



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER ~ Terry Kozlowski

I hope everyone had a joyous, safe Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoying family and friends is a wonderful way to end the year.

2021 was a great challenge for our club. The 2021 board did a tremendous job leading us thru the maze of constantly changing mandates. Thru all these requirements, our club managed to play gigs, jams, popup jams and spirit jams. This allowed us to do what we love most-play music.

Looking forward, with a cheerful outlook, our club has booked Groveland Oaks County campground for our 2022 Spring camp out. Mark your calendar, June 8 -14, Wednesday thru Tuesday.

Campers can stay 7 days, or just the weekend, or just do a day trip on Saturday. Additional information will follow in the SSDS newsletter.

A reminder to renew your annual membership dues, \$15 for renewal and returning members, \$20 for new members. Make check payable to: SSDS

Send to:

Gerry Kustra, club treasurer,  
P.O. Box 51446,  
Livonia, MI 48151

See you in the New year!

.....Terry 734-560-8204 [t.koz@hotmail.com](mailto:t.koz@hotmail.com)

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

#### January Birthdays

- 2...Gerry Hermans
- 2...Sally Kilcullen
- 10...Sharon McAuliffe
- 11...Donna Kolowjeski
- 22...Cathy Smith
- 23...Terry Avery
- 29...Susan Monroe



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

### MARK YOUR JANUARY CALENDAR!

06 - SSDS REGULAR JAM ---- 7:00 - ??

18 - Facebook SPIRIT JAM #25 - 7:00 - 8:30

20 - SSDS REGULAR JAM ---- 7:00 - ??

### TREASURER ~ Gerry Kustra

Treasurers Notes for the end of December

Well the holidays are winding down. I wish to thank everyone who participated in one or more of our holiday concerts. The holiday audiences appreciated our holiday performances. I will be calculating breakdowns of fees and will be distributing them sometime in the month of January of the new year.

Happy New Year to all SSDS members! If you already have paid your dues (and over 60 members have), I thank you. If you have not yet, don't forget that dues can be paid by mail or in person at Thursday jam sessions.

See you soon at our 2022 Jams!

....Gerry [gkustra@hotmail.com](mailto:gkustra@hotmail.com) 313-570-7843

### VP - BUSINESS NOTES ~ Harold Crane

Hey everybody - HAPPY NEW YEAR - from your new Business VP. Thanks to Stephen and our Board of Directors for keeping Silver Strings going through the "crazy Covid years". My New Years hopes are for peace, love, harmony, truth and happiness for all.

Thanks also to all the folks that took part in our seven Holiday play dates last month. So far we have two play dates scheduled for 2022 plus more activities through out the year for playing and sharing our music.

Any questions, comments or concerns give me a call at 810 356 2842 or email.

Take care, stay safe and I'll see ya' all soon.

.....Harold 810-356-2842 [hcrane45@yahoo.com](mailto:hcrane45@yahoo.com)

### A note from Stephen Beck, outgoing Business Manager

*I hope all Silver Stringers had a nice Christmas and New Year's celebration. I am hopeful that in 2022 we will have a good and healthy year playing as a group together.*

*In 2022, a new Business Manager, Harold Crane will take my place. Join the 2020-2021 board in welcoming the 2022 board to a great adventure!*

*SSDS members are the ones that give peace to the masses with our music. We are like a light house giving sailors peace knowing where the rocks are so they can steer clear of them giving them peace. It was fun working on the board and seeing our club staying healthy and strong.*

*Stephen and Karen Beck will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations!*

### **MARSHA'S MUSINGS ~ Marsha Kozlowski**

Welcome to the new board and thanks for stepping up to serve the club in 2022. I look forward to working with all of you.

**Spirit Jam** – Terry and I will host the first Spirit Jam of 2022 on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm EST. The Spirit Jam is not in place of regular jams, but in addition to. It has several benefits: you get to try new tunes and play loud because nobody can hear you; you get to jam and not leave your home or drive in the dark; you get to “see” and “talk” with friends you may not otherwise see until the summer festival season. Hope you can join us for the first Spirit Jam of 2022 on Facebook live. The theme is, “It’s Winter” The playlist has one caveat. **Ice House**, a lively jig by Rejean Brunet, is a copyrighted tune. I have attempted to obtain permission to play his tune (Facebook has no issue, but YouTube requires it). If I have not received a response from him by jam night, we will skip that tune.

**Playlists** – See the newsletter for January and February lists in addition to the Spirit Jam lineup. There is no scheduled performance in January but I believe there is one for February.

**Practice Tune Videos** – At the beginning of 2021 there were 14 Practice Tune videos. Now there are almost 70. You can help this to grow. A smart phone is needed to record. You may have someone record you or set up the camera on a tripod. The format is to play the tune through once, then break down Parts A and B, showing where the tune is played on the dulcimer. Next play the tune 1 or 2 times slow tempo. Play it again 1 or 2 times at the usual tempo. Let Karen Turner know when it is done. Save your recording to Dropbox. She will post it on the club YouTube Channel. It would be great if we could double the number in 2022. How about it?

**Music Corrections** – If you spot a mistake or omission, make of a copy of the tune and write/circle where it needs to be corrected. This is winter housecleaning of our tunes.

**Tune Updates/revisions** – Periodically check your music against Dropbox and bring your music up to date. If you are a hard-copy person or have no printer or computer, let me know what you are missing and I will see you get the latest. Let's all be on the same page.

