obvious thankful list of family, health, and friends, I will direct my focus towards music and you, my musical family. To the many of you who have been so kind to me and our Board helping out whenever you could, I thank you. To all the folks who worked on all the special events we had this year and the countless hours you spent making them wonderful, I thank you. To the people who helped with our meetings, workshops, bringing snacks, setting up and taking down chairs and tables, helping with the clean up after the meetings, holding open the doors for overloaded musicians, and assisting the members who needed help to and from our meetings, and their vehicles, I thank you. To the folks who have been dedicated members, showing up for play dates when you could, and representing us in a manner that causes me to brag about our club, I thank you. To all of our new members for finding our club and hopefully my new friends, I thank you. And finally, I know I have missed a few of you that need to be thanked and I thank you for quietly doing what you do to make our club the best.

On another note, we have had all of our Christmas practices and we are ready to hit the holiday road running. We will be busy this year, and I am looking forward to enjoying some good holiday spirit, music, many laughs, and maybe some tasty treats with all my old and new friends from the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society.

I hate to bring up a sad note at this time of the year, but we have lost a lovely and wonderful person from our sister club, Uncle Carl's, and a former member of SSDS. Sandy Johnson, 63 yrs. old, a dear friend to many, was murdered last weekend and at this time I do not have any facts or circumstances about her death. Let us keep her, and her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Peace Through Music.Bob

PURSE STRINGS _____ Treasurer

I hope this article finds everyone in good health for the upcoming holidays, and our busy season that is approaching fast. As of this writing our bank account is balanced and in good order. Remember to see me, or mail your dues in for 2013, and I will see to it that you are on our roster and email list.

Happy Holidays!Sally

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Sharon McAuliffe

'Tis the season for holiday music. I thank each one of you who has taken time out of your busy schedules to participate in one or more of the holiday performances. We have brought lots of smiles to people's faces during the holiday season.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Welcome to New Members:

Diane Calhoun of Northville
She is learning to play Hammered Dulcimer
Marsha McCullough of Farmington Hills
Also learning to play Hammered Dulcimer
Nancy Sullivan of Novi
She is learning to play Autoharp

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.



NOTIFICATIONS _____ V.P. Business
HI All,

As I sit at my computer writing the last article for 2012, it strikes me once again, how time flies and how precious it is.

A mere year ago when I began my tenure as VP Business of Silver Strings I really had no concept as to all this position entails. It was, and still is, a challenge but one I am most happy to accept.

The fact that I had no real computer skills to speak of is now just a fading memory most of the time. With the help and patience of fellow officers I've managed to learn and apply the necessary skills. However, meeting people, scheduling performances, being the MC at the performances is right up my alley and I thoroughly enjoy doing so.... I'm just a "ham" at heart, I guess!

The part of this position that is still always of concern, is putting together a performing group and living up to the expectations of our audiences. We have a reputation to uphold, and a legacy that has been put before us to continue.

We already have many performances scheduled for the upcoming year by some of our "regular" clients as well as some new ones!

We need new audiences and new players to keep us interested and to sharpen our skills, as well as new player/participants to insure our continued ability to perform.

As always, I encourage all new members to learn our repertoire and become a part of us who enjoy sharing our music on stage. It is an extremely rewarding experience, and one well worth the effort!

I am very happy and proud to have been elected to another year as VP Business, and look forward to a successful 2013. It is with the help and vision of our members that I will be able to succeed in doing so.

Respectfully. Linda Osgood

NOTABLE NOTES _____ Secretary
November 1, 2012 board meeting

* Sharon is on vacation so Theresa Smith took notes.

* One card was sent.

* Review by-laws: elections, dues and calendar year.

Merry Christmas! Sharon McAuliffe

This is a synopsis. Full board minutes are available from Sec.

