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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

As your new president and being this is my first article, I really don't have a lot of new business to report. However, I do have some observations/comments I'd like to mention.

First of all a big thank you to the departing members of the board:

- VP of Business Ann Wassell for her diligent work on arranging all of SSDS gig activities especially the Christmas season gigs.
- Also, a thank you to Treasurer Jeff Despard. He volunteered for treasurer fantastic job tracking the financial affairs during his tenure.
- A big thank you goes to our departing President Harold Crane. Harold lives in Brighton, so that shows his dedication to SSDS. That's a lot of miles to drive to all the jam meetings, variety night activities, scheduled gigs, banquets, and picnic. He managed, with the help of his board, to keep our club on a positive path to promote our love of music.
- All though not a member of the board, a special thank you to Lee Lacks for many years as outgoing SSDS News Editor.

Special thank you to current board members and others:

- VP of Programs Gloria Tapper for her hard work maintaining the activities within the club. Hers was first to arrive and last to leave and everything in between for all the club functions.
- Secretary Christine Hurt for her work recording all the activities that occur within our Club.
- As past president and new VP of Business, Harold Crane's experience will be helpful as I transition into my role as president.
- Music Coordinator Marsha Kozlowski for her hard work scheduling Christmas program practices, arranging Christmas music for all the participating members and keeping all the members informed of updated music issues.
- I must not forget two people who do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes of our club. They spend many hours keeping our club current within the social media. Karen Turner, Web Master, Dave Smith, News Editor thank you, thank you, and thank you!

As our club starts the 2017 year, I look forward to a positive year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the board membersTerry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??
Board Meeting 5:30
- 19.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??
Classical Practice 6:00
- 21.....Erie Ice Days Playdate.....11 - 3 pm
22..... Erie Ice Days Playdate.....12 - 4 pm

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello Everyone, What happened to 2016? It was a good year for Silver Strings with our monthly jams, Variety Nights, Evert, Midland, Meyers Lake, Garden City Picnic, Library Outreach, Parties and of course all our Playdates. Thanks to Ann for a great job scheduling and planning the playdates, Marsha for all her music arrangements and adding many new tunes to our playlist, Linda for her friendly smile as our playdate MC. Our CD sales were good because our performances were great! Thanks also to Gloria, our V. P. of Programs, for a great job of organizing and scheduling our programs, Christine, our Secretary, for recording and reporting club info and also our club treasurer Jeff who did a great job keeping our finances in order, Karen, our very talented "webmaster" and of course Dave, our creative Soundboard editor.

I'm excited to be part of our 2017 Silver Strings Board as the V. P. of Business and working with Terry, our new president to keep our club healthy, happy and sharing the joy of music.

Our first playdate of 2017 is the Erie Ice Daze at the Erie Metropark on Saturday, January 21st, 11:00 am to 3:00pm and Sunday, January 22nd, noon to 4:00 pm. This is a fun playdate in the park museum with lots of exhibits and things to do both inside and outside.

I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR and PEACE ON EARTH!

Stay warm and see ya soon.....Harold

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Hi everyone. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and are staying warm, I'm having a hard time with that. It seems I've been out of the loop for some time, it's only been a couple weeks.

This is what I have in the works, Myers lake camp out, I'm trying for June 9-10-11 Friday through Sunday. It's not confirmed yet but as soon as it is I will let you know.

I also want to thank all of you for the cards and encouragement prior to and after my surgery, I plan on being back very soon.

I'm quite sure Christmas dinner went well, thanks to all who stepped in to take over for me.

One last important thing, a moment of quiet calm reflection for Roger and Barb Davis, I haven't heard how things are going for them, let's keep them in our thoughts during these trying times.
Stay safe and warm,.....Gloria

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

We met on December 1 (board meeting) with both the new and old board members present.

Good Hope was sent a check for \$400 as a donation for letting us use their facilities each month.

We discovered we only had one music packet left so more will be ordered.

