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Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Larry Roper

Hi Folks:

I can't believe how summer continues to fly by. Mother Nature blessed us with a great day for our annual picnic at German Park. The weather was perfect the food was great and the jamming was fun. Not only do we have an abundance of talented musicians in our club, we also have good cooks as well ! I'd like to thank all of you who helped make the picnic a success. Thanks to Carol Ann and Janelle for organizing the event and providing the meats, and supplies, and also to George Gonyo (our connection with German Park) for once again reserving the park and helping with preparation and clean up duty.

We had lots of fun at the Hillsdale Fiddlers Convention. We had a good turn out of Silver Strings members (14) and decided to sign up for an open stage show. We were allowed to play a short set which went very well. It was also a thrill to attend a ceremony for our dear friend Mike Gleason who was inducted into the Michigan Fiddlers Hall Of Fame. Mike has been an inspiration to many musicians, including myself.

As you all know, it will soon be time to elect new officers to lead our club. If anyone is interested in running for an office please contact any member of the nominating committee. The members are; Bev Scott, Marie Nastor, Bob Hlavacek, Theresa Smith and Tom Koppin. It is a good opportunity to serve this great club of ours and help to ensure that Silver Strings will continue to be the highly respected organization it is today.

Larry Roper

The shirts and jackets are in. I have extras of both the jackets and shirts for people who still want one. Sizes are limited, so first-come first-served.

Carol Ann Matthews

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM VPs _____

Hello and Happy September everyone !

Autumn is here and boy, the summer sure did fly by! September is party time, starting Sept. 5th at the Schmidt house for food, music and fun. See details on page 2 of this newsletter

REMINDER: There will be no regular meeting on Thursday September 16th. Instead, we are holding the **Annual Silver Strings Banquet** that evening at the Italian-American Club in Livonia. The banquet chair people this year are Bob and Sandi Hlavacek. Additional banquet information is detailed on page 6 of this newsletter. We hope to see every member there.

Next up is the potluck / jam / bonfire to be held on Saturday, September 25th at the home of Linda Osgood. Full information is on page 4 of this newsletter.

There are no new tunes of the month or workshops in September. We'll start them up again in October. Keep practicing those new Holiday tunes. Practice dates are listed in Bert's article on page 3 of this issue.

Then comes Variety Night on September 30th with a surprise Master of Ceremony. We will serve hot pulled chicken sandwiches and salad, a change from our usual pizza.

Janelle and Carol Ann

LET'S CELEBRATE AUGUST !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12... Lee Lack
- 13... Ellen Yanity
- 14... Mark Williams
- 20... Pat Deschamps
- 21... Sue Duncan





FUN AT THE SCHMIDT HOUSE !!!

Sunday, September 5th

6433 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield MI.

A celebration of Manfred's 80th birthday

George Gonyo's friends, Manfred and Judy Schmidt, are again having a pot luck - music jam- story telling party at their lakefront cottage in West Bloomfield. All are invited to participate in the fun. There is a large tent to play under and kayaks and canoes available to use. We will gather around noon, and eat lunch around 1:00 pm.

Tableware & beverages are provided, George cooks a mean hot dog, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Reserve your spot or ask information from George at (ggonyo@peoplepc.com) or phone him at 734-996-0089.



	Add for 3.5 hour long gigs	
D	Painter's Polka	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3
A	Red Haired Boy	3
D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	2/3
D	Ashokan Farewell	3*
D	Angleworm Wiggle	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
D	Festival Rag	3
Em	Dancing Bear	3
G	Sophrina	3*
D	Young Roddy McCorley	5
G	Silver and Gold Two-Step	3
Em	Missouri	3
D/A	Maple Sugar	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	Angeline the Baker	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
D	Road to Boston	3
G	Flowers of Edinburgh	3*
D	Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3*
Em	Drunken Sailor	3
D	Viola's Schottische	3
G	Old Joe Clark	3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
D	Midnight on the Water	3*
D	Petronella	3
G	Rosin the Beau	3
D	Swinging on a Gate	3
G	Farewell to Whiskey	3
D	Lover's Waltz	2
G	Nail that Catfish to a Tree	3
D	Possum up a Gum Stump	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
D	Beaumont Rag	3
G	Larry's Waltz	3*
D	Saint Anne's Reel	3
G	Jamie Allen	3
A	Joys of Quebec	3
C	Black Velvet Waltz	3*
Am	Katushka	3
D	Jenny Lind Polka	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	3
G	I'll Remember You Love in My Prayers	3*
D	Liberty	3
G	Scotland the Brave	3
D	Pay de Haut	3
D	Kesh Jig	3
G	Fanny Power	3
D/D/	Endless Medley: Ragtime Annie/ Soldier's	2/2
D/G	Joy/Golden Slippers (Use as final medley)	2/2

