

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

The Chelsea Fiddler's performed at our annual fall Banquet. What a fantastic performance by a group of 20+ high school musicians! The group played mostly Celtic tunes along with some of the favorites familiar to our group. The teens displayed lots of energy, great musical talent and played nonstop for an hour.

Club elections will be held on the Thursday, November 2. As of this writing no one has stepped up to become VP of Programs. Phyllis Tillapaugh has agreed to fill the Secretary position. Remaining board positions will remain in office for another year.

Bill Smith will be hosting the 'UGLY' sweater, t-shirt, and sweat shirt/fleece Contest at the annual Christmas party. There will be prizes for each category for both men and women. The party will be held on December 21. More info will be available at our next jam. Start your search!

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. Signup sheet for that performance will be available at our next jam.

Our club has medical emergency cards for each member on file. When renewing your membership please review your emergency contact information and update as required. If you are a new member, ensure John Pollock, club treasurer, has a card on file for you.

Don't forget to wear your name tags!! November 5th, Daylight Saving Time ends, so turn your clocks back one hour.
See you at club, November 2ndTerry

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone. I'm still waiting for a colorful fall, but not much is happening.

My position as VP Programs is coming to an end soon, hopefully someone, or perhaps a few, can help out and volunteer. I have had a very interesting and enjoyable 2 years.

Christmas will be here soon. Our first Christmas

program, for Good Hope Church is November 30th. I am asking for our members to bring cookies, or other goodies for our guests following the performance.

December is a very busy month. Our annual Christmas Potluck Party will take place on Thursday, December 21st. I do know that chicken will be the main entrée, I will have the details soon. There will be an Ugly Sweater Contest too, so start looking for that exceptionally ugly sweater.

That's all I have for now, and we'll see everyone at the next jam.....Gloria

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

2 SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??

2.....SSDS Board Meeting.....5:30

4.....Rick Thum workshop/jam/concert....9am - 9:30pm

9.....Holiday Music Rehearsal.....6:30 - ??

16.....SSDS MEETING AND JAM.....7:00 - ??

16.....'Heavy Breathers' Harmonica.....6:00

21.....Final Holiday Practice Rehearsal...6:30

30.....Good Hope Concert/Afterglow.....7:00

SECRETARY'S NOTES _____ Chris Hurt

Here is a synopsis of the October Board Meeting minutes. All board members were present. John told us our balance is \$3,010.23 and that he will announce that 2018 dues can be paid anytime. Members will be asked to update their emergency info cards while renewing their dues and John will check to make sure we have cards for new members.

November 30th is our Good Hope concert and goodies are needed for after the concert.

The Christmas party will be December 21st with the club providing chicken and members bringing a dish to pass. The ugly sweater contest will also be held again.

Harold told us of the various play dates he has scheduled, including 4 for 2018. There are 4 Variety Nights in 2018.

We still need a volunteer to replace Gloria as VP of Program.

It was suggested we raise our prices to \$200 for new gigs and it was decided to leave previous people at the old price.

Anyone who wants a copy of the full minutes, please contact me. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 2nd at 5:30. All members are invited to attend.Chris

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello everyone and Happy November! We start the month with Rick Thum on Saturday, November 4th with all day workshops and concert at 6:00 in the Good Hope Church, the end of daylight saving time on the 5th, Election Day on Tuesday the 7th, Veterans Day on the 11th, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone on the 23rd and on the last day of the month, the 30th, our first Christmas Concert and reception at Good Hope Church!

Here is the list of the current Christmas play dates for December:

1. Friday, December 1st at 7:00
St. Mathew United Methodist Church
30900 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152
2. Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00
Mt. Hope Congregational Church
30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150
3. Thursday, December 7th - eat dinner at 6:30 and concert at 7:30
Garden City Presbyterian Church
1841 Middelbelt Road, Garden City, MI
4. Saturday, December 9th at 1:00
JFK Junior Library
24602 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125
5. Monday, December 11th at 7:00
Regency at Canton
45900 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
6. Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00
Allen Park Public Library (Library Outreach)
8100 Allen Road, Allen Park, MI
7. Wednesday, December 13th at 12:30
Saint Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merrimack Road, Livonia, MI
8. Friday, December 15th at 2:00
Oakmont Communities
14265 Middelbelt Road, Livonia, MI 48154
9. Tuesday, December 19th at 11:15
Brookdale
36550 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335
10. Tuesday, December 19th at 3:00
Heartland Healthcare-Canton
7025 Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48187

11. Thursday, December 21st at 12:15
Livonia Public Library
32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

That's all folks! Keep on trucking and enjoy yourself.
See ya soon.....Harold

MUSIC COORDINATOR _____ Marsha Kozlowski



Holiday Performance Rehearsal Update

Thanks everyone who has come to one or more practices (more than 35+ people). Your commitment, dedication and support are great and will be what makes for wonderful performances that entertain and delight our audiences. Thank you for bringing your talent, your ideas and all your instruments (*talk about bells and whistles!!!*). *Check dropbox for the final playlist and notes!!!*

The next rehearsal is Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. Please try to be there on time so we can arrange ourselves like we were playing a concert. We will go through the playlist to do final tweaking. If you feel you need one last rehearsal to work on specific tunes, a practice time is set for Tuesday, Nov.21, 6:30 pm.



November Tune of the Month "Black Mountain Rag"

A popular tune for Mountain Dulcimers and with groups down South. Peppy, key of D, give it a try. It is fun to play!



December Tune of the Month "Single-Footin' Pony" & "Happy Trails to You"

December 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.



In the spirit of Thanksgiving,
my thanks and gratitude for:

*The harmonica group, "Heavy Breathers" that is starting up again. Thanks, Karen and Bob for the workshop and taking the lead in this. If you are looking to play another instrument, try this.

