

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS REPORT _____ Harold Crane

Greetings everyone! We had our first official SSDS board meeting on January 15th to discuss and plan our objectives, ideas and agenda for 2015. Our big events are Meyers Lake (fun in the sun), Evert Festival (SSDS on stage-wow), picnic at Garden City Park (great food) and our fall banquet (a very enjoyable evening). Everyone is welcome to help in the planning of these events at our board meetings or our Thursday practice nights.

Thanks again to Marsha and Karen for their help and support for our new board members. Our next board meeting is February 5th. We had a small, but lively group at our first Thursday jam night. We need to sit or stand closer together when playing to enable everyone to hear the starts (both the song and tempo) and enjoy playing the music.

Our first two-day play date at the Erie Metro Park Ice Daze was a well-attended, intimate setting at the museum and it was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Carol Ann, Alice and Sandy for the yummy snacks they brought to the play date for us. We have more play dates coming up in February, so sign up and join in the fun!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna Mayer whose son, Kenny passed away on January 6, 2015, a speedy recovery for Bob Niemczewski and a "get well soon" to Linda Losse.

Stay safe and see ya all soon, Harold

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Wade Mullins

We are working on securing the dates and making plans for the picnic and the campout at Meyers Lake. We expect that next month we'll be able to give you exact dates so you can plan your calendars.

The next variety night will be in April so that will give everyone plenty of time to come up with an act to contribute to the evening. Wade Mullins

V.P. BUSINESS _____ Ann Wassell

Our playlist for February includes several tunes appropriate for Valentine's Day. Lots of "love stuff". We have three play dates: February 3, at Heartland Health Care; February 9, at First United Church of Wyandotte; and, February 19, at Four Chaplains Nursing Center in Westland. We need a Bass Player on the 19th. Anyone available at 2:30 in the afternoon to play bass? Let me know!

We had wonderful weather for Erie Ice Daze, lots of people coming by to hear us play and share in the fun of the two days we were there. Thanks to everyone who participated - it was great!

March is the month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with great Irish Music. Be sure to revisit all the Irish tunes in our music list so that you will be ready for play dates and a "jammin' good time" in March.

We plan to add "Pig Ankle Rag" to the play date list soon. Practice up. Ragtime music is so much fun to play and to listen to. If there are any other tunes that anyone would like to have added to our play lists - or - if there are any tunes you would like to learn, please let me know. We will consider all suggestions. Ann



IT'S FEBRUARY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

10...Bob Ewald
10...Christine Hurt
13...Ed Konstal
14...Barb Davis
24...Joe Johnson
25...Nancy Sullivan
26...Pat Altpeter
26...Bob Aronson



ANNIVERSARIES

5....Jim & Evie Bain 49th
12...Bob & Sandi Hlavacek 49th
13...Tom & Lee Lack 28th
14...Steve & Ramona Hadley 40th

I need to update the birthday and anniversary list so if you are new or haven't seen your name here in the last year I may not have your information. Email me: leelack@att.net or talk to me at a meeting.

MEDIC - ALERT CARDS

If you have not filled out an emergency information card yet, **PLEASE DO**. They are the green cards in the brown recipe box at the business table at all meetings. These go with us to all SSDS activities (social or business). They are kept for family contact in case you have a medical emergency when you are with us. If you have new medical info since you filled yours out, please update it with a new card.

ANN'S GROUP

Beginner hammered dulcimer players' slow jam and learning session the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month from 1 to 3. Please email or call me if you can come. I live in Livonia near 8 Mile and Newburg.

February 12th and the 26th, at 1 p.m.

We will plan to revisit some Irish tunes.

Phone: 734-744-4255

Email: ann.wassell@yahoo.com

FROM THE TREASURER'S BOX__Terry Kozlowski

February Report

1. Membership: Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. Our membership is now at 85. If you have any changes to your email, mailing address, telephone number, etc. please notify me. If you are in contact with members who we haven't seen in a while, invite them back. If you have friends who play acoustic instruments, give them a personal invitation to join us. It would be nice to be over 100 members again.

2. Gig payouts for April thru October and November, December are completed. See Karen Turner for your gracious reward.

3. A big thanks to outgoing President, Marsha Kozlowski and Business Manager, Karen Turner for their leadership and hard work during the past 2014 year. Welcome President Harold Crane, and Business Manager, Ann Wassell to the 2015 board.

4. Treasury book is available for inspection. See me at any of the jams or variety night for review.

IPad for sale, excellent condition, used for music only. Blue Magnetic case comes with it. \$200, call Paula Brawdy @ 616 240 0445. Can mail to you.



