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PRESIDENT'S CORNER Terry Kozlowski

I hope all our members, friends and families had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Club board elections were held on the Thursday, November 2. The results are: Terry Kozlowski -President; Harold Crane - VP of Business; John Pollock - Treasurer; Phyllis Tillapaugh - VP of Programs; Gloria Tapper - Secretary. Welcome Phyllis as the newest member of the Board.

On behalf of our club, I would like to thank Chris Hurt, outgoing Secretary, and Gloria Tapper, VP of Programs, for their generous contribution of time and energy to support our club. With their support, we're able to continue the great tradition of SSDS, as one of the best Hammer Dulcimer Clubs in Michigan. I personally would like to thank the board members for their support during the past year. It was fun and made my job a little easier. I am looking forward to 2018.

It's time to renew your club membership. Your membership dues help support our club functions. Most importantly, it also provides funds as a donation to our great host: Good Hope Lutheran Church.

The board is interested in improving/adding the activities within our Club. Located in the Newsletter, you will find a survey. Please review and make comments you feel our club should address. The board will like to have the surveys returned by the December 21.

On December 7, our club meeting night, there will be a jam at Good Hope. Also that evening there is a gig at Garden City Presbyterian Church scheduled for 7:30. So if you are not part of the gig, jamming will be as usual, 7 o'clock at Good Hope.

The Christmas party will be held on December 21. Bill Smith will be hosting the "ugly" sweater, t-shirt, and sweat shirt/fleece contest. There will be prizes for each category for both men and women. Bring your instruments, time permitting, there will be jamming.

the Christmas season approaching, With December will be a very busy month with approximately 14 gigs scheduled. The club had 4 practice sessions with an average of 15 members.

The last practice went very well and I think we are ready for the Holiday season. Let's rock and have some fun!

I wish everyone a safe and joyful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....Terry

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES Gloria Tapper

Well folks, the weather has been decent for November, so let's hope it stays for December . This will be my last article as V.P of Programs. Phyllis Tillapaugh will take over in January. I'm sure she will do a great job.

It's been a pleasure taking care of the things that need to be done. I often sit in awe, just listening to the music and wondering how did I get here? It's been a terrific experience. For my next venture, I will take over as Secretary, so I'll be busy taking minutes and sending out cards (secretary things). If there is something that needs to be done, along this line, or anything else, please feel free to let me know. Keep in mind that I really don't have a lot of secretary skills, but I will do my best.

Now onto upcoming events. The annual Christmas Potluck Dinner, will be on Thursday, December 21st. at 7:00 pm. Chicken will be the main entrée. What should you bring? How about if your last name begins with the letters A----K, bring something non-dessert and L---Z, how about a dessert. Of course, if there is something different than the above guidelines that you would like to bring, please do so ...

Don't forget about the ugly sweater contest, check out the resale shops if you haven't found the winning sweater yet.

That's all I have for now, stay warm......Gloria

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

21..... HOLIDAY POTLUCK & JAM.......7:00 - ??

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Chris Hurt

Hope everyone is well and getting ready for the busy holiday season. I have enjoyed being secretary for the past two years and would like to thank the board for all the help and support given to me. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings with any ideas or concerns you have. The board met November 2 and discussed the club elections. Phyllis Tillapaugh is running for Vice President Programs and Gloria Tapper for Secretary. The January board meeting will be January 4th. Marsha informed us of the upcoming Holiday practice on Nov. 9 and an additional practice on Nov. 21 if needed. Harold brought a couple of new Holiday playdates to our attention. November 30 is the concert at Good Hope and goodies are needed for after the concert. Bob Niemczewski will lead the club jam at Good Hope on December 7th because there is also a Holiday concert at Garden City Presbyterian that day. The annual club Christmas dinner/potluck and ugly sweater contest will be December 21, with the club providing chicken. The board also discussed possible events for next year and it was suggested that we give an additional donation to Good Hope and a donation to the Chelsea House Orchestra but no amounts were decided on yet.....Chris

TREASURER'S NOTES John Pollock

As of this writing, we have 39 members who have renewed their membership for 2018. If you haven't renewed yet, please catch me at the next jam or send your dues to the SSDS post office box: P.O. Box 1116, Garden City, Michigan 48136. We need and appreciate your support!

If you are not going to renew, please let me know via email or phone so that we can update SSDS records accordingly. You can contact me anytime by phone at 248-219-8448 or by email at:

impollock @gmail.com.

Happy Holidays everyone!.....John

VP - BUSINESS NOTES Harold Crane

Hello, is it really December already? Time flies when your having fun and staying busy. We have 13 Christmas playdates in December and our Potluck Holiday Dinner/Ugly Sweater contest on the first day of winter. December 21st!

A big thanks to Marsha for putting all the music together and the practices and all our Silver Strings members. We provide a lot of entertainment and enjoyment sharing our music with others this Holiday season and all year long. We've been invited back to play again at Erie Ice Daze on January 20 & 21, 2018, so don't forget to sign up. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and healthy and Happy New Year!

Here is the list for December play dates:

- 1. Friday, December 1st at 7:00 St. Mathew United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152
- 2. Saturday, December 2nd at 10:30 Waltonwood Twelve Oaks 27475 Huron Circle, Novi, MI 48337
- 3. Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150
- 4. Thursday, December 7th (6:30 dinner-7:30 concert) Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135
- 5. Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 John F Kennedy Jr. Library 24602 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights, MI
- 6. Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 St. Richards Church 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI 48185
- 7. Monday, December 11th at 7:00 Regency At Canton 45900 Geddes Road, Canton MI 48188
- 8. Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 Allen Park Public Library (Library Outreach) 8100 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI 48101
- 9. Wednesday, December 13th at 12:30 St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48152
- 10. Friday, December 15th at 2:00 **Oakmont Senior Community** 14265 Middelbelt Road, Livonia, MI 48154
- 11. Tuesday, December 19th at 11:15 **Brookdale Farmington Hills** 36550 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335
- 12. Tuesday, December 19th at 3:00 Heartland Health Care - Canton 7025 Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187
- 13. Thursday, December 21st at 12:15 Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

Thanks to all our musicians - Please arrive 1/2 hour early in your holiday outfit.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 810-356-2842 or email hlcrane45@yahoo.com Peace on earth to all and stay warm......Harold



MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski



Holiday Music – think we are ready for a great holiday performance season. Attendance at the practice was good. People brought multiple instruments, their talent, energy and ideas. Some errors in the music were caught and been corrected. SO – make sure you have the latest version of the music.

We Three Kings - 11/24/17 revision - Moved Am chord from end of measure to first beat of the next measure.

Do You Hear – 11/4/17 revision

TUNE OF THE MONTH – members seems to like Black Mountain Rag (November Tune of Month). We have played it at the last 2 jams. Everyone seems to be picking it up, able to play it at a peppy tempo.



December Tune of the Month "Single-Footin' Pony" &

"Happy Trails to You"

December's tune of the month, in the spirit of riding along the music trail together toward the end of another year, decided to bring a medley of two tunes (key of D): Single-Footin' Pony riding the Happy Trail. A single-footing pony refers to a horse noted for its broad range of speed and natural ability to remain smooth and consistent from a slow gait all the way up to a racing gait. Some of these horses are capable of reaching and exceeding exhilarating speeds of 20 mph or more. (Sounds like a HD player!)

The ideal gait is a near evenly timed 4 beat medium gait which gives a remarkably smooth and consistent ride. Couldn't find much on the tune itself other than it is a fiddle tune. It is medleyed with the chorus of "Happy Trails to You," a tune that was the sign-off to the Roy Rogers show many years ago. This combo expresses my hopes for all of you to have a smooth ride ahead on a happy trail.

PLAYLISTS– there are two playlists for January. One is for Erie Ice Daze. We play for several hours, so the list is similar to a Top 40 – we will play through and return to the beginning. The other list is for regular performances of hour length. If you sign up to play, please check the lists and refresh yourself on tunes you haven't played in a while.

Looking ahead, February's list will be themed around "Love: Looking for it, love gone wrong and lasting love." March's list will be Celtic flavored.....Marsha

~~ SSDS Jackets Available ~~

If you wish that you had ordered a jacket now that fall is coming, there are still some available. Sizes small - XL for \$38 contact Carol Ann Matthews



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~~ Harmonica Happenings ~~ The harmonica group, Heavy Breathers, will not be meeting during the month of December due to scheduled Holiday play dates. We will resume January 18th at 6pm.

Bob Hlavacek & Karen Turner

J	anuary 2018 - Erie Ice Days Pla	aylist
D	Over the Waterfall/	3/3
_	Mississippi Sawyer	
D	Let It Snow	2
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
G	Red Wing	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine/	3/3
	Flop eared Mule	
D	Eagan's Polka	4
Em	Katushka	3
G	Viola's Schottische	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
G	Washington Square	3
G	Southwind	2
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Silver and Gold Two-Step	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Muss I Denn (Wooden Heart)	3
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
D	Larry's Waltz	3
D D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
D	John Ryan's Polka	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast Painter's Polka	3 3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Old Joe Clark	4
G	Maggie	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	3/3
D	Amelia	3
D	Eagan's Polka	3
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/	3/3
	Riding Hay	
G	Yellow Bird	3 3
D	Ashokan Farewell	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/	3
	Schottische Du Stockfish	
D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	3/3
D	Snake River Reel	3
G	Nail That Catfish to a Tree	3
G	I'll Fly Away	3
G	January Waltz	3
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	March of St. Timothy's	4
G	Down Yonder	3
G	Bucket Man Blues	3
С		3
С	Tennessee Waltz	3
D	Beaumont Rag	3
D	Coleman's March	3
	On Demand-As Needed	5
D G	Hey Polka	5
9	Jingle Bells	3 1/2

Notes: Slow tunes may be skipped over if the audience is large in order to keep the momentum of the music. Holiday tunes may be added if there are children in the audience.

SSDS January 2018 Playlist

KEY		PLAY
D	Over the Waterfall/	3/3
	Mississippi Sawyer	
G	Red Wing	3*
	Westphalia Waltz	2 *
	Hundred Pipers	3
	Young Roddy McCorley	3
D	Eagan's Polka	4
	Katushka	3 2 *
	Southwind	2 *
	Silver and Gold Two-Step	3
	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Muss I Denn (Wooden Heart)	3 3 3*
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
А	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3 3 3 3
	Tennessee Waltz	
С	Five Foot Two	3
D	John Ryan's Polka -	5
D	Coleman's March	3 *
	Spanish Two Step	3 3*
	Ashokan Farewell	3 *
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Maggie	3
G	March of St. Timothy's	4
	– hold on 4 th time	
	EXTRA TUNES:	
D	Hey Polka	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
	DTES:	
* 2	^{2nd} time – feature fiddles, harmonica	s, etc.



2017 Holiday Play list – rev. 11/10/17.

	Key	Tune Play	
KT/PT	G	Jingle Bells Start with chorus – Santa Stick	3 1/2
AW/MK	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter	3 ***
KT/CAM	G	Let it Snow! Tag End by Starter	2
KT/PT	С	Winter Wonderland	2
CAM/PT	С	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord	3
MK +	С	Santa Claus is Coming to Town – multiple instrument start: triangles, jingle bells, wood clackers, slide whistle. All join beginning at second line after 4 beat lead-in	3
CAM/AW	С	A Holly Jolly Christmas – peppy tempo	2
MK	С	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers – 4 measure start	2
KT/MK	С	Jingle Bell Rock – all tacet last 2 measures of 6 th line – MK takes it.	3
MK	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel - 8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3 rd time more volume Whistles play, 4 th time somewhat softer 8 measure Tag by Starter	4
MK	D	Do You Hear What I Hear – 2 measure start. Play 1 st ending twice. Play second ending the 3 rd time.	3
CAM/MK	G	O Come All Ye Faithful at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Ritard end	3 ***
MK	G	Ding Dong Merrily/He is Born 4 count chime start	2/2
MK	G	Angels We Have Heard on High 4 measure start. Ritard end	3 ***
AW/CAM	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3
PT/LO	Am	What Child is This – 2 nd time, HDs soft. Play w/expression	3 ***
MK/CAM	G	Joy to the World – 4 measure start. 3 bongs between each verse. Tag end by Bass	3
BN/HC	Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen –. guitar start Play <u>upbeat</u> tempo all end abruptly on last note.	4
MK/PT	Am	We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells 45-46 – play softly. 76-77 – all rest for 2 measures except for MK, CA & PTRitard End.	1
MK/PT	D/G	Simple Gifts Tag end by Starter	2/1 ***
MK/LO	D/G	Silent Night Ritard End	2/2 ***
MK/KT	D/G	Here We Come/We Wish You a Merry Christmas – 3 beat transition to We Wish. Ritard last 2 measures. All sing the last chorus.	2/ 1 1/2
Tunes ma	rked wi	th *** HD's soften up second time so other instruments can be featured.	

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

2017 Holiday Public Performances

	Date	Time	Place	
	Thurs., Nov. 30	7:00-8:00	Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill Rd., Garden City'	
A	Sat., Dec. 2	10:30-11:30 am	Waltonwood Twelve Oaks * 27475 Huron Circle, Novi	W.
	Sun., Dec. 3	2:00-3:00	Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft Dr., Livonia	MIN
	Sat., Dec. 9	1:00-3:00	JF Kennedy, Jr. Public Library 24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Hts.	
	Sun., Dec. 10	2:00-3:00	St. Richards Catholic Church 35637 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland	
	Tues, Dec. 12	6:00-7:30	Allen Park Library** 8100 Allen Rd., Allen Park	
	Thur., Dec. 21	12:15 – 1:00	Livonia Civic Library 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia	

*Santa Claus is making an appearance – photo opportunity! **This program is not holiday music but a "Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer" program: Performance + chance to ask questions + opportunity to actually try playing a hammered dulcimer!



Our November 16 jam was well attended with 32 musicians



The six member Fiddle section was joined by a trio of Harmonicas



Bill Smith explains the Ugly Sweater Contest



The newly reformed 'Heavy Breathers' Harmonica Jam took place before our 3rd Thursday jam



On November 4th, after a day of workshops, Rick Thum gave an intimate concert

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Member Survey

This survey is created to get membership input that will help the 2018 board evaluate Silver Strings activities and programs, determine if and what changes should be made to our current schedule, what might be improved, what new things may be added, old things revived and/or what no longer seems relevant. Our goal is to use all our resources and talent to keep the club a dynamic organization that fulfils its mission statement. We thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Your input is valued – this is your club. Please return your completed questionnaire to **any member of the board** or mail it to:

Terry Kozlowski, 45880 Denise Dr., Plymouth, MI. 48170

SECTION A – JAMS -Please consider the frequency, time and type of jams and indicate level of your support and/attendance. <u>*Circle the number most close to your response: 1 very supportive to 5 not supportive of.*</u>

1.	The 1 st and 3 rd regular monthly jams 1		2	3	4	5	
2.	Day-time jam if regularly scheduled? 1		2	3	4	5	
	Don't know						
	Other (please say what)						
3.	"Theme"Jams (Example: SSDS Top 40 ?) 1		2	3	4	5	
	No opinion						
	Suggestion for future theme						
4.	Fast Jam1Suggestion/Opinion		2			5	
5.	Slow jams 1 Suggestion/opinion		2	3	4	5	
6.	Music Technology (1 yes, 3 sometimes/sort c	of to t	5 no/n	ot at a	II)		
	6a. Do you use I-pad or android for music?	1	2	3	4	5	
	6b. Are you familiar with Dropbox?	1	2	3	4	5	
	6c. Do you use You Tube to help learn tunes	? 1	2	3	4	5	
	6d. Do you use Facebook to follow SSDS?	1	2	3	4	5	
	6e. Do you use the SSDS Website? Yes What sections are most meaningful? Is there anything you would like added? Comments/Suggestion						

 Music Development: Rank its importance to you: 1: most important to 5 not important at all; <u>circle</u> L if you would be willing to lead and/or P participate in any/all of these

Tune of Month	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Workshops- HD	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Workshops – Other instruments	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Bring in someone to do workshop	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Slow Jams	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Tune Teach	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Classical Group	1	2	3	4	5	L	Р
Suggestions/Other (please say what)							

7 b. What are your reasons for being member of SSDS (check all that apply)

Play music with others	Perform with a group
Practice secondary instrument	Access to music
Fellowship with musicians	Learning Opportunities
Other (please say what)	

- Level of musicianship

 (1 advanced, 3 intermediate, 5 beginner)
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5

 Other_______
- 9. Performance Have you performed with SSDS (Check all that apply)

Most of its performances	 Occasionally	
Rarely	 Never	
Interested, but haven't	 Not interested	
Only at Christmas	 Only at Evart	
Library Outreach	 Other	

- 9a. How far a distance are you willing to travel for a performance?
 - Less than 20 _____ Between 20-30 miles _____
 - Not sure _____ Other (please say what) _____
- 9b. Last year we did performance at State Capitol. Would you be interested in another trip? 1 2 3 4 5
- 9c. We did a performance on Belle Isle? Would you be interested it again? 1 2 3 4 5 Other/Suggestion (Say What)_____

Section B. EVENTS. Events take planning and help from everyone. Indicate how important you think an event is and your intended level of participation. Circle answer (1 most important/likely to participate-4 low level of importance and/or participation, 5 – do not participate, could be dropped)

10. VARIETY NIGHT (4 X/YEAR)	1	2	3	4	5	
Perform	1	2	3	4	5	
Participation: Set-up	1	2	3	4	5	
Emcee	1	2	3	4	5	
Other (suggestion/comment -please s	ay what)_					

11. MYERS LAKE – A camp gathering that takes place in Byron Michigan the second weekend in June. (Circle response – 1 very important – 5 least)

	How important is this event? Workshops	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5
	Organized Jams	1	2	3	4	5
	Group dinner	1	2	3	4	5
	Group breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
	Sunday worship service	1	2	3	4	5
	11a. Attendance					
	Have you attended this event	1	2	3	4	5
	Camper	1	2	3	4	5
	Day attendee	1	2	3	4	5
	11b. Participation Check all that apply	Attend	d	Lead		
	Workshops Organized jams		-			
	Spontaneous jams		_			
	Set up		-			
	Organized Meals		-			
	Sunday worship service		_			
	Other (please say what)		_			
12.0	CLUB PICNIC					
	Importance of event:	1	2	3	4	5
	Participation	1	2	3	4	5
	Location – should it be changed?	Yes _		No		
	If yes, suggestions					
	Date – keep the same (1 st Thurs. in Augus	t)	Yes_		No	
	change to weekend			No	<u></u>	
	If yes, prefer Sat. or Sun?					

13. BANQUET - rate importance of each c	ategory 1	l most	to 5 nc	ot at all:	
Importance of event:	1	2	3	4	5
Entertainment:	1	2	3	4	5
Social Hour/pre-dinner activity	1	2	3	4	5
Jamming	1	2	3	4	5
Decorations	1	2	3	4	5
Activities/gifts/prizes	1	2	3	4	5
Likely to attend	1	2	3	4	5
Change date:	Yes		No		
Other comments					

Section C. Miscellaneous

14.Sales Table (members can bring musical items paraphernalia for sale) Continue this? Yes No If yes, how often? Every month Quarterly Once a year
 15. CD's: SSDS has 2, one Traditional, one Holiday. Should we consider another one? Yes No No opinion 16. Any comments on Items 14-15
17. Mass Emails: Do you find these informative? Yes No Would you like more reminders? YesNo
18. Volunteer Opportunities – check any you are willing to help with Newsletter articles Photography Music Coordinator Music Library Club Historian Club Promotion Committee or event Equipment Facebook page Website Dropbox Other
Your Name

Thank you for taking the time to give us your input. If you have any other thoughts or comments that would be helpful in our planning for 2018, please add them below.

2018 Silver String Dulcimer Society Board

Terry Kozlowski Phyllis Tillapaugh Harold Crane Gloria Tapper John Pollock

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month **Everyone is welcome !** 7:00 - 9:00 pm.... with jamming till ...? Come to listen, or come to play. Meeting at Good Hope Lutheran Church In Garden City, Michigan Featuring the hammered dulcimer, and other acoustic instruments : BEL FORD RD mountain dulcimer, banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub bass, mandolin, folk harp, ALOOL recorder, tin penny whistle, and harmonica. US-24 Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together with other players, receive new music CHERRY HIL. TELEGRAPH 276 and a monthly newsletter. Participate in workshops, festivals, performances, AVON DALE picnics, fun and fellowship.

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Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th. Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

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