



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**Linda Osgood**

I am Linda Osgood, your current Silver Strings treasurer. I was born and raised in Detroit Michigan. My Dad was a door to door bakery delivery man and Mom stayed home with me and my sister. I began music lessons at the age of 8 on the accordion at the Callahan Music Studio and even played on a TV Show in Canada with other children from the group. As I grew, I took lessons on the classical guitar for many years, and moved on to the autoharp, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and now the mandolin... would you believe it?

I married in 1962 and have 4 grown daughters, three grandsons, a wonderful husband (Ed), and 6 horses, on a small farm in Superior Township. Ed and I have been involved in Standard bred Horse Racing since 1982. We both worked full time jobs while racing and training horses nights and weekends. I have been retired for four years, after a 20 year career as a life insurance representative. I still have the love for the horses. Currently Ed and I have 2 race horses in training, along with two others, plus 2 handsome quarter horses that we use for trail riding. Some of you met them when we invited Silver Strings out to our home last fall.

I am an avid reader and have belonged to a book group for over seven years. I am very involved in my church, heading up a prayer shawl ministry and enjoying my Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group. My friend, Jane Chevalier, played her hammered dulcimer one Sunday at Church. I was so enamored with it, and asked her so many questions afterward about it, that I decided to blow the dust off the Oscar Schmidt hammered dulcimer that I had wanted to play for many years. Jane graciously gave me some lessons on it, and invited me to Silver Strings one evening. 3½ years later, here I am. It has become a real joy and an integral part of my life. I have met new friends, learned new music, performed in playdates, and even joined the new Mtn. Dulcimer group called the Mountaineers. As I look back, I can't imagine life without my horses, the music, and all of the friends I have met at Silver Strings. Your patience and encouragement makes me want to think...so many instruments with so little time. Don't be surprised if I come with another instrument someday soon! Ed and I love camping and going to festivals. We hope to see you at some of them. HAPPY TRAILS!