The Erie Ice Daze people want us to have liability insurance coverage and Terry will check into just what it is they want us to have.

Ann said there are 11 December playdates and that we have been asked to play at the River Raisen Battlefield in 2017.

New signature cards for our bank funds will be done before the first of the year.

Because of Gloria's back surgery, Sally and Theresa will organize the Christmas potluck. Prizes will be awarded for the Ugly Sweater contest for the potluck.....Chris

dulcimer. How cool is that! From the first to the last, the audience enjoyed it.

"Bravo" – the frequent shout from a little boy after a tune he liked. "Your version of 'God Rest Ye' was so cool. It was like the Barenaked Ladies version. "Your encore was lovely." "Loved hearing the harmonicas and whistles." "Do you have a CD with your new tunes?" "You get better every year and really "fancied up" the tunes this time. Loved it." Really liked the "We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells" "My favorite was the Pachelbel." "Do you have a brochure – I want to take it to our Choir Director and maybe have you come to our church." "I wasn't going to come, but am so glad I did. You guys were great!" "We need to have you back." Good job, everyone!!!

Happy New Year - may it be filled with the joy of music, the blessings that come when we play together, and the hope and anticipation of new musical adventures to come. Here are my New Year's Resolutions for music coordination:

- Continue to add **new tunes**. The first one of 2017 is, "Lavender Blue." This is an old English tune dating back to the late 1600's. It had very bawdy lyrics until it was cleaned up to be a Song for the Nursery in the 1800s. It has been recorded a number of times, by Sammy Kaye and his orchestra, Burl Ives, Dinah Shore. Its latest incarnation is the version heard in the Disney movie, Cinderella. It has been played in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$ time. The version you will find in Dropbox is in $\frac{3}{4}$ time. It is played ABA. You will note there is a 3rd ending that is only played if we play the tune 3 times. Try it out. Play it for your Grandchildren. Eventually it will be part of our Love Song playlist, i.e., February, or if we play for an anniversary party.
- **Start up New Classics** –at 6:00 on January 19. The tunes we will work on are 3 parts. The parts will be divided so that Mountain Dulcimers comprise one section. If you are an HD player who also plays MD, this is a good time to use your second instrument. If you did not play the classical pieces last year for whatever reason (too difficult, didn't have time), please give it another try. The pieces we are doing are easier to do and playing in parts is a good experience for all.
- **Workshops** – add something to the club, whether it is to learn a new tune, a new technique, a different instrument. If you are able and willing to do a workshop on something, let me know. My hope is that there will be a harmonica workshop so that come next holiday season there are at least 6 players who can add something to a certain tune. Another suggestion is a workshop on how to use a tablet for music.
- Take our **Library Outreach** Program to 5-6 more libraries in the area by the end of 2017.. So far we have two more programs scheduled. I presented the concept at a Performance Showcase held by The Library Network. It was attended by representatives of approximately 25 libraries. So we will see. In talking to our holiday audience, several

IT'S JANUARY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

2....Gerry Hermans
10...Sharon McAuliffe
22...Cathy Smith
23...Terry Avery



If you don't see your name here for your birthday or anniversary please let me know. David dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES...Marsha Kozlowski

One last look back at the holiday season music: Thank all of you who practiced, played and contributed your talent to make our performances so outstanding. The feedback was very positive, both in terms of selling our CDs and the compliments we received. We even inspired a few people to start learning to play the

people have expressed interested in coming to these. Please mark your calendars to be part of this. To be most effective, about 10 HD players are needed as well as 5-6 back-up players.

- Update the **music packet** – this was done a year ago. When our newest member joined in November, we discovered we were down to one packet. So it is “housecleaning” time – to get everyone on the same page, LOL
- Find a **Slow Jam Leader** to run the slow jams which help those who are not quite up to speed with a focus on specific tunes – maybe those on the playlist, or the new tunes?
- Make our **Evart** performance fun and special so the audience will be entertained, that those playing get have a great experience and that it will be remembered and all will go home with a warm memory of music in Evart.
- ?????? – this resolution is to be open to serendipity, a new adventure, a fresh idea, experience, or who knows what. I leave it as a question to which the answer is coming.