### **January Tune of the Month - British Grenadiers**

in the key of D. This was played at a Spirit Jam in November and requested to add to our “official” repertoire. A very familiar melody, it has been used in many movies and recorded multiple times. If we master it early enough, it will be added to the April-July playlist because it good for whistles and cajon which mimics the fife and drum corps sounds. Try it out. Call for it at a jam and let's see where it goes.

**Recap of Holiday Performances** – Each of the 7 performances was unique in some way. One was background music. One was two half-hour sets. Almost 30 of our members played at least one gig. Thank you all for your support in representing the diverse talent of Silver Strings.

..... Marsha [mtkoz72@gmail.com](mailto:mtkoz72@gmail.com) 734-239-4190

### **VP- PROGRAMS NOTES ~ Gloria Tapper**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, I hope everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas. I am looking forward to this year as VP of Programs with Silver Strings. Things are so different from the last time I held this position, I am hoping we can get back to some sort of normalcy as soon as possible. Hopefully, this pandemic will lighten up soon and we can all get together to play some music and enjoy each other's company.

As things begin moving forward, I will try to keep everyone updated. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me att:

.....Gloria [getapper@yahoo.com](mailto:getapper@yahoo.com) 734-658-9734

### **GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm**

Good Hope Lutheran Church,  
28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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

For further information contact :

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Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/glughead>

Check our website:

<https://ukulelegathering.weebly.com/>





## Attention Mountain Dulcimer Players

Patricia Wolschon will host a jam at her home in Redford. Myself and Carol Ann will be your moderators.

Meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month. So, this month, we will meet on **Tuesday, January 11 & 25, 2022 from 1 - 3 pm.**

Players of ALL levels are welcome as well as rhythm and back up players!

I will have a signup sheet at our meeting with more details but in the meantime you can sign up by text or email. This will give us a head count.

Contact me at: [losgood10424@comcast.net](mailto:losgood10424@comcast.net)  
or text at 734 649 3843

*We are excited to get this group formed again and will discuss future plans and suggestions at our meeting.  
Musically, Linda Osgood*



Our Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> MD Jam with 11 in attendance



Save the Date:  
QuaranTUNE 6.0 - February 3-6, 2022  
Registration Opens January 5  
<https://www.virtualdulcimerfest.com/>

## Spirit Jam #25 January 18, 2022

Key	Tune	Play
G	<a href="#">Westphalia Waltz</a>	2
Am	The Gale	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	<a href="#">January Waltz</a>	3*
G	In the Bleak Midwinter	3
Em	Cambleton Snows	3*
C	Let It Snow	2
C	Winter Wonderland	2
D	<a href="#">Saro Waltz</a>	3
D	Moon and Seven Stars	3
D	Eighth of January	4
Em	<a href="#">An Appalachian Winter</a>	3*
D	Ice House	4
D	Winter in Polka	4
C	<a href="#">Skater's Waltz</a>	2
D	Frosty the Snowman	2
D	Angel Dance	3
D	Efterkaelken	3
G	Snow Deer	4
G	Holly Berry	3
Am	<a href="#">Winter Waltz</a>	2 1/2
G	Amazing Grace	4

***The perfect band is a group of imperfect musicians who refuse to ever give up on each other and the music they create together.***

### SSDS January 2022 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3/3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Hundred Pipers	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3
D	Painter's Polka	3
G	Southwind	3*
G	You Are My Sunshine	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Muss I Denn (Wooden Heart)	3*
G	March of St. Timothy's – hold on 4 <sup>th</sup> time	4
G	Let It Snow	2
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	John Ryan's Polka -	5**
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Saro Waltz	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	EXTRA TUNES:	
D	Hey Polka	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3

#### NOTES:

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> time – feature fiddles, harmonicas, etc.

\*\* Feature different instruments as present



### Silver Strings February 2022 Playlist – Tentative

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Looking for love:</i>	
C	Five Foot Two - S	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schoen	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/Riding on Load of Hay - C	3/3
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart - S	2
	<i>Troubled Love/ Love Gone Wrong:</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz - S	3
D	Over the Waterfall - C	3
G	Red Wing	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	You Are My Sunshine - S	4
	<i>Getting married/lasting love:</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast - C	3
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
D/G	Egan's Polka/Mari's Wedding	2/2
G	Westphalia	2*
G	Maggie	3
	<i>EXTRA TUNES IF NEEDED:</i>	
Em	Katushka	4
D	Hey Polka	3

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly

**S:** invite audience to sing along 2<sup>nd</sup> time and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> time

**C:** get audience to clapping in time



*WELCOME to our New 2022 SSDS Board*

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16 Silver Strings musicians performed for an enthusiastic crowd at the Ford Yacht Club on December 4th



**SILVERSTRINGS**  
DULCIMER SOCIETY  
St. Richard Church - December 12, 2021



December 16th Silver Strings hosted our last jam of the year with a Holiday Pizza Party and Jam. What fun we had with socializing, food and sharing our music!



22 Silver Strings musicians took part in the final performance of the year at Cedarbrook Senior Living of Northville on December 17th.

## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month  
7:00 - 9:00 pm.... with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Michigan

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

<https://www.silverstrings.org/>

**Everyone is welcome!**

Come to listen or come to play.

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