The Royal Guard of Norway's military band provides an 8-minute performance. The precision is extraordinary. <http://sorisomail.com/email/16993/exibicao-de-banda-militar--um-espectaculo-imperdivel.html> Check it out !

2010 SEPTEMBER PLAY LIST

Key	Tune	Play
	List of tunes for 1 hour long gigs	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
C	Five Foot Two	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Red Wing	3*
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
G	Maggie	3
D	Mississippi Sawyer	3
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
D	Ashgrove	3*
D	Smash the Windows	3
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/Riding Load Hay	3/3
G	January Waltz	3*
Em	Tamlin	3
D	John Ryan's Polka (Karen chooses players)	5
D	Hey Polka	5
G	Young Jane	3*
G	Happy Birthday (Village Manor only)	1
D/D	Endless Medley: Ragtime Annie/Soldier's	2/2
D/G	Joy/Golden Slippers (Use as final medley)	2/2

*2nd time: Fiddles, Harmonicas, backup; HD's softly

We provided afternoon entertainment at Pine Ridge of Hayes Retirement Community on August 9. We played to a "packed house" and a remarkably lively one. People were clapping to our music, tapping their toes, even getting up and dancing and applauding vigorously after every tune. This has been a great venue for our group. When the audience is as appreciative of our music, as this one is, it energizes us. There were many really nice comments by the residents and staff after our performance.

On August 20, we were scheduled to play for Trellis Gardens Assisted Living Community in Jackson, Michigan where Margaret Turner, Karen Turner's mother is a resident. Karen mentioned to some of us very recently, Margaret had composed a number of tunes at an earlier time in her life and Karen suggested that we honor Margaret by playing one of those ("That's My Prayer", which was copyrighted in 1951 and recorded by the Teddy Phillips Orchestra). I thought that was a wonderful idea, and was really moved when Karen suggested it. Well - - as the saying goes, Man/Woman makes plans and...Margaret was admitted to a hospital in Jackson Thursday August 19, due to serious health problems, and it became clear that she would be unable to attend the Silver Strings performance that was scheduled for the next day (August 20). The Activities Director at Trellis Gardens, Annie Bartig, who understood that the focus of this scheduled performance was Margaret, felt that it would make sense to reschedule it for a time when Margaret would be able to be in the audience. We wish Margaret a solid recovery from her health problems and look forward to following through at an appropriate time on what we had set in motion.

Please check the "Mark your Calendar" section of the newsletter for upcoming playdates. We welcome the participation of any of you who are current paid up members, familiar with our tunes, and who feel comfortable playing them with the group at any open playdates. Come join the fun !!!

I am scheduling **four holiday music practice sessions** at 7:00 PM on the following dates: Wednesday, **Oct. 6**; Tuesday, **Oct. 19**; Tuesday, **Nov. 2**; and Wednesday, **Nov. 17**. Please mark these dates on your calendars. We will make use of the music I duplicated and handed out last year (2009 was marked on each sheet to help you locate those), and it is likely we will add some additional tunes, which will be handed out at those practice sessions. I would like to have everyone who intends to play at any of our Holiday gigs in December attend as many of these practice sessions as possible (all of them if at all possible) because we will be working out arrangements and working on optimizing our playing of the holiday tunes.

Bert Stein



Silver Strings was well represented at the Hillsdale Fiddle Convention, so we gave a short stage presentation. We received a great response from the audience. And the Kaiser family was the featured band.

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PURSE STRINGS _____ Treasurer

Hi All,

I trust you are having a wonderful and musical summer. I sure am !!

Wade Mullins, our newest Guitar Player from Livonia is the son-in-law of our well known Marie Naster. Welcome Wade !!!

