

# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

## Soundboard

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### PRESIDENTS CORNER

Marsha Kozlowski

#### What R U 2 do?

It seems like it is a necessity for me to have a "to do" list. Because I have various commitments that keep me hopping, I have a "to do" list for each entity with which I am involved, including Silver Strings.

Sitting here thinking about Silver Strings and the board meeting we had at Myer's Lake, it occurs to me that the club has its own "to do" list. These are things that need to be done if we are to make the most of our club. One or two people cannot do it all. All of us as members share in needing "to do" some of these. So here is a list of things (it is probably incomplete and you may think of others). Mark those items you think you can do. Check those you are willing to do. Then do them if you can because it will expand you in some way – as a musician, as a do gooder, as a friend of Silver Strings. And it will help our club also expand in deeper friendships, greater musical depth and keeping our type of music alive.

- \_\_\_ Learn the current month's play list
- \_\_\_ Sign up to participate in a play date (if you have completed item above)
- \_\_\_ Learn the tune of the month
- \_\_\_ Bring a snack or dessert to club for break time
- \_\_\_ Volunteer to clean up kitchen on meeting night.
- \_\_\_ Take out the trash at the end of SSDS meeting night
- \_\_\_ Offer to do or lead a workshop on any instrument (fiddle, harmonica, ukulele, whistle, mandolin, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Offer to lead a slow jam
- \_\_\_ Be on historian committee and scan historical documents/albums to add to website
- \_\_\_ Be on one of the committees for an event (picnic, banquet, variety night)
- \_\_\_ Play on variety night
- \_\_\_ Submit something to the club newsletter (a recipe – we have had some awesome dishes at the potlucks), an article about your instrument or musical experience, artwork that has something to do with our club or music – the possibilities are many)
- \_\_\_ Promote Silver Strings by telling people about it, inviting them to come, giving our brochure to groups you belong to that may enjoy being entertained by our music.
- \_\_\_ Run for a Board position for next year. There will be at least two positions that will be open.

**R U Ready 2 do something? I have my "to do" list going. How about U?**

#### NEW MEMBERS:

**Gary Pichini** from Dearborn Hts.  
Learning violin. Plays drums, bass and some guitar.

**Phyllis Lewis** from Taylor, Mi  
Re-learning guitar and dulcimer after 15 year hiatus.

**Barbara Borg** from W. Bloomfield MI  
Plays guitar

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

##### JULY

9...**PLAYDATE** ..... C ..... 12:00-4:00  
Mill Race Garden Club Walk ..... Northville

17-20...**ODPC FUNFEST**

31...**SSDS VARIETY NIGHT** ..... 7:00-??

C=Casual, BC=Business Casual

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

### BIRTHDAYS

- 4...Regis Proulx
- 5...Karen Turner
- 9...Janelle Pacic
- 10...Frank Surhigh
- 14...Sally Niemczewski
- 14...Richard Rowe
- 17...John McAuliffe
- 20...Ramona Hadley
- 26...Pat Jablonski



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11...Roger & Barb Davis.....55<sup>th</sup>

### From the VP PROGRAMS \_\_\_\_\_ Marie Naster

This year's annual Silver Strings Family and Friends Campout at Myers Lake was a great success. We had a good turnout of campers for the weekend and a fabulous turnout of "just for the day" people on Sat. We tried to count heads at the potluck but because people were moving about we came up with somewhere around 70 or more. Many thanks to the board members who helped out with the jams and setup and a big thanks to my daughter Maureen Mullins who stepped in and did the shopping, the set up, and cooked the sloppy joes for me.

Remember that there are no meetings in July with the exception of variety night.

The next club event will be July 31, variety night. Pizza, salad, and drinks supplied by the club. We would appreciate kitchen clean up help.

Starting with that meeting there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet for kitchen duties for meetings for the rest of the year. It will list the duties we need to have covered. What it boils down to is simple. No one volunteers to make coffee, we don't have any!

