



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Everyone !

As you read this month's newsletter, there won't be many of those **Cold Frosty Mornings**, as springtime is just around the corner. Some of us will be going **Down Yonder** next month to Dollywood Int'l. Musicfest for some great music. We will be able to look **Over the Waterfall** at the great Smokey Mountain National park. Don't forget our talent show on the 5th Thursday of March (the 31st). Our own SSDS members will perform their favorite music for our enjoyment. The club will provide food & drinks at break time.

An Irish blessing for you all:

May the sound of happy music
and the lilt of Irish laughter
Fill your heart with gladness
that stays forever after.

George

V.P Business

We have enough players for March 13th and 19th. Sign-up sheets for March 15th at La Pita in Dearborn, and info for April and May will be available at the next meeting, or you can contact me, directly.

Ramona

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The table at the entrance to the meeting room seems to be working well as a central place to do business. Thank you for your cooperation. We encourage you to use it as you enter or during the break, as we have a long drive home, and can't stay till 10-10:30. The suggestion box will be placed there, along with some note paper. Please write in dates of interest (Workshops, etc.) on the calendar so we can publicize them. If you put your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, you might get a card.
Thank you !Sandi

Secretary

Points of interest from board discussions:

* We will have a SSDS picnic / jam, perhaps in late August. George will arrange for us to have German Park in Ann Arbor to ourselves. It is a terrific facility, with a huge covered pavilion, kitchen and restrooms to use. With no charge for the facility, perhaps the club can get a whole roast pig, and everyone bring a dish to pass.

*Dollywood Int'l. Musicfest will be April 22-30th in Pigeon Forge, Tn. in the Smokey Mountains. There are great jam sessions in the camp grounds. For information and registration, call Pat Altpeter at 734-261-5124.

SSDS Campout is set for June 17-19. Sign-up sheets have been out at meetings, flyers and registration forms will be out in March. You can expect workshops, and a choice of slow or fast jams, 2 sessions of each. If there is enough interest, the boy scouts will cook dinner for us. If not, we may have a potluck.

We need to examine the web system of displaying the newsletter. Too many people are having difficulty accessing it. Perhaps a change in internet format will improve delivery. The entire website is under review.

Next board meeting is scheduled for March 3rd, at 6:00, before the regular jam meeting

Carol

If you have music related merchandise, here's your chance to sell it at our club "garage sale" on the variety / talent night, March 31st. Members will be responsible for display and collection for their own items.

You can Bank on it (Treasurer's Notes)

Our January month-end bank balance was \$4990.86 We have \$454.09 in outstanding checks; We gave a \$300 gift to Good Hope, for use of their meeting room. \$104.09 was paid out for newsletter printing, and office supplies. We paid a \$50 Membership in Dearborn Community Arts Council, from which we get play dates. We deposited \$40 of membership dues. Our checking balance is now \$4576.77

On a more exciting note; on Saturday February 12, several from SSDS attended Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club in Spring Arbor, west of Jackson. The club has a very nice jam format. The first hour is slow jam (very helpful and enjoyable for newer players). A short business meeting followed, with a break after for refreshments. Following the break, time was dedicated to learn the new 'song of the month'. Enough time was spent so that almost all attending could play 'Lovers Waltz' fairly well. The rest of the afternoon was spent 'fast' jamming. We came back one song richer. The club meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12:45 to 4:30 pm.

Bob Hlavacek

COMING EVENTS:

March 3.....SSDS Board meeting, 6:00 pm
 March 9-13.....Buckeye Festival, Ashley Ohio
 March 13...Play @ St. Patrick's Church, Whitmore Lake
 March 15.....Play @ La Pita Restaurant, Dearborn
 March 17.....**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!!**
 March 19.....Play @ Colonial Acres, So. Lyon
 March 31.....SSDS Variety / Talent Night and musical Garage sale
 April 22-30 Dollywood Int'l. Musicfest
 June 18-19SSDS Campout @ Miner Lake
 July 13-17.....ODPC dulcimer Funfest , Ewart, Mi.
 Aug. 26-28.....Midland Musicfest

We are looking for ways to make the SSDS meetings enjoyable for all. You may have noticed new choices of regular or decaf coffee, tea, hot cider and pink lemonade for break time. Would you please put an "X" vote on your preference at the back table, so we can judge how much of each to make ?

Would you like to see something besides pizza on variety night ? A soup bar with salad or rolls ? A make-your-own-sandwich bar ? Any other ideas ? Please feel free to use the suggestion box.

You've seen the Irish blessing...

Here's the Irish curse...

May those that love us, love us,
 and those that don't love us,
 may God turn their hearts.
 If He can't turn their hearts,
 may He turn their ankles,
 so we can know them
 by their limping.

Notes from the Music Man

New song for March is "Julida Polka". Music will be available at the first March meeting. I am considering for April, "Rosin the Beau".

If anyone knows where the file of "permits to reproduce and play songs" is, please tell me.

Thanks.....Roger

MARCH PLAY LIST

Key		How many	First note
1..G	Painter's Polka	3x	A
2..D	Viola's Schottische	4x	F#
3..G	Bellman's Jig	3x	D
4..D	John Ryan's Polka	5x	D
5..G	Maggie	3x	B
6..D/A	Maple Sugar	3_x	F#
7..C	When Irish Eyes are Smiling . .	3x	G
8..G	Down Yonder	3x	B
9..D/D	Chinese B'down & Nelly Bly . .	2ea.	A-F#
10..G	Irish Washerwoman.	3x	D
11..Am	Katushka	5x	A
12..D	Harvest Home	2x	A
13..G	Old Joe Clark	5x	A
14..G	Southwind	3x	D
15..D	Danny Boy	2x	C#
16..G	Silver and Gold 2-step	3x	B
17..D	Young Roddy McCorley	4x	D
18..G	Columbus Stockade Blues . . .	4x	B
19..D	Hey Polka	4x	A
20..G	Westphalia Waltz	2x	D
21..D	Flight of the Haggis	4x	D
22..G	A Hundred Pipers	3x	G

February 3 Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Meeting

submitted by David Smith



At the February 3 Silver Strings meeting, 48 of our members got together and under the leadership of our new president, George Gonyo, we played the night away. There were 21 hammered Dulcimers, 2 Mountain Dulcimers, 8 Guitars, 3 Autoharps, 2 Banjos, 2 Basses, 2 Recorders, 1 Harmonica, 1 Accordion, 1 Fiddle and 1 Bodhran.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of every month
7-9p.m with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and other acoustic band instruments : banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle, and harmonica. Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together with other players, receive new music and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, public performances, picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :
<http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

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Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.