It's that time of year again to renew our dues for the up-coming year. They must be paid by October 1st to vote in our election of 2011 officers. This also entitles you to take part in our playdates and gives you voting privileges at our meetings. Please see me to update your membership.

Linda Osgood



GOOD HOPE PASTY SALE

It's here again !

Twice a year, Good Hope Lutheran Church, makes these DELICIOUS pasties, and at \$4 each, it's an easy way for us to help support our host church.

Place your order on the list in the kitchen on jam night or call Diane at 734-427-3660. **You may order beef, vegetarian, or special (example...no onions).** They are taking only 1500 orders this time, so order early. We will be able to pay and pick them up frozen on Variety Night, Sept. 30th. If you are unable to pick up that night, please arrange for a friend to pay & pick up for you, so the church can close their book.

From the Nominating Committee

submitted by Marie Naster

It's that time again! We need to have an election to replace the very capable officers we have had for the past two years. All positions are open. Linda Osgood (who has served only 1 year) has graciously agreed to serve for another year as treasurer, if re-elected. Your nominating committee consists of Theresa Smith, Tom Koppin, Bob Hlavacek, Bev Scott, and Marie Naster.

If you feel that you could fill any of these positions or have any suggestions please feel free to approach any of us at a meeting or by e mail or phone. Positions will be announced or voted upon at the Annual Business meeting, in October. If you want to "give back" to the club by filling a position and are curious about what is involved, contact a board member who holds it now. If you feel you might like to share the responsibilities, you may apply with a friend. Your term in office would begin on January 1st. The position descriptions are as follows:

*President

- 1 Presides as chairman and conducts board meetings.
- 2 Supervises all club affairs, including regular club meetings.
- 3 Represents the club at performances, festivals, etc.
- 4 Recommends chairmen to the appointive offices and special committees.
- 5 May also serve as committee chairman.

*Vice President Business (Manager)

- 1 Performs the President's duties in the absence of the President.
- 2 Receives all performance requests for the club.
- 3 Prepares sign-up sheets for performances and accepts or declines performances accordingly.
- 4 If time is short, may either refuse the request or organize enough players for the performance.
- 5 Manages all aspects of performances or appoints someone to do so.

*Vice President Program (Coordinator)

- 1 Performs the President's duties in the absence of the President and VP Business.
- 2 Coordinates efforts with the Music Coordinator to bring new songs and workshops to meetings
- 3 Teaches new songs or appoints someone to do so.
- 4 Leads songs at regular club meetings or appoints someone to do so.
5. Coordinates campout & annual picnic, or appoints someone to do it.

*Secretary

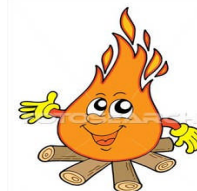
- 1 Records all business conducted at club and board meetings. Submits summary to newsletter
- 2 Is responsible for correspondence to members.
- 3 May also serve as a committee chairman

*TREASURER

1. Collects dues, writes checks for club expenses, Coordinates applications for new members
2. Keeps financial records up to date & produces periodic financial reports.
3. Updates & distributes new roster bi-annually.

Hi Friends,

We hope to see you Sept 25th at our home for a Jam and bonfire. We had such a fun time last year we're doing it again!



The Jammin' will begin at 3:pm followed by dinner around 5:00. We will provide Sloppy Joes, Pop and table service. You just bring a dish to pass, chairs, and your favorite instrument/s. We will have a bonfire later in the evening, so bring your campfire songs & stories.

10424 Geddes Rd Superior Twp, Mi 48198

We are located on the S/W corner of Geddes and Ridge Road (The place with the horses). If you have questions... just give me a call @ 734-487-4543)

Linda and Ed Osgood

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Silver Strings Board Meeting August 5, 2010

Old Business

* Larry delivered our donation to G. H. L. C., and received a very warm thank you response.

*Carol Ann purchased 7 extra jackets and 10 extra shirts, in various sizes, for club use.

New Business

* Marie brought up the nominating committee for discussion, and she volunteered to serve on the committee. Bev volunteered to serve as the required Board member. At the break tonight, Larry will discuss this and request 3 more volunteers to serve on the 5-member committee.

* The Board discussed the criteria for becoming a Board member. The by-laws will be researched for clarification.

* Wade Mullins was approved as a new club member.. .

* Linda reported that a bench placed at Evert to represent Silver Strings would cost less than \$200.00. SSDS already has a bench there.

* Sandi suggested a brick be placed at Evert in honor of Hal Bain, who started SSDS. The Board voted no. If this is done for one deceased member, in all fairness, it should be done for all.

* The annual banquet will be held on September 16, at the Italian American Club in Livonia. Details to follow.

* Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting, Carol Ann seconded,. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beverley Scott, Secretary

Secretary's note: Volunteers for the nominating committee are: Marie Naster, Tom Koppin, Theresa Smith, Bob Hlavacek, and Bev Scott as the Board member.

(This is a synopsis. Complete minutes are available on request.)



Check out Jackie Evancho – keep telling yourself that she's only 10 years old!

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-31749_162-20013281-10391698.html

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Dave Matthews



FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-CONCERTS

Maumee Street Music Jams

First Presbyterian Church
156 East Maumee, Adrian, MI

Saturdays from 6-11:pm

Sept. 18th, Oct. 30th, Nov. 27th, Dec. 18th

For info. contact Penny Schieber 517-547-7448
or Jack or Marilyn Mullins 517-254-4828

Huron Applefest Old Time Fiddlers Contest

October 2-3 New Boston, MI.

Parade, 1mile & 10K races, Apple pie contest,
Old Time Fiddle Contest (Kelly has won this twice)
all day entertainment Classic car Show

<http://www.huronapplefest.com/fiddlerscontest.php>

NEW East Lansing Dulcimer Festival

Saturday Oct 23, 2010, noon-10:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church

855 Grove Street, East Lansing, MI 48823

The First East Lansing Dulcimer Festival will feature Florida's Maddie MacNeil, and Michigan-based musicians Wanda Degen, and Doug Berch with nine workshops for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels hammered and lap dulcimer. Afterwards, a slow and a fast jam will precede a 7:30 PM concert, which features a set by each of these three headliners. A \$20 wristband, at the door, covers any and all workshops. Concert tickets are \$15 public/ \$12 members, available on line and at the door

<http://suapi2.org/api/0/e/detail/options:eventid=9633>

22nd Annual NGFDA Fall Festival

North Georgia Foothills Dulcimer Association
November 18 – 21, 2010

Three and a half days to learn, play, perform, and listen to the mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, and autoharp at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia.

The Fall Festival is an NGFDA function offered only to members. NGFDA membership is necessary in order to receive the monthly Foothills Footnotes newsletter, the Unicoi lodging reservation form, and access to the new online registration process.

The \$20 single membership and \$30 family membership is worth receiving information about the Fall Festival and other NGFDA events. We ask all members to pay the 2011 membership dues with their fall festival registration. To join NGFDA, print the application form from the www.ngfda.org site and mail it in.

For complete details, please see their newsletters.

This could be a lot of fun, as weather turns cold here !

HELLO, my name is Dave Matthews ! I'm the one who made the practice CD's for our new members a few years ago so they could learn our music. I have been an active member of Silver Strings for over 5 years now and have MC'd one Variety Night and done some musical/stand up comedy acts for it too.

I grew up on a farm near Grand Ledge, MI with 2 younger sisters, a dog and cat, chickens, geese, and about 2 dozen goats. I played on an antique foot pump reed organ we had in our house, and loved singing and listening to classical music. I attended a one room school house until the eighth grade, and went on to become our high school valedictorian. All during my younger years I sang in church, school, and college choirs and even sang some very difficult classical music with the Woodside Church in Flint and the MI Choral Union in Ann Arbor.

I met my wife Carol Ann at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina, and graduated with a BA degree in Biblical Education. Then I became a "professional student" for 12 years and took automotive engineering at General Motors Institute (now Kettering) in Flint. I then majored in Theology and New Testament Greek at CBC, went to graduate school at MSU majoring in Anthropology, Math, and Physics.

I dropped out of the PhD program in Physics to work as an IBM computer salesman, and started my 30 year career as a Research and Development Programmer. I programmed "real-time" industrial computers and even spent 7 weeks in Japan installing emissions analysis computer systems for Toyota so they could export cars to the US. (You can blame that on me.) I even had a job as a radio engineer for WKAR-FM, a classical station in East Lansing.