* All those who led a workshop in 2017

* All those who played at a performance and thus made the whole greater than the sum of us.

* Those who participated in the Library Outreach Programs, introducing and sharing their love of our music and instruments with new people

* Those who came to play classical music proving we can play nice together and not all be playing the same note at the same time

* The board for their leadership, vision and support for this club that enables us to be a strong music community; and especially Terry, whose loving support keeps me going and blesses me in all ways.

* Silver Strings, a great group who have become friends and with whom can enjoy music and fellowship.....Marsha



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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~~ 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

IT'S NOVEMBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

6....Bill Smith

10...Terry Treppa

Anniversaries

7....Lyle Thompson.....38th

9....Ed Konstal.....49th

9....John & Sharon McAuliffe

25...John Freeman.....29th

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

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Apple Air2 iPad

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16 gigs

Excellent condition

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Terry 734-560-8204

Library Outreach Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Traditional Music Sample</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
	<i>Dance Music</i>	
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
D	Hey Polka	4
	<i>Irish or Celtic Music</i>	
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
	<i>Familiar Tunes people can sing</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
G	Five Foot Two	3
	<i>Tunes that change tempo</i>	
Em	Tamlin	4

~~ Harmonica Happenings ~~

The harmonica workshop held on October 19th was a success and brought in 4 new players and 2 returnees. By the end of the hour workshop, all were playing a couple of tunes! We decided to bring back the "Heavy Breathers" harmonica group and continue to meet at 6pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month, before our regular club jam. Our next meeting will be **November 16th at 6pm**. We will NOT meet in December due to our club Holiday play dates. All levels of harmonica players are welcome to attend!

Bob Hlavacek & Karen Turner

2017 Holiday Play list – rev. 10/28/17

	Key	Tune	Play
KT/PT	G	Jingle Bells Start with chorus – Santa Stick	3 ½
AW/MK	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter	3***
Kt/Cam	G	Let it Snow! Tag End by Starter	2
KT/PT	C	Winter Wonderland	3
CAM/PT	C	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord	3
MK +	C	Santa Claus is Coming to Town multiple instrument start: triangles, jingle bells, clacker, slide whistle. All join beginning at second line after 4 beat lead-in	3
CAM/AW	C	A Holly Jolly Christmas peppy tempo	2
MK/SH	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers 4 measure- washboard start	2
KT/MK	C	Jingle Bell Rock all take last 2 measures of 6th line – MK takes it.	3
MK	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel 8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3rd time more volume, 4th time somewhat softer Tag by Starter	4
MK	D	Do You Hear What I Hear 2 measure start. Play 1st ending twice. Play second ending the 3rd time.	3
CAM/MK	G	O Come All Ye Faithful at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Ritard end	3***
CM/MK	G	Ding Dong Merrily/He is Born 4 ct. 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 2nd 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 & PT Ritard 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 marked with *** HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured.			



Our second well attended Holiday Music Practice took place on October 26th

~ 34th Annual Silver Strings Banquet ~



O'Kelly Banquet Hall in Dearborn hosted our Annual Banquet on October 5th, 2017



The Chelsea House Orchestra entertained with toe tapping tunes



A full evening of food, music and socializing ended with our own upbeat jam. What a fun time we all had!



At the October 19th meeting a few members were brave enough to wear their Halloween outfits



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
Sun., Dec. 3	2:00-3:00	Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft Dr., Livonia
Sat., Dec. 9	1:00-3:00	JF Kennedy, Jr. Public Library 24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Hts.
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

***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!**



Featured in Workshops and Concert

Rick Thum



Saturday November 4, 2017

9:00 - 10:30AM Workshop #1 BEGINNERS
\$25

We will explore the basics and more depending on the level and needs of participants.

11:00 - 1:00PM Workshop #2 ALL LEVELS
\$30

We will learn how to play syncopation patterns that fit nicely into tunes as free embellishments. We will then explore the embellishment techniques that you have questions on how to play.

1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch

2:00 - 4:00PM Workshop #3 ALL LEVELS
\$30

Embellishments. We will take a familiar song and put in embellishments where needed. I will explain what notes do I use, how to find them fast and how many do I need. A quick and easy way to find embellishments.

If taking more than one workshop, take \$5.00 off of each additional workshop.

6:00 - 7:30PM CONCERT \$12

If registered in a workshop concert \$8.00

7:30 - 9:30 OPEN JAMMING

The lower level room will be available for jamming, and hanging out for those not choosing the workshops.

Location

Good Hope Lutheran Church
28680 Cherry Hill Rd.
Garden City, MI 48135

Contact

Rick Thum

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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.

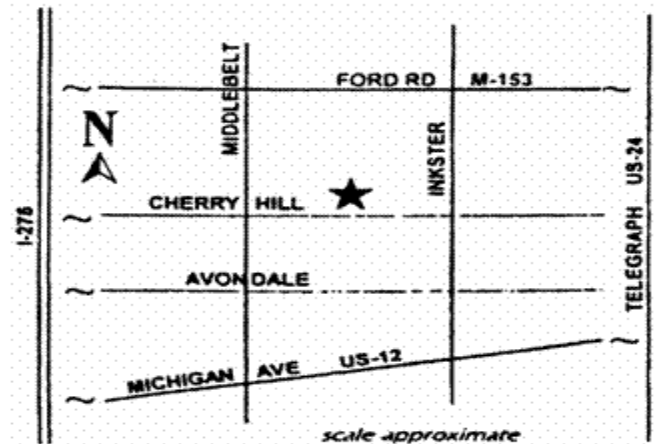
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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.



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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