



# Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER \_\_\_\_\_ Terry Kozlowski

Hi everyone – your board has been busy planning for the year. There are lots of good things happening. Here's an update on what's happening and how you can be part of it:

- Wear your **name tag**! If you don't have one, ask for one. This helps everyone to know your name and they to know yours.
- **Android/iPad class** – Thank you Carol Ann and Karen for a great class. 17 people all learned at least one new thing that will help them use it for music from building a set list to getting new music on their Android or iPad by taking a photo and much more. Great class!
- **Variety Nite** –the last Thursday of March. An MC is still needed. Theme is: "Luck of the Irish" Please note: there is a 3 tune limit to allow for more people to perform and keep the evening moving. Polish up your act and entertain us.
- **Music packet in a flash drive**. I'm Hoping to have this project finished by the end of March. Marsha and I will be down south for a few weeks and will finish it when we return.
- **Myer's Lake** – Our annual campout will be here before you know it. Call and make your reservations. Music in a lovely setting with great friends. You can come for the whole event or just the day. Help make this a great event with your presence and help. See Gloria for details.
- **Spring Cleaning Sales Table** – What is gathering dust in your music closet? Is there something you no longer play or use related to music? The next three months a Sales Table will be available for these items. Please attach a card to your item with your name, asking price and any other pertinent information. Note we are making this available to you but are not responsible for your items.

- **Board Meeting** –the next meeting is March 16 at 5:30. These are open meetings, so come if you like.

Keeping in thought and prayer: Larry Roper who will have additional surgery the first part of April. Luke Kawecki is in Virginia recovering from hip replacement surgery. Long time member Donna Mayer passed away last month after a long illness. Some of us provided music at the visitation that was greatly appreciated by her family.

Wishing you a Happy Spring! .....Terry

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 2.....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM**.....7:00 - ??  
Healing Music - Kay Rowe..... 6:00  
Slow Jam - Ann Wassel..... 6:00
- 4.....Playdate.....BC.....10:30-2:30  
Raisin River Battlefield.....Monroe
- 6.....Playdate.....BC.....10:45-11:30  
St. Mary's Cause of Joy.....Westland
- 10.....Playdate.....BC..... 2:30-3:30  
Gilbert Residence.....Ypsilanti
- 12.....Playdate.....Irish Green.....3:00-4:00  
Plymouth District Library.....Plymouth
- 16.....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM**.....7:00 - ??  
Board Meeting .....5:30  
Classical Practice .....6:00
- 17.....Playdate...Irish Green.....2:00-3:00  
Oakmont.....Northville
- 28.....Playdate.....Irish Green.....6:30 - ?  
Livonia Civic Library.....Livonia
- 30.....**Variety Night**.....7:00 -??
- 31.....Playdate.....BC.....7:00-8:00pm  
Salem Bible Church.....Salem

C=Casual BC=Business Casual

## V.P. BUSINESS NOTES \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Crane

Hello fellow musicians, Is it really March already? Lots going on this month - daylight savings time begins on the 12th (we lose an hour), St. Patrick's Day on the 17th (green beer) and the first day of Spring on the 20th (warm weather is coming, yipee!).

Silver Strings has a very busy March starting with Kay Rowe's "A Gift of Healing Music" and Slow Jam with Ann Wassel at 6:00 pm before our regular Thursday jam on the 2nd, our River Raisin Battlefield playdate in Monroe from 10:30 to 2:30 on Saturday the 4th, the playdate at St. Mary's Cause of Joy in Westland from 10:45 to 11:30 on Monday the 6th and then we will be served lunch, our next playdate is at the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti from 2:30 to 3:30 on Friday the 10th, then the Plymouth District Library on Main Street in Plymouth from 3:00 to 4:00 on Sunday the 12th.

Next, we have a board meeting and jam on Thursday the 16th (you know where), next is an afternoon concert at Oakmont in Northville from 2:00 to 3:00 on the 17th (green attire!), then we have another Library Outreach Program at the Livonia Library at 6:30 on the 28th, our famous Fifth Thursday Silver Strings Variety Night on the 30th (Get your act together and bring a friend!), and finally our last item is a playdate at the Salem Bible Church in Salem from 7:00 to 8:00 on Friday the 31st!!! Wow, I think that's the longest sentence I ever wrote.