I don't play anything really well, but I sure have fun trying. I "toy" with the banjo, recorder, melodian, concertina, autoharp, violin, harmonica, thumb piano, steel drum, djembe, doumbec, (go ahead...ask me what those are), pan pipes, bones, ocarina, piano, and organ. My wife, son and daughter, and 7 grandchildren say our house is like a music store! As you can see I have always been busy.

Eleven years ago, I had a heart attack and had to change my life style. I now do high intensity exercise regularly, as well as unicycle, juggle, bike, and dabble in photography and in the stock market. At my last visit to my cardiologist he said I didn't have to take any more stress tests, but I told him it was getting harder and harder for me to juggle on my unicycle. He replied, "Maybe at 70 years old, all you need to do is practice more!"

I really enjoy my retirement and the 46 years Carol Ann and I have been married. We have a happy life with a cat, an old miniature schnauzer (who still likes to race me on my bike), and our younger miniature poodle, who tries to run my peaceful life. I'm the white haired guy usually sitting near the kitchen at our meetings, playing whatever I have with me. Look me up and we'll make some music together!

MUSIC BRINGS JOY TO LIVING !

**NO REGULAR JAM SEPT. 16TH
WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET !**

**September 16 -- SSDS Annual Banquet
Italian American Club 5:00-11:00 pm
Livonia Mi.**

Socializing begins at 6:00pm, Dinner will be served at 6:45, and our traditional jam will follow dinner's end till 11:00. Tickets are \$15 for members or guests, available at meetings or by mail. Contact **Bob or Sandi (H)734-663-7974** or **(C)734-657-0820** or **datadoc@charter.net** or send a check (\$15 per meal) to Bob Hlavacek, 5598 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, Mi. 48105. Reservations are due by Sept.3rd.



The "Lil Rev" ukulele workshop on August 12th was well attended and created a fun, learning time for all.

Mark your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 2.....SSDS Board Meeting 6:pm
- 11....**SSDS Playdate**..... 10:30am-5:pm
Greenfield Village Old Car Fest. Dearborn
- 12....**SSDS Playdate** 10:30am-5:pm
Greenfield Village Old Car Fest. Dearborn
- 16....**SSDS Playdate** 2-3:pm
Abbey Park at Mill River New Hudson
- 16....**SSDS Annual Banquet** **5-11:00pm**
- 18....**SSDS Playdate**..... 4-5:pm
.....Art-A-Licious Street Fair Adrian
- 18....**SSDS Playdate** 6:30-7:30pm
1st Presbyterian Church Adrian
- 24....**SSDS Playdate**..... 3-4pm
Village Manor Ret. Community Howell
- 25....**Party @ Linda Osgood's** **3:pm till ?**
- 30....**SSDS Variety Night** **7:pm**

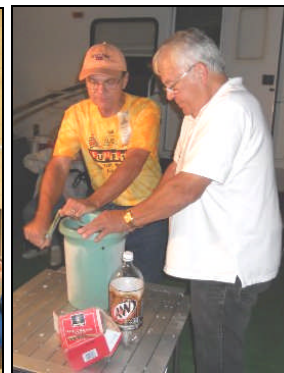
OCTOBER

- 6.....**HOLIDAY PRACTICE** 7:pm
- 7.....SSDS Board meeting 6:pm
- 19....**HOLIDAY PRACTICE** 7:pm
- 21....SSDS Slow Jam 6:pm
- Annual Meeting & Elections & Jam . . . 7:pm**

Photos from Lynne Ellen Kaiser, Val Losse & Bob Hlavacek



The Annual SSDS Picnic at German Park was again a huge success with **great food and excellent music**. The clean, modern kitchen for serving and the covered pavilion for eating & jamming insures a wonderful rain or shine fun day.



The newly named **Midland Folk Music Festival** is still a favorite of many. Smaller & cozier than Ewart, it has great workshops led by terrific musicians. On Saturday, our "Mountaineers" mountain dulcimer group performed for a large audience and received lots of applause. The Silver Strings jam tent has become known for its surprises. Friday night, homemade ice cream was served to all. The jams start small, and by 9:00 pm we are overflowing the tent. This year, we were honored with the presence of some of our favorite workshop leaders: Dee Dee Tibbits, Willow Robinson, Mary Lou Battley, Ida O'Dell, Nancy Lockwood & others.