Silver Strings played for Lake Erie Ice Daze at Lower Huron Metro Park. This is one of the most fun playdates of the year. A two-day celebration of winter fun that combines outdoor activities like dog sledding, with indoor crafting demonstrations, it's just the thing to keep the winter chill away.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5...SSDS Meeting and Jam 7:00-?
 3...PLAYDATE BC 3:00-4:00
 Heartland Health Care Canton
 9...PLAYDATE BC 12:00-1:00
 First United Church of Wyandotte
 19...PLAYDATE BC 2:30-3:30
 Four Chaplains Nursing Center. Westland
 19...SSDS Meeting and Jam 7:00-?
 28...PLAYDATE BC 6:00-7:00
 Ashford Court Senior Retirement Westland

MARCH

- 17...PLAYDATE G 6:00-7:00
 Southgate Co-Op Southgate
 20...PLAYDATE G 6:00-7:00
 Maple Heights Retirement Allen Park
C=Casual, BC=Business Casual, G=Green



THE BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL

24th Annual ... held at
 Recreation Unlimited,
 Ashley, Ohio
 March 4 - 8, 2015

Everything you need to know will be found right here:
<http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com>

MOUNTAINEERS
 2nd and 4th
 Wed, 7:00.
 February
 12th and 26th
 At the home of
 Carol Ann & Dave Matthews

Great for beginners, improving your technique,
 learning new tunes, or just playing along
 with other mountain dulcimers.

For info email Carol Ann:

carolannmatthews@yahoo.com

To print the February play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2015/2015FebruaryPlaylist.pdf>

Silver Strings February 2015 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over The Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Maggie	3
G	I'll Remember You Love In My Prayers	3*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
G	Young Jane	3*
G	Red Apple Rag	3
Em	Tamlin	3
D	Simple Gifts	3*
D	Hey Polka	3
G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
G	You Are My Sunshine	5
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	Down Yonder	3
G	Southwind	3*
D/G	Soldier's Joy / Golden Slippers	2/2
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	3
	Extras	
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
	*2 nd time: If instruments are available- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly	

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.

Soundboard Articles

The newsletter can be a great place for members to share experiences they've had with the club. If you had an especially good time at a playdate or a festival, you could write about it and submit it. If you have an idea for an article, it could be about a musical incident or a related craft or even what the club has done for you, please share it with the group. They'd love it. Lee leelack@att.net

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm
(next is Feb 14th)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month Sept thru May – 6pm
(next is Feb 7th)

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

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month – 6pm (next is Feb 28th)

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 (Feb 7th)

Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Feb 27th)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

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

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
mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Feb 4th)

Good Hope Lutheran Church,

28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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

Contact: Bob at bsnemo@yahoo.com or

David at musicalcraft@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Open Band - POB

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

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

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month 7-11pm (Feb 21st)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

FARMINGTON JAM

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

Second Tuesday of each month from Sept – June, 7pm

Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...

If you are a beginner, this is a good place

to meet people and get involved.

Contact: HolmesSid@aol.com

If anyone knows of a good jam that should be in this column and isn't please let me know. Lee

FROM YOUR EDITOR

I came to Silver Strings, for the first time, in November of 2007. I didn't know at the time that it was Variety Night so I found out, right away, what that was all about. But, I came back for the next regular meeting and bought the music packet and got to work. I had a decent, but not very loud, fiddle that I'd been playing for around twenty years, mostly on the porch or at campgrounds and mostly alone or with my husband, Tom, who is a fine guitar player.

I soon figured out that it was really good practice playing in a big group of loud instruments. I could work on tunes and try different things without too many people hearing all my mistakes.

After a while, I became comfortable enough to start signing up for some playdates which included Greenfield Village in Victorian dress which, I thought, was a lot of fun.

But, there still existed the problem with my not very loud fiddle. Tom would keep telling me to play louder and I realized I couldn't. So, that was a good reason to make the trip up to Elderly Instruments, the best music store in the state!

So, now with my louder fiddle and some new found confidence I attended meetings and playdates and had a very nice time. I especially enjoyed the "after hours" jams that often approached midnight or even passed it.

In the early part of 2011, suffering from a bad case of spring fever I needed something new to do. So, I started thinking about giving back a little. I answered Sandi's ad in the newsletter asking, "Do you like jigsaw puzzles?" At first I thought "No, but this might work". So, the April 2011 Silver Strings Soundboard was my first edition (with lots of help from Sandi) and now it's been almost four years. It has been a very satisfying endeavor and I've learned more about the computer than I ever dreamed I would.

I feel that I have this fine club to thank for improving my playing and giving me a lot of great people to play with and I'm happy to be able to contribute something in return.

Thanks, Lee

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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7-9p.m with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

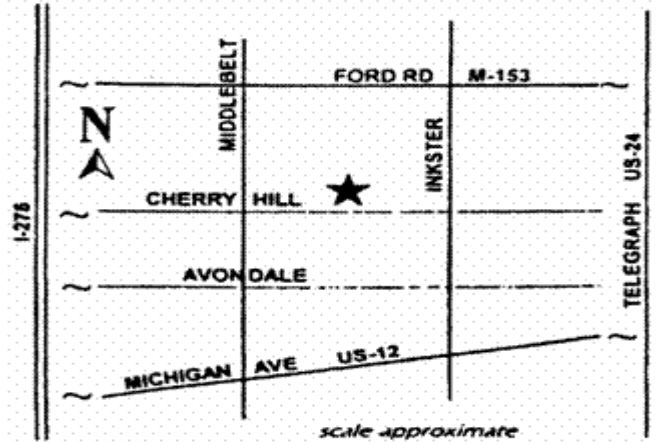
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,
and other acoustic band instruments :
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,
and harmonica.

Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 20th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

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IT'S FEBRUARY...!
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !!

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your name would be here.