We will be using the March playlist and I will try to keep everyone informed by email or phone. If you have any questions or concerns give me a call at 810-356-2842. Try to arrive at the playdates 30 minutes early to set up to perform. Stay healthy and happy.....Harold

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

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1....Shayla Rachelle
- 3....Kay Rowe
- 5....Nancy McKee
- 12...David Smith
- 15...Sherry Humecky
- 16...Kaye Hemmerline
- 24...Stephen Beck
- 24...John Freeman
- 30...Bob Niemczewski



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

## MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES\_ Marsha Kozlowski



**Classic Update** – this group is having fun getting together before the second jam of each month to play a few classic pieces. Two of the pieces are Minuets by J. S. Bach. We are also doing a 3 part version of Hewlett by O'Carolan. And the most challenging number is

Rondeau by Mouret. It is an open group and you are welcome anytime. If you haven't tried it yet but would like to, see Marsha who will get you the music and you can join us at 6:00 before the regular Jam on Mar. 16. All things being equal and if enough of us are going to be at Evart – we will again play at the Open Mike on Saturday. However, you don't have to sign up for that to come to the monthly practice. The people who come to play are just coming to expand what they Odo on their instruments and play another type of music.

**Playlists** – The April-July playlist is in this newsletter. Some of the music is patriotic in honor of Memorial Day and Flag Day. The rest mostly consists of tunes we regularly play at gigs. A note on the Armed Service Salute – It would add variety to feature the fiddles for one of the anthems and Whistles for another while HD's hang back a little. Thinking of the Navy and Air Force anthems – so practice accordingly and let's try this at a jam. Hangman's Reel has been added because it is fast becoming very popular with our group. We like playing it and it is a peppy tune.

**Evart** - I will come up with some possible Evart tunes by the end of the month. So stay tuned on that.

**Hard Copy people** – if you are missing a tune being played, check with Marsha. She brings copies of the newer tunes. If it is an older one, she will get you a copy.



Questions for membership:

1. Does anyone have and/or play a washtub or gutbucket bass?
2. Is there anyone in our club or who you know that might come to our club to do a workshop on harmonica playing?
3. What type of workshops would you like the club to have? Suggestions are welcome.
4. We have had workshops in the past for the whistle, uke, mountain dulcimer. Is there any interest in doing something with these?

Send your response to Marsha or any board member.

**Library Outreach Program Update** - On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 16 members performed at the Farmington Hills Library. Almost 60 people came to hear us play. Some danced, some sang, all clapped. We had a nice dialogue as they asked questions about the instruments, music, etc. A fun time was had by all. Many of the audience stayed to see all the instruments, talk with our members and try the hammered dulcimer. There were young people and adults. Judy Donlin, The FHL adult services coordinator was delighted with the turnout and the program. She said she wanted to have us back. Thank you to all of those who came with instruments, extra instruments and "game on."

Our next library outreach is on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Livonia Civic Library on Five Mile Rd. (where we have played at Christmas time for quite a few years). It is set for 6:30 p.m. It takes a little longer to set up so

you are asked to be there by 5:45. If you haven't signed up to play but would like to, please let Marsha know. There is still room. The audience likes the variety of instruments we bring and have questions regarding the other instruments, too.  
.....Marsha

#### **TREASURER'S NOTES**\_\_\_\_\_ John Pollock

I am happy to report that as of February 25, 2017, we have 74 dues paying members! Thank you to everyone who has renewed. But there are still many past members who have not renewed for 2017. If you haven't, please catch me at the next jam or send your dues (\$15.00) to the SSDS post office box: P.O. Box 1116, Garden City, Michigan 48136. We need and appreciate your support!

Our corporate income tax return (IRS Form 1120) has been prepared and filed. Since we show a small operating loss for the year (\$216), no tax is due. That's always good news!

If you're wondering about the gig payout for Erie Ice Days, we haven't received payment yet. The Board is following up, and we hope to get you your payout soon. Happy March to everyone!..... John

#### **From the VP PROGRAMS**\_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Tapper

As many of you know, I am in sunny Hawaii. Before I left I have arranged our annual picnic for August 3 at Garden City Park.

Also, the board has selected O'Kelly's in Dearborn for our October 5<sup>th</sup> Banquet. More information on these events will be coming to you soon.

The Campout is open to family and friends, everyone is welcome, and of course more will be coming your way. Boy, I do have a lot of loose ends to take care of. I hear it's been unusually warm in your area.

I will be at the next board meeting, hopefully if you have any questions, I may be able to answer them, or contact me at getapper@yahoo.com  
See everyone in a few weeks.....Gloria

#### **SECRETARY'S NOTES**\_\_\_\_\_ Chris Hurt

All members are welcome to attend the board meetings, which are held at 5:30 on the third Thursday of each month. I will provide any member with a copy of the full minutes upon request.

It was discovered that we skipped the August 2016 donation to Good Hope so John will ask the members for approval to send them \$400. (We did ask at the jam and it was approved to do so.)

After reviewing several locations, the banquet will be held at O'Kelly's in Dearborn.

Several ways to increase membership were discussed and one idea was to possibly have a daytime jam to accommodate those who do not drive at night.

As a cost saving measure, new members will be given a flash drive of our music instead of paper copies.

The club has a lot of window stickers and cushions for free if you would like one. We still have T-shirts for \$10 and hats for \$5.....Chris



**ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS**

Mountaineers will meet **March 9 & 23**  
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

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## 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
	<b>Extras</b>	
D	Hey Polka	3
G	My Wild Irish Rose	2*

\*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Silver Strings April-July 2017 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Sandy River Belle	3
G	America the Beautiful	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
D	Down Yonder	3
D	Maple Sugar	3
D	Sandy River Belle	3
D	Festival Rag	3
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3*
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
Em	Dancing Bear Missouri	2/2
D	Ashokan Farewell	3
D	Armed Services Salute	1
D	Liberty	3
G	God Bless America	3
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3
	<b>Extras</b>	
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4

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Silver Strings performed for a large crowd on February 14th at Meadowbrook Commons in Novi



On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 20 members attended the Android/iPad music class at Carol Ann Mathew's home  
Carol Ann taught the Android class and Karen Turner taught the iPad class





## LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM



The Library Outreach Program at the Farmington Community Library on February 20<sup>th</sup> was a big success. Following our short performance the large audience took part in a hands on workshop



## A Gift of Healing Music by Kay Rowe

The Holidays are over but here is a wonderful way to give the gift of HEALING MUSIC to those in Hospital, Hospice or Home Care year round. I began my study of Therapeutic Music in January 2014, to learn just how I can prepare to use my music to help heal mind, body and spirit of those suffering. On March 2nd I will lead a Workshop/Demo on Therapeutic to show HOW MUSIC HEALS, how TM differs from Music Therapy, and HOW YOU CAN ADAPT THE MUSIC YOU ALREADY KNOW to relieve pain, regulate body rhythms, relax, sleep if needed, elevate mood, relieve loneliness and boredom, relieve stress and thereby assist the body in its natural healing process. Here are just a few of the comments I hear from patients, staff and visitors:

CONSTANT remarks from all the above on the calming, relaxing effects of the music.

*"That's better than all those treatments you come for!" ( Patient in Hospital Rehabilitation )*

*"You made my day!" (Patient in hospital)*

*"This is what I imagine the music in Heaven is like". (Patient in Hospice)*

*"When you play I get the most verbalization from Mom - actual words spoken and singing along ever!"*

*(Daughter of regular patient with end stage Alzheimer's - a common response to music- in hospice)*

*"Much better than TV!!!!" (Patient in hospice)*

I have hundreds of such comments in my patient log and I KNOW THERAPEUTIC MUSIC WORKS!!!

By the end of this month I will have completed the requirements, Including two Internships, and will be a Certified Clinical Musician. I hope to introduce you to the most REWARDING musical experience of your life!

Most acoustic instruments (including voice and keyboard) are acceptable but none needed for our workshop.

**Join us March 2. We'll start promptly at 6 p.m. (One hour before our regular meeting).**

(The photo is Kay playing TM for her Mom, 99)





## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

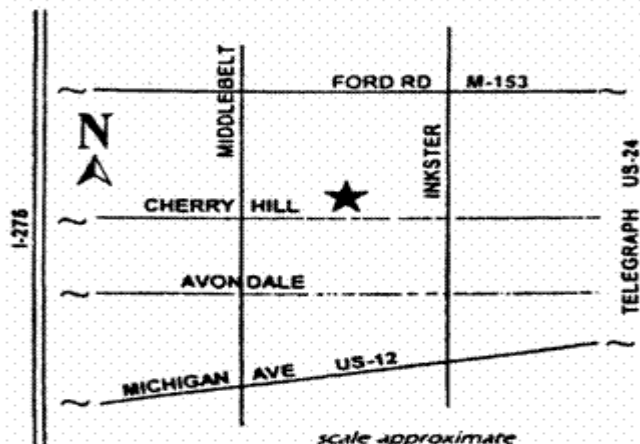
Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,  
picnics, fun and fellowship.

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**Everyone is welcome !**

**Come to listen, or come to play.**



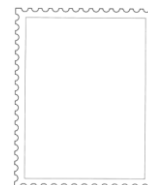
*Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)*

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**March**