IT'S DECEMBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 1....Jim Bain
- 4....Dave Lovelace
- 12....Sharon Hall
- 13....Theresa Smith
- 31...Sandi Hlavacek
- 25...Carol Harmon



ANNIVERSARYS

- 22....Bert & Elaine Stein.....49th

VP PROGRAMS _____ George Gonyo

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want to thank everyone who brought in the epitome of culinary delights for our meetings, and those who helped with the cleanup afterwards. As they always say, "many hands make light work".

This concludes the 29th year of SSDS. Next year we have the 2013 Campout at Myers Lake scheduled for the second weekend in June. More information on the campout will follow at a later date. The third weekend in July will be the Evert Fun Festival, with the Festival at Midland scheduled for the following month. Also, on the schedule will be our own Variety Nights scheduled on the fifth Thursdays of the month. One other event that is starting next year will be the Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering (GLUG) scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. More information will follow on this, so bring your ukulele and your voice to share music and singing. There will be a small charge associated with this gathering.

This will be our 30th year in our clubs existence, so let us all make this year of music, fun, and excitement.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 2...**Playdate** **H** 3:30-4:45
Holy Family Church Novi
- 5...**Playdate** **H** 2:15-3:15
American House Westland
- 6...**Playdate** **H** 7:00-8:00
Good Hope Lutheran Church Garden City
- 8...**Playdate** **H** 3:00-4:00
Royal Oak Library Royal Oak
- 9...**Playdate** **H** 10:30-11:30
Emerson Universalist Church Troy
- 9...**Playdate** **H** 2:30-3:30
Pine Ridge of Hayes Ret. Comm. . . Sterling Heights
- 10...**Playdate** **H** 2:00-3:00
Plymouth Cultural Center Plymouth
- 11...**Playdate** **H** 2:30-3:30
Heartland Health Care Canton
- 14...**Playdate** **H** 2:00-3:00
Rivergate Nursing Facility Riverview
- 16...**Playdate** **H** 2:00-3:00
St. Richard Church Westland
- 20...**SSDS meeting and Jam** 7:00-?*
- 20...**Playdate** **H** 12:15-1:00
Livonia Library Livonia

**BC=Business Casual, V= Victorian
BW=Black & white, H=Holiday**

Bring a snack or treat to share with the Good Hope members after our concert on Dec 6th.

***SSDS meeting on the 20th will be held downstairs.**

To print the December play list,

please click on our website or this link :
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

DECEMBER PLAYLIST

| Winter Playlist | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| Key | Tune | Play |
| G | Jingle Bells | 4 |
| D | Festival Rag | 3 |
| G | Larry's Waltz | 2 |
| D | Possum Up A Gum Stump | 3 |
| G | Red Apple Rag | 4 |
| D | Maple Sugar | 3 1/2 |
| G | Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow! | 3 |
| D | Whiskey Before Breakfast | 4 |
| G | January Waltz | 3 |
| Em | Road To Lisdoonvarna | 4 |
| G | Silver and Gold Two Step | 4 |
| C | Winter Wonderland | 3 |
| D | Sandy River Belle | 3 |
| D | Hey Polka | 4 |
| Am | Cold Frosty Morn' | 3 |
| D | Frosty The Snowman | 2 |
| G | Down Yonder | 4 |
| Em | Tamlin | 3 |
| G | Westphalia Waltz | 2 |
| Em | Dancing Bear | 4 |
| G | Red Wing | 3 |
| D/D | Endless Medley: Ragtime Annie, | 2/2/ |
| D/D | Soldier's Joy and Golden Slippers | 2/2 |
| | | |
| | If needed: | |
| G | Dreidel Song | 4 |
| Em | Oh Chanukah | 3 |
| | | |
| | * Check with Linda or on signup sheets for dress code and if chairs are needed | |



