



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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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 Thursday, November 1. The results are: Peggy Kustra, President; Robert Patterson, VP of Business; George Gonyo, Treasurer; Bob and Sandi Hlavacek, VP of Programs (with a lot of help from club members, more on this at future club meetings); Gloria Tapper, Secretary. Welcome members of the Board.

This will be my last article as club president. It has been a great two years. We had many great discussions, all with the club members' best interest in mind. On behalf of our club, I would like to thank outgoing board members Harold Crane, VP of Business, Phyllis Tillapaugh, VP of Programs, and John Pollock, Treasurer, for their generous contribution of time and energy to support our club. With their support, we've continued 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.

Our bylaws require the President to highlight the years' activities. First is the Survey completed in December, 2017 that brought several important issues to the board's attention. Probably the most important was the need to move our meeting location. The move from Good Hope Lutheran Church to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in June allowed members to enjoy easier accessibility to our jams. It has numerous handicapped parking, no steps to the entrance and all rooms on one level. Desire was expressed to change some other things. So the picnic was moved to Plymouth Township Park. The handicap accessibility, abundant parking, wonderful view of the lake and lots of jamming made this a wonderful day. This location will be repeated for 2019. Our Club Banquet was held in a new location as well - The HELLENIC Center in Westland. The facility, food, price and location were perfect for this event. I'm sure the board will repeat this event for 2019.

Jam nights are going great. The Slow Jam once a month is steady and helps newer members. The After Hours Jam has started up again. And the board is

encouraging the Harmonica group to grow again. Membership has been steady in numbers as new people find their way to Silver Strings. Out of the 90 members, about half actually play hammered dulcimers. Jam attendance is also steady - anywhere from 30-50 people. We have been working to deal with the acoustic challenges of the new location and storage issues, but with much help and cooperation, trial and error are managing this.

The Library Outreach program continues to be successful. Our music coordinator, Marsha Kozlowski, has pushed this program for the last two years. In the last two years, about 8 new dulcimer players have joined our club. Three others are going thru the OPDC mentoring program and may be future members. If we want to inspire, and encourage people to play the hammer dulcimer, we must continue this effort. While the library program is a good start, it would be great if a next step could be developed, a sort of personal mentoring. A "newbie" group was started but did not take off.

With the Christmas season approaching, December will be a very busy month with 15 gigs scheduled. The Christmas party will be held on December 20. Hope to see you for the festivities and jamming. Be sure to bring your instruments! We don't have to play Christmas music.

I wish everyone a safe and joyful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....Terry 734-560-8204

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

6.... SSDS MEETING **CANCELLED** 7:00 - ??

20... SSDS JAM & Christmas Potluck 7:00 - ??

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Greetings to all my music friends, "Time flies when your having fun" and its been fun for me the last two years as the Silver Strings VP Business person. Our board did a wonderful job keeping our club running smoothly with great ideas, successful events, new members, new home, and promoting music. We are very fortunate to have so many talented people in our

club that put time and effort into sharing music. A big THANK YOU to our members and I'm proud to be a part of Silver Strings. Good luck to our 2019 board! Let's keep going for another 35 years!

We finish the year with 15 play dates in December and 38 for the year! I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay warm, healthy and happy and hope for peace on earth. Over and out.

See ya soon.....Harold 810-356-2842

The 'Heavy Breathers Harmonica Group' and 'Slow Jam with Linda Osgood' are **CANCELLED** in December. Both groups will resume in January.

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES ____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

2018 has been a fabulous year for the Silver Stringers!! I have fond memories of the Myers Lake Campout in June, the club picnic in August, the banquet in October, all the wonderful jams (at both Good Hope and Holy Cross), and Variety Nights! December brings a hectic schedule of Silver Strings Christmas performances, after which, we have one final, special event . . . the annual Christmas Potluck.

- **Dec. 20th: Christmas Potluck.** The club will provide chicken and beverages. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Z something other than dessert.



*I pray you will be blessed by the coming season; I'm looking forward to celebrating our club's achievements with you at the potluck!.....Phyllis Tillapaugh
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IT'S DECEMBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

13...Theresa Smith
31...Sandi Hlavacek



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

MUSIC COORDINATOR ____ Marsha Kozlowski

As we near the end of the year, we are focused on the music of this season and have many opportunities to share it. Some of our audience will be hearing us for the first time. Others are long-time fans who look forward to hearing the holiday tunes played in our unique way. I must confess it gives me some anxiety that there is a 3 week gap between the last practice and the first performance. So it is my prayer you have done some personal practice and when it is time to play, everyone is there (on time), tuned up and ready to give it their best. Let's listen to each other, smile, and enjoy the gift of sharing our music. Thanks to everyone who came to a practice, who worked to learn our holiday repertoire for the first time and signed up to play.

Before you know it, it will be the new year. The playlist for Erie Ice Daze is in this newsletter. We play several hours (with breaks) on both days. It is a relaxed venue as people come and go. Review the list and polish up any tunes you may be rusty on – most have been on playlists for years and very familiar. While there are no other scheduled playdates, there is a second one hour playlist "just in case" something pops up.

Tune Correction: "Single Footed Horