

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

The SSDS board met in January and we are underway organizing the upcoming events for the spring and summer. I'll let each board member describe their particular events in detail.

We had a great Christmas season. We performed 12 out of 13 gigs (one gig was cancelled due to inclement weather). SSDS sold close to 100 CD's. SSDS had many compliments and should do well for repeat gigs. The club is looking forward to the iPad/Android classes to be conducted on February 2, at 5:00 pm. So far there are 7 signed up for the iPad class and 5 signed up for the Android class. It is not too late to sign up or just show up early that evening.

It was suggested by a club member that new packet music be loaded onto a memory stick rather than paper producing all the sheet music. A very good suggestion, we can discuss this issue at our next meeting.

As a reminder to club members that have not renewed their membership, please contact John Pollock with your 2017 dues.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the club, please contact any of the board members.
Thanks,.....Terry

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hi everyone! Will the groundhog see his shadow on February 2nd? HAPPY VALENTINES on the 14th and Presidents Day on the 29th could be happy or sad.

Our two day playdate at the Erie Metropark Ice Daze last month was a whole lot of fun and we sounded great as usual even tho there was no snow outside and lots of fog. I also really enjoyed going out to eat after playing, socializing and relaxing with friends.

We have three playdates this month:

- February 14th (Valentines Day) at Novi Meadowbrook Commons from 1:00 to 2:00 pm (Valentine outfits),
- February 20th is our Library Outreach Program in Farmington Hills from 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- February 21st at Heartland Healthcare in Canton from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

In March we have four playdates and another Library Outreach program in Livonia. I encourage all SSDS members to sign up and share our music with others.

Stay informed and up to date on all the info and activities of SSDS in our Soundboard Newsletter. Keep practicing and think Spring! See ya' all soon.....Harold

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello all. enjoying the heat wave? Hope it stays a while. I know it's a bit early, but Myers Lake Campout is booked for June 9,10,11. Prices may go up, so to get the last years prices you need to book early. Our reference number is G1601323. Currently 2 Chapel Hill Cabins are available for short 2 night stays, the other 2 Chapel Hill Cabins are available for a one week booking, along with the new Premium Lake Breeze Cabin. If they are not booked by 4/26/17, they will make them available for shorter stays.

**Myers Lake Reservation hotline: (810) 266-4511
or 24 hours a day online at www.myerslake.org**

Also I am working on our annual banquet, checking out a few different halls. Burton manor, One Under, O'Kelly's Banquet Hall, and Joy Manor, tried to check out Golden Feather, but they are only open until 9:00 p.m. I am open to suggestions, if you know of a good place, let me know. The date for the banquet will be, October 5th. I'm getting ready to book our Annual Picnic at Garden City Park main pavilion on August 3, subject to change.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM..... 7:00 - ??
iPad / Android Class..... 5:00
Slow Jam..... 6:00
- 14.....Playdate.....BC..... 1:00 - 2:00
Meadowbrook Commons..... Novi
- 16.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM..... 7:00 - ??
Board Meeting 5:30
Classical Practice 6:00
- 20....Playdate.....BC..... 2:00 - 3:00
Farmington Hills Community Library
- 21....Playdate.....BC..... 3:00 - 4:00
Heartland Healthcare..... Canton

C=Casual, BC=Business Casual

I hope everyone who has been ill, or injured, gets healed quickly --- Larry, Roger, Theresa, Karen, Nancy, Mick, Luke, Linda, Donna and myself -- boy this list is getting too long. Let's all get better and ready for the warmer months ahead. As you can guess I do not like winter, so I am leaving in 3 weeks. Keep safe, stay warm.....Gloria

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

Any member is welcome to attend the board meetings. Beginning February 16th the Board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month. Also a copy of the full minutes is available with a request to me. The minutes written here are a summary. Harold informed us the Erie Ice Daze insurance request has been resolved by Terry at no charge to us. After discussing whether or not to raise our fees, it was decided it will depend on the venue and what they can afford. Marsha will help Harold plan the play lists. Linda Osgood will remain as M.C. at the playdates. A letter was received from Lester Motts and he is working on editing but plans to do another summer of filming. He will ask his staff to edit our portion soon. Roger Davis is recovering from his stroke with no side effects. Nancy Sullivan contacted Chris and plans to rejoin our club in February. Gloria is working on the Myers Lake campout, to be held June 9-11. The next Variety Night is March 30. Harold will check into possibly hosting another ODPC jam. We talked about changing the location for the Banquet and Gloria will check out other locations. We decided to do a "tune of the month" every other month. We brainstormed ways to help the club musically, such as continuing workshops and posting teachers in the newsletter and website. Terry feels it is time to form a committee to pursue the idea of creating a new club CD with our newer music. There are T-Shirts, hats, cushions, and pens left. We will keep the pens to give out to the various playdate contact people. The T-shirts and hats will be offered for sale to club members. Cushions will be given to new members. Our Facebook page was discussed and it was felt we need to put more of our activities on it. There is a lot of "stuff" from other people being posted promoting their services. It was felt our website also needs updating with the new board info and newer pictures added. We have 51 members so far this year.....Chris

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES _____ Marsha Kozlowski

Classic Numbers News – has started a new year with some new music. There were 11 of us, (several of whom were trying this for the first time!) playing various instruments. The tunes are somewhat easier this year. We got off to a good start and it will be fun to see where this leads us.

If you haven't tried it, consider joining us. It is not for everyone, but for those who like it, it is engaging and a musical stretch. What it does for those who try it:

- Learn to play next to someone who may be playing entirely different notes and not get mixed up.
- Learn the lower notes on your dulcimer that you don't play very often.
- Get more familiar with the higher notes on your MD. that are not played as often.
- Become improved counters.
- Become familiar with a different style of music than we usually play.
- Develop our listening so that we hear each other and improve playing together.

Music Packet Update – Terry and I are still working on this. Our goal is to get everyone on the same page. The challenge is that when music is updated for whatever reason, it does not always trickle down to those who use hard copies. Sometimes it is difficult to even tell why a tune is updated. Some of the reasons is that only one chord needs to be changed (Grandfather's Clock). Or we obtain "Permission to Play" by the composer (Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle) and that needs to be added so those tunes so they can be safely played at play dates. Or it is determined that the tune needs to be presented in a clearer way (Lavender Blue– **watch for the update**). As we continue to fine tune this, I will post the changes in the newsletter. Please look for it and then change your music. When we are done, all the changes will automatically be in Dropbox.

February Playlist – In keeping with the love theme, there are a few tunes that we haven't performed in a while. They include: Buffalo Girls, Bei Mier Bist Du Scheon, Let Me Call You Sweetheart. They are not difficult, but should be practiced. Perhaps we can begin our jams with these tunes to warm up.

Feedback from Erie Ice Daze: We have loyal fans to come every year to hear us play. They may not know our names, but they notice when long-time players are missing. I was asked about several. Also was asked if we would play "Viola's Schottische." So next year by special request that will be back on the playlist. We received a STANDING ovation from our Sunday noontime audience of 2. Attendance to this festival was down this year by a lot. But those who came to hear us enjoyed the music and as they left, they told me they would see us again, "same time next year."

IT'S FEBRUARY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

10...Bob Ewald
10...Christine Hurt
13...Ed Konstal
14...Barb Davis
25...Nancy Sullivan



ANNIVERSARIES

12...Bob & Sandi Hlavacek..... 51st 2017
13...Tom & Lee Lack..... 30th 2017

If you don't see your name here for your birthday or anniversary please let me know. David dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

February Library Outreach Program: Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, on Monday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. We need 2-3 more dulcimer players and some more backup players: bass, fiddles, guitars. This is our first time at this library for anything. Help make it a great program. Back-up players – you are also ambassadors for the club and will get people asking questions on your instruments, the club, the music. Please sign up at the first jam or send an e-mail to Marsha and let her know if you can come.

March Tune of Month: "Bucket Man Blues" written in the key of D, it is not a difficult tune and something to work on when you get tired of all the Celtic music we will be playing. Try it, call for it. It has an "attitude" that might be fun to play. I could not find any history on the tune. It was something given to me at a jam in Midland.

March Playlist: Look in this month's newsletter for the March Playlist. There are 4 play dates this month and of course everyone is Irish for the month. Look at the tune list and brush up on those we haven't played in a while. Another suggestion is to call for it at our jams and then you get the "group practice."

Lastly, thank you everyone for your patience (MusicTime is not an easy program to master and it may take a few drafts before I get it 'right'), your music suggestions, your ideas, your encouragement, support and participation in all things musical. It surely shows that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts when we make great music together.....Marsha

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ John Pollock

Many thanks to Jeff Despard for his hard work as Treasurer this past year. And thank you, too, to Terry Kozlowski for helping me with the transition as your new treasurer.

As of this writing, we have 60 members who have renewed their membership for 2017. That leaves over 40 past members that have not paid their dues (\$15) to renew for the coming year. 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: jmpollock@gmail.com. Happy February to everyone!..... John



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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GET WELL SOON!



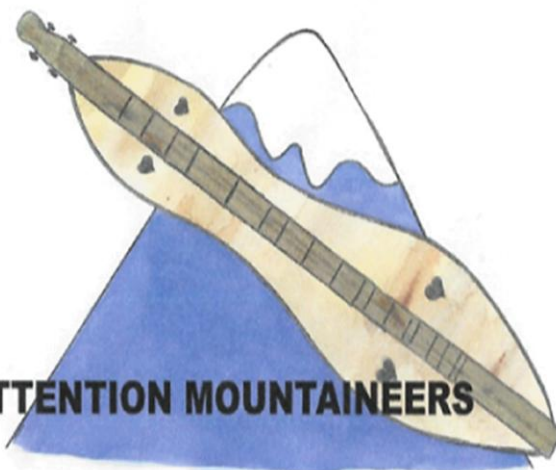
To my musical family.....

Thank you for your comforting words, cards and prayers. On January 11th I went to the Kellogg Eye Center for an operation on both eyes to correct double vision. However, due to complications, my vision is blocked in my left eye. My vision may eventually clear on its own or a second surgery might be necessary.... Love, Theresa

Larry continues to recuperate from his gall bladder surgeries and is making some progress although it is likely he'll undergo another surgery at some point (probably sooner than later) for a definitive repair to stop the bile leak from this liver.

Larry and Janelle would like to thank everyone for all get well cards and healing prayers. They feel so blessed to have so many wonderful, loving and caring friends.

Larry Roper, 22455 Spangler Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers will meet Feb. 8 and Feb. 22
at the home of Carol Ann and Dave Matthews
42297 Wickfield, Canton. Phone 734-981-5675
All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. We
also welcome backup players.

Linda and Carol Ann



Key	February 2017 playlist	times
<i>Looking for love:</i>		
C	Five Foot Two	3
D/G	Buffalo Gals	2/2
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Schein	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Star of the County Down	3*
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart	2
<i>Love Gone Wrong:</i>		
Em	Katushka	4
C	Tennessee Waltz	2
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Red Wing	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	Young Jane	2
G	You Are My Sunshine	4
<i>Getting married/lasting love:</i>		
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D/G	Mari's Wedding/Egan's Polka	2/2
G	Silver & Gold Two Step	3
G	Westphalia	2*
G	Maggie	3
	EXTRA TUNES IF NEEDED:	
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
*2 nd time: If instruments are available--fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly		

NOTES ON THE CHOSEN TUNES:

Buffalo Gals – out strolling and looking to go to a dance to meet eligible men.

South Wind – blowing a kiss that is warm and caressing like a South Wind that fills the sails of the ship that is bring their sailors home.

Yellow Bird – Haitian folk tune about a beautiful young lady whose nickname was Yellow Bird. The tune's words are of a young man who praises the beauty of a woman and would like to be her lover.

Bei Meir Mist Du Schoen – means "I find you pretty"

Road to Lisdoonvarna – annual fair to find a beau – eHarmony prior to the Internet.

Star of the County Down – story of a young man who by chance meets a lovely young woman, Rose. The infatuation grows and he imagines himself marrying the girl.

Muss I Denn – based on a German folk song. Asks the lover to "be good to me, be good to me, be to me how you really should."

Katushka – a tender nickname for Ekaterina, a peasant girl who longs for her beloved who is serving far away on the border. Themes: loyal girl pining for her love, the heroic soldier and impending sense of war that may lose him to her forever.

Red Wing – Indian maid who loved a warrior but he rode away to battle and she is weeping her heart away.

Tennessee Waltz - about a friend that stole a man's sweetheart as they danced to Tennessee Waltz.

Tam Lin – a fairy knight that falls in love with a human and spoils the plans of the chief fairy to be a sacrifice to the Gods (by loving a human, he is impure and cannot be the sacrifice – selfish love?).

Columbus Stockade Blues – man behind bars and a woman he can't be with. Maybe she doesn't want to be with him. "Go and leave me if you wish to." In your heart, you love some other. Leave me darling, I don't mind."

Young Jane – Jane Seymour, one of the wives of Henry the VIII who ended up in the guillotine.

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THE BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL

26th Annual ... held at Recreation Unlimited
Ashley, Ohio March 8 - 12, 2017
buckeyedulcimerfestival.com

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm
For information visit <http://www.unclecarls.org>

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

1st Saturday of Month, Sept thru May, 6pm
For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

4th Saturday of the month Sept thru May, 6pm
For info. Contact:
Jack & Marilyn Mullins: 517-270-2870
Or Larry Roper: 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)

1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-Noon
Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI
Songs are posted beforehand on the internet
For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month, 1:00 - 4:00pm
Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County
Admission is free but donations to the Metamora
Historical Society are appreciated. For info. Call Alice
Gajewski: 248-628-5287 mthaleyfmsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm
Good Hope Lutheran Church,
28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.
Contact: Bob: bsnemo@yahoo.com
or David: musicalcraft@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Open Band - POB

1st and 3rd Saturday from 3:00 - 6:00pm
3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor,
<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month 7:00 - 11:00pm
Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene
8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville
Contact: Tony Miceli: 517-223-9590

FARMINGTON JAM

2nd Tuesday of each month from Sept-June, 7:00pm
Universalist Unitarian Church
25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335
Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...
If you are a beginner, this is a good place
to meet people and get involved.
Contact: HolmesSid@aol.com

*If anyone knows of a good jam that should be on this list,
please let me know. David Smith*

Silver Strings March 2017 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Rosin the Beau	3*
Em	Drunken Sailor	4
G	Cockles & Mussels	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	4
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3**
C	When Irish Eyes are Smiling	3
D	Eagan's Polka	4
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
D	Danny Boy	3*
G	Bellman's Jig	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
Am	Star of the County Down	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
G	My Wild Irish Rose	2*

*2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles,
Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's
softly

** last time thru - rest on the run-up.

SLOW JAM - Hosted by Ann Wassell

Starting February 2, 2017, I will host a "Slow Jam" for
beginning hammered dulcimer players at 6 p.m. The
Slow Jam will continue on the first meeting date of each
month.

I would prefer to have only hammered dulcimer
players (really at any level of proficiency) for February
and March so that we can figure out what will work best
to get up to speed with tunes that individuals are
learning. After March we will reevaluated whether we will
include more instruments.

If you plan on attending, please email me the name of
some tunes that you are learning so I can be prepared to
help. We may not get to all of them but it will be a good
start. My email is ann.wassell@yahoo.com

Looking forward to meeting new hammered dulcimer
players and working together.....Ann

SILVER STRINGS JAMMIN' IN JANUARY



~ On a cold January 5th evening, the music warmed us up ~



~ Good attendance and lots of tunes on January 19th ~

ERIE ICE DAYS

Silver Strings performed at Lake Erie Metropark on February 21 & 22
Warm foggy weather greeted everyone and our music
filled the air inside the nature center at this annual event.



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.... with jamming till ...?

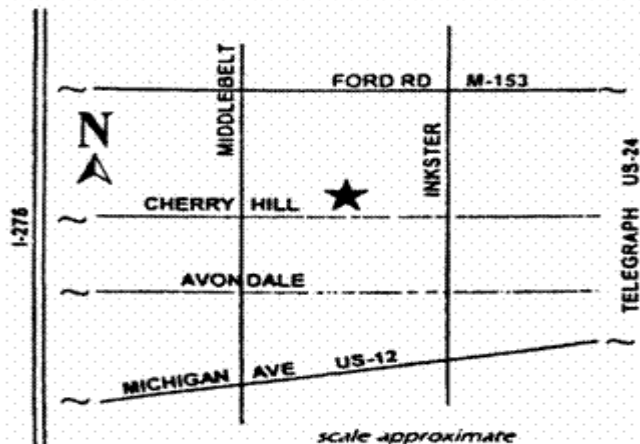
Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

Featuring the hammered dulcimer,
and other acoustic instruments :
mountain dulcimer, 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.

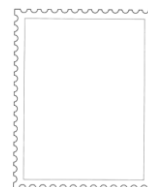
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Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

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your name would be here.

February