

It's hard to be a member of Silver Strings very long and not run into George Gonyo. George has been a member since 1995, and during that time has been secretary, treasurer, and president for the group! George was born in Fremont, Michigan and lived in Muskegon until 1966. He earned a B.S. in engineering from MSU, and moved to Ypsilanti to work with Ford Motor Company. George married his wife Marianne in 1970, and they have three daughters and four grandchildren (two boys and two girls). He is now officially retired from Ford and Visteon. Although he took piano lessons when very young, playing music just didn't interest him much until —I heard the hammered dulcimer back in the last century, and I liked the sound, says George. —I took some group lessons from Charlene Berry, and when I decided I liked it enough, I finally purchased a dulcimer. When not making music with Silver Strings, you may find George out with the German Park Recreation Club, the Ann Arbor Bike Club, or the Thunderbird Ski Club. He tries to go skiing out west once a year, and he also really enjoys going to Dollywood. —A few of us went down to Dollywood a couple of weeks ago. We had our instruments with us, jammed right in the motel, and had a good time after we toured Dollywood earlier in the day. Maybe more of us could get together and go down there in 2008.