Coming up is August the 7th, an all day picnic in Garden City park. This is a lovely park, located behind the post office on Merriman, at Cherry Hill. We have reserved the large pavilion for the day. The day, consists of 10am. to dusk. Now, that does not mean you have to be there all day, you can drop in, drop out, and come back as you please. It does not mean you have to play music all day. Personally I am bringing my Scrabble board and would love to have some challengers. Bring your own lunch. We will have pop. The park has walking paths, large mature trees, is sprayed for mosquitoes, and has playscapes for your kids and grandkids.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> is a regular meeting day so those of you who still work can come at your regular time and still find some food. The club is supplying chicken, potato salad, pop, etc. Bring a side dish to pass. Dinner will be about 6 with a regular lead jam session afterwards. This is a popular park so expect to have an audience anytime you decide to play.

Next up, will be our banquet in October. Our plans have not solidified yet but we are planning on making this one just a bit different. Stay tuned.

### FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK\_\_Terry Koslowski

I am pleased to report we have welcomed four new members in the last few months: Barbara Borg, Phyllis Lewis, Gary Pichini and Kim Hetrick (who is a former member who has returned). If you happen to be sitting by one of them, extend a warm welcome and make them feel at home.

The major disbursements of last month included paying for the club shirt purchase order and the costs of our Campout weekend at Myer's lake (which this year included paying for the camp to put up and take down a large canopy with sides to protect from wind or inclement weather – worth it as I remember wrestling with the old canopy.)

If you want to see the monthly finance report, I bring the records to every meeting and will gladly show you the details.

If you are a new member and wondering where all the money comes from to support our events, it is mostly from what is earned from our playdates. Upcoming events that will involve expenditures include the SSDS picnic in August, the club banquet in October and two or three more variety nights at which the club provides pizza, salad and pop. So as members and ambassadors for Silver Strings, tell other groups about us so if they are looking for entertainment, they might consider Silver Strings . . . . . Terry Kozlowski

### SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ Mick Mastal

**No minutes this month as we did not have a formal board meeting.**

### PLAYDATE CHATTER \_\_\_\_\_ VP BUSINESS

It's hard to believe that we are already 1/2 way through our play date season. With that in mind, I started thinking about all that the performing group has done in this 6 month period and want to again extend a special thank you to all who travel to perform together. Our music has affected people more than we realize or will ever know...

Did you know we have done 16 play dates so far and that 43 club members have performed at one or more gigs? We have used 6 different playlists that have included 69 unique tunes. We have played for 21.5 hours total and many have traveled 497.6 miles from a base of Garden City! Performing players do get paid but not much--sometimes it barely covers gas money. So next time you see a performing member, be sure it thank them for all their efforts and the income they generate for the club!

For a complete listing of our upcoming playdates, please see the Events Calendar in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend a club meeting and would like to sign up for this playdate, please email [karenturner@comcast.net](mailto:karenturner@comcast.net) or call (734) 678-7405.

**To print the July play list,**  
 please click on our website or this link :  
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/PDF/2014/jul14.pdf>

### Silver Strings July 2014 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	Over The Waterfall / Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Maggie	3*
G	Southwind	3*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna / Riding Load Hay	3/3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	3
D	Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3
G	March of St Timothy	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
G	Never On Sunday	3
Em	Tamlin	3
Em	Missouri	3
G/D	Jamie Allen / Road To Boston	3/3
D	Coleman's March	3*
D/D	Bonaparte Crossing Rhine/Flop Eared	3/3
D	Snake River Reel	3
G	Rosin The Beau	3
Em	Dancing Bear	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
G/G	Seneca Square Dance/Mairi's Wedding	3/3
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Simple Gifts	3*
G	Down Yonder	3
D/D	<b>Endless Medley:</b> Ragtime Annie /	
D/G	Soldier's Joy / Golden Slippers	2/2/2/2
	<b>Extras</b>	
G	You Are My Sunshine	5
D	Hey Polka	5
	<b>*2<sup>nd</sup> time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, MD, Harmonicas or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly.</b>	

The July tune of the month will be  
 "Glass Island Reel".

### Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Music:

We have been given permission, by several composers, to play their music in our club. We also pay for a license that allows us to play some of our favorite tunes. We want to protect our Silver Strings members and respect the composers who have generously shared their music with us. In consideration of the composers and SSSDs, do not sell, copy, give away or share any of our Silver Strings music.

## FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

### UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm  
 (next is Sept 13<sup>th</sup>)

For info. call Pennye 517-547-7448

### NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month Sept thru May - 6pm  
 (next is Oct 4<sup>th</sup>)

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

### MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Fourth Saturday of the month - 6pm (next is Sept 27<sup>th</sup>)

For info. Contact:

Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

Or Larry Roper 248-437-5403

### SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Jul 5<sup>th</sup>)

Now at Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: [muzyka2007@yahoo.com](mailto:muzyka2007@yahoo.com)

### MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Jul 25<sup>th</sup>)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

1:00-4:00-Folk and Traditional Music Jam

Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. Metamora's 1888 Old Town Hall is part of an historic community.

For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287

[mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com](mailto:mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com)

### GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Good Hope Lutheran Church,

28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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

Contact: Bob at [bsnemo@yahoo.com](mailto:bsnemo@yahoo.com) or

David at [musicalcraft@yahoo.com](mailto:musicalcraft@yahoo.com)

### PITTSFIELD OPEN BAND

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann

Arbor, First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

### LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 7-11pm (Jul 19<sup>th</sup>)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

### FARMINGTON JAM

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

This is a fun jam - Second Tuesday of each month from  
 Sept - June at 7pm.

Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...

so come on out. Even if you don't play, or are just a  
 beginner, you're welcome.

And -if you ARE a beginner, this is a good place  
 to meet people and get involved.

## Reflections "On Golden Myer's Lake"

**Renting** the canopy with sides and having it set up and taken down for us – great idea.

The difference between Friday and Saturday, in terms of weather, reminds us that in Michigan one must be prepared for anything. Cool and windy Friday – meant we moved most jamming to the barn. Also meant no mosquitoes. Saturday was sunny and beautiful and as the evening grew near, the state bird, I mean mosquitoes, were as bountiful as could be. And very hungry! Personally I am waiting for someone to write a tune called, "Swat that Mosquito" and then begin the campout giving notice to all flying insects!

**Sharing** tunes with players from other clubs was fun and stimulating. They really liked "Sandy Boys" (one of our tunes of the month), "The Minstrel Boy" and "Cherokee Shuffle". So I suggest you work on these before you go to a festival. You may be asked to lead it or play it in a jam.....just saying. One of the tunes that was brought that I particularly liked was "Sourgrass & Granite" (the name doesn't really do justice to the tune). Another one that we don't play but several liked was "Glass Island Reel".

**Potlucks** – there is nothing better than a good potluck. Thanks to Maureen Mullins, Marie's daughter, for making the sloppy joes and hot dogs accompanied by all sorts of yummy sides and enough desserts to satisfy the biggest sweet tooth. Outstanding!

**Breakfast** – thanks to Bob Hlavacek and his crew for the breakfast Sat. a.m. Terry and I arrived in time to enjoy pancakes and sausage and a hearty cup of coffee. Great way to start the day before setting up and jamming away.

**Feedback** – Other than those that prefer Coke over Pepsi, the feedback was good. One man said he appreciated that we opened the event to others. He lives quite a ways from where we meet and he enjoyed the jams, learning new tunes and making new musical friends. Others said they liked the workshops (Linda – there were several who liked the tunes you chose). Someone also commented on the casual relaxed jams.

**Jams** – we tried a variety of approaches. Karen started her jam out with "Play that Tune" (a musical version of Name that Tune). That was fun and a different way to get people really listening. Friday we went by the alphabet – sorta – if your name started with A, you could chose a tune that started with that letter, etc. There was nobody there named Xavier, so we did not have to worry about that letter. And actually, we did not have to worry about Q or Z either.

**Thanks** to all who contributed something to making this a success. It is the combined effort of everyone, the coordination done by Marie, and the spirit of music that moves among us that creates wonderful memories and brings us back again next year. **Well done!**

Marsha Kozlowski

*Reminder to*

*ODPC Funfest Participants*

*Silver Strings will be performing 3 tunes on the Thursday evening pre-show. Our time slot is 6:40. Be behind the stage by 6:20 so we can get in order to go on stage. I will have a seating arrangement. Note that they are using a different stage and I am not sure of the area we will have.*

*So far 15 have signed up to play. If you intend to play, please e-mail me. The 3 tunes are: Snake River Reel, Coleman's March and Bellman's Jig.*

*We will meet earlier (time to be determined) to rehearse at the SSDS jam tent. Walk by and check for updated information*

*Marsha.*



**Walt Jablonski's** family as well as members of his Silver Strings family helped him celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Still getting around and making music.

We love you Walt !!