.....Marsha

SAVE THE DATES:

Library Outreach Programs:

February 20, 2017, 2:30 pm
Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile Rd.

March 28, 2017, 6:30 pm
Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd.

Concert on the Capital Steps:

May 16, 2017 at Noon Michigan Capital Steps, Lansing.



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We will begin meeting Wed. Jan 11 and Jan. 25
at the home of Carol Ann and Dave Matthews
42297 Wickfield, Canton. Phone 734-751-7365
All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. We
also welcome backup players.

Linda and Carol Ann



Winter Scene by Bob Niemczewski



ERIE ICE DAZE PLAYLIST

Saturday, January 21 11 a.m. to 3 pm.

Sunday, January 22 noon to 4 pm.

Key	Tune	#	Key	Tune	#
C	Winter Wonderland	2	D	Festival Rag	3
D	Let It Snow	2	D	Sandy Boys	3
G	Tick Tock Polka	3	D	Spanish Two Step	3
G	Red Wing	3	G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2	D	Ashokan Farewell	3
D	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine/ Flop Eared Mule	3/3	Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	Over the Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3	D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	3/3
D	Sandy River Belle	3	D	Snake River Reel	3
G	Washington Square	3	G	Nail That Catfish to a Tree	3
G	Jingle Bells (Chorus +3)	3	G	I'll Fly Away	3
G	Southwind	2	G	January Waltz	3
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3	G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	Silver and Gold Two-Step	3	G	March of St. Timothy's	4
G	Red Apple Rag	3	G	Down Yonder	3
G	Muss I Denn (Wooden Heart)	3	C	Five Foot Two	3
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3	G	Sophrinia	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3	D	Beaumont Rag	3
D	Larry's Waltz	3	D	Coleman's March	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	4		On Demand-As Needed	
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4	D	Hey Polka	5
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3	Notes: Slow tunes may be skipped over if the audience is large in order to keep the momentum of the music. Holiday tunes may be omitted or inserted if children are in the audience. Other tunes to throw in if there is a group consensus: The Gale Plickin' the Berries. Fanny Poer		
D	Painter's Polka	3			
D	Red Haired Boy	3			
Em	Tamlin	4			
G	Old Joe Clark	4			
G	Maggie	3			
Em	Dancing Bear	3			
G	Ten Strike	3			
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3			
D	Amelia	2			



Key		Februarty 2017 playlist	times
<i>Looking for love:</i>			
C	Five Foot Two		3
D/G	Buffalo Gals		2/2
G	South Wind		3*
G	Yellow Bird		3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schein		3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay		3/3
G	Star of the County Down		3*
G	Muss I Denn		3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart		2
<i>Love Gone Wrong:</i>			
Em	Katushka		4
C	Tennessee Waltz		2
D	Over the Waterfall		3
G	Red Wing		3*
Em	Tamlin		4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues		3
G	Young Jane		2
G	You Are My Sunshine		4
<i>Getting married/lasting love:</i>			
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast		3
D/G	Mari's Wedding/Egan's Polka		2/2
G	Silver & Gold Two Step		3
G	Westphalia		2*
G	Maggie		3
	EXTRA TUNES IF NEEDED:		
D	Lover's Waltz		3*
*2 nd time: If instruments are available-- fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly			

NOTES ON THE CHOSEN TUNES:

Buffalo Gals – out strolling and looking to go to a dance to meet eligible men.

South Wind – blowing a kiss that is warm and caressing like a South Wind that fills the sails of the ship that is bring their sailors home

Yellow Bird – Haitian folk tune about a beautiful young lady whose nickname was Yellow Bird. The tune's words are of a young man who praises the beauty of a woman and would like to be her lover.

Bei Meir Mist Du Schoen – means "I find you pretty"
Road to Lisdoonvarna – annual fair to find a beau – eHarmony prior to internet

Star of the County Down – story of a young man who by chance meets a lovely young woman, Rose. The infatuation grows and he imagines himself marrying the girl.

Muss I Denn – based on a German folk song. Asks the lover to "be good to me, be good to me, be to me how you really should."

Katushka – a tender nickname for Ekterina, a peasant girl who longs for her beloved who is serving far away on the border. Themes: loyal girl pining for her love, the heroic soldier and impending sense of war that may lose him to her forever.

Red Wing – Indian maid who loved a warrior but he rode away to battle and she is weeping her heart away.

Tennessee Waltz - about a friend that stole a man's sweetheart as they danced to Tennessee Waltz.

Tam Lin – a fairy knight that falls in love with a human and spoils the plans of the chief fairy to be a sacrifice to the Gods (by loving a human, he is impure and cannot be the sacrifice – selfish love?)

Columbus Stockade Blues – man behind bars and a woman he can't be with. Maybe she doesn't want to be with him. "Go and leave me if you wish to." In your heart, you love some other. Leave me darling, I don't mind."

Young Jane – Jane Seymour, one of the wives of Henry the VIII who ended up in the guillotine



**Many thanks to our outgoing
Silver Strings 2016 Officers**



Jeff Despard **Ann Wassell** **Harold Crane** **Chris Hurt**
Treasurer VP Business President Secretary
Gloria Tapper(not shown) - VP Programs

**Welcome to our NEW
Silver Strings 2017 Officers**



Harold Crane **Chris Hurt** **Terry Kozlowski** **John Pollock**
VP Business Secretary President Treasurer
Gloria Tapper(not shown) - VP Programs

Appointed Positions 2016-17



Marsha Kozlowski **David Smith**
Music Coordinator Newsletter Editor
Karen Turner
Webmaster

Christmas Potluck, Ugly Sweater Contest, and Jam



The Ugly Sweater Contest was a hit

A lively Jam ended the evening



Unusual Musical Instruments - Part 2

-- Lecture and Performance --

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Join us for a continuation of last Spring's lecture on the world of unusual and obscure musical instruments. Several obscure instruments are regaining popularity such as the Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers, Ukulele and Hurdy Gurdy. A variety of novelty instruments such as the Therapy Monochord, Tremoloa, Marxolin, Marxophone, and Ukelin, will be presented as well as the Japanese Taishogoto, Hungarian Citera, Scandinavian Psalmodicon and Tahitian Ukulele. Instruments and their history will be discussed as well as brief performances.

David and Theresa Smith are retired support staff from Henry Ford College. They are members of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, and Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering. David is also a woodworker hobbyist who built his first musical instrument in 1975. Over the past 40 years he has built and collected over 30 instruments.



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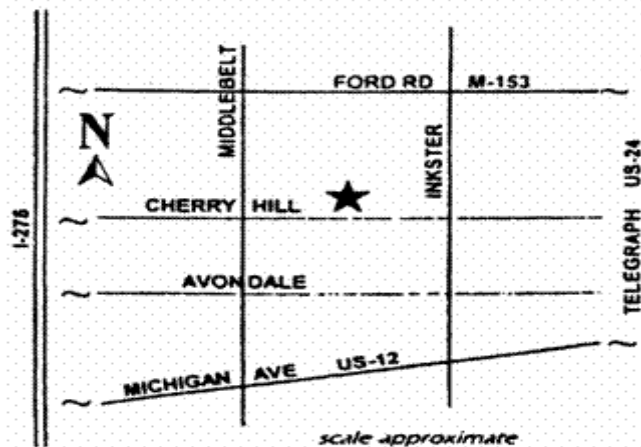
Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

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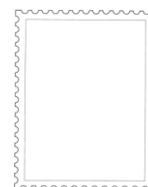


Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th.

Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

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