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

| Key | Tune | Play |
|-----|--|-------|
| G | Deck The Hall | 3 |
| G | Angels We Have Heard On High | 3 |
| D | Festival Rag | 3 |
| G | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | 3 |
| D/G | Silent Night | 2/2 |
| G | Westphalia Waltz | 2 |
| D | Simple Gifts | 3 |
| C | Silver Bells | 3 |
| G | Joy To The World | 3 |
| Am | Cold Frosty Morn' | 4 |
| D | Frosty The Snowman | 2 |
| G | Jingle Bells (Start with chorus) | 3 1/2 |
| G | Red Apple Rag | 3 |
| C | Winter Wonderland | 3 |
| C | January Waltz | 3 |
| G | Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow! | 3 |
| D | Rudolph The Red - Nosed Reindeer | 3 |
| G | Silver and Gold Two Step | 4 |
| G | Away In The Manger | 3 |
| G | Up On The Housetop | 4 |
| G | We Wish You A Merry Christmas | 2 1/2 |
| | | |
| | * Holiday dress. Check on sign-up sheet or with Linda to see if chairs are needed | |

The History of Christmas Songs

Origins

- The original Christmas songs were the pagan chants of the Winter Solstice festival. Songs were used to celebrate all four seasons, but winter is the only one that is still part of modern culture.

Christianity

- In the early days of Christianity, the church frowned upon carol singing, as it was an extension of a pagan custom. However, inspired by their new religion, peasants began to create simple folk songs telling the story of Christmas.

Acceptance

- Saint Francis of Assisi was the first person to use songs as part of the Christmas church service. In 1223, he used music and lyrics in the Christmas Eve Nativity play, making Christmas carols an official part of the service.

Carolers

- Before it became popular for groups of people to sing Christmas songs in public, travelling minstrels would pass the time singing carols for those passing by. They would wander from home to home, entertaining people, in hopes of receiving a small reward in return.

Nowadays

- Today, singing Christmas songs has become an essential part of the holiday season, with numerous carol singing events being planned each year all over the world.

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm (next is Dec 15th)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month – 6pm (next is Dec 1st)

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

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month – 6pm (Dec 29th)

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 (Dec 1st)

Magic Bean Café, 5789 State St, Suite 3, Saginaw. MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Dec 28th)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

For Info contact Alice Perry at: mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

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

Clubs and individuals are welcome.

Come to play or be part of an audience. 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 or go to FolkJam.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

Monthly jams will be on the first Wednesday of the month beginning 7:00 January 2nd

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Ukulele players of all abilities can strum and sing.

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

Contact: Bob at bsnemo@yahoo.com or

David at musicalcraft@yahoo.com

Stephen Seifert Dulcimer Class

July 15-17, 2013 - Evart, Michigan

Mountain dulcimer teacher and performer, will teach a 3 day class in Evart right before the festival.

\$165 for 3 days and 3 nights of work, laughter, and a great learning experience. Limited to 30 students. Register early.

Credit cards accepted.

Information is on his website: www.stephenseifert.com

Or, you can call Paula Brawdy: 616-240 0445.

PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor,

First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

Our jam sessions are free and open to all interested musicians.

We play jigs, reels, and waltzes as played for contra dancing.

The goals are to have fun, learn more tunes, and develop our contra dance musician skills.

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

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Share musical talents and appreciation for music, song and other forms of joyful noise on the 7:00-11:00

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

Kentucky Music Winter Dulcimer Weekend

January 11, 12 & 13, 2013

Come join us in our new Winter Weekend location – Holiday Inn – Hurstbourne, Louisville, KY, to chase away those winter blues with a fun-filled jammin' good time! Classes, instructor concert, open stage opportunities, and lots of jams (all in one building!), partnered with some of the finest performers/instructors in the dulcimer world, promise to make this the best yet!

Mountain Dulcimer – Stephen Seifert, Dave Haas, Anne Lough, Paul Andry, Maureen Sellers, Marsha Harris, Gary Sager, Molly McCormack

Hammered Dulcimer – Jody Marshall, Janis Huff, Guy George, Rick Thum, Anne Lough

Bowed Dulcimer – Marsha Harris

Ukulele – Peter Madcat Ruth, Sharrie George, Debbie Grizzell

Steel Drum & Penny Whistle – Guy George

Please visit our web site for detailed information, class schedule, instructor bios, and registration:

www.kentuckymusicwinterweekend.com



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