## Alice Avery's Cherry Cobbler Recipe

**For a 13 x 9 inch pan:** (I use a glass pan)

### Ingredients:

- 2 cans (21 oz. each) cherry pie filling.
- 2 – 3 cups frozen tart cherries.
- ¼ cup sugar (optional)
- 1 roll (16.5 oz.) refrigerated sugar cookies.
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats.
- 2 tbsp. sugar.
- Ice cream or whipped cream.

### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In ungreased 13 x 9-inch glass baking dish, mix pie filling, frozen cherries and sugar.
2. In medium bowl, break up cookie dough. Add oats; mix well. Crumble mixture evenly over fruit mixture. Sprinkle 2 tbsp. sugar over top.
3. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Cool about 45 minutes.
4. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

**For a 9 x 9 inch pan:**

### Ingredients:

- 1 can pie filling plus 1 ½ cups frozen cherries.
- ½ roll sugar cookies.
- ½ cup oats.

### Variations I use:

- Raspberry pie filling plus frozen raspberries.
- Blueberry pie filling plus frozen berries.
- Raspberry and blackberry pie fillings mixed.
- Apple pie filling plus frozen cranberries.
- Apple pie filling plus frozen raspberries.



One of the residents at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> gig at Brookhaven Independent Living in Ann Arbor helped **Linda Osgood** with the "Hey Polka". Linda has been doing a fantastic job as our MC for gigs for the last three years. She really knows how to interact with the audience, is humorous and a great leader for SSDS!

## Dulcimers for sale - lots!

I have two beautiful full size Bob Tack dulcimers for sale. In excellent condition. They have a powerful voice, you can hear yourself in a jam! They come with cases. Both owners took excellent care of them and no longer play. \$700 - \$750

I have two lightweight Bob Tack dulcimers, with case, same quality, just lighter! with cases - \$475

I have 3 Lost Valley Dulcimers - 2 beautiful full size Lost Valleys, 16/15, with hand carvings in soundholes and top rail. One is of swans, and the other two have celtic designs. All gorgeous dulcimers.

I have one Cloud Nine, (Michael Allen) 15/14 with the chromatics at the top. Gorgeous wood!

If you know anyone seriously looking for a dulcimer, send them my way to try them out. I can only take a couple to Evert so would like to know of any interest. I attached picture of one of the Tacks...

Thanks . . . . . Paula Brawdy ph# 616-240-0445



## Save the date ... Osgood Jam

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>,  
from 2 pm til...?

Details to come.....



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# Myer's Lake Memories Silver Strings 2014 Campout



The jamming got off to a cool start but the weather was nice and warmed up as the weekend progressed. We had lots of dulcimers as well as many other kinds of instruments.



The workshops were a hit (below) with Theresa Smith leading one for the ukes and Linda Osgood heading up the mountain dulcimers.





...and then it's all about the food with all the variety of a great potluck and pancakes for breakfast the next morning...

...and then right back to the music !!



Thanks to all who contributed their time and efforts and everyone else who just showed up this year's campout was another rousing success!

## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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

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

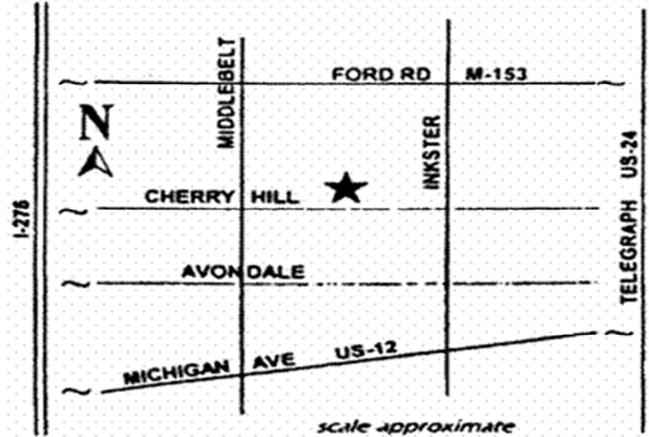
Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,  
and other acoustic band instruments :  
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub  
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,  
and harmonica.

Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together  
with other players, receive new music  
and a monthly newsletter.

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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :**  
<http://www.silverstrings.org>

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



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

### Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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**IT'S JULY...!**  
**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup>...USA !!**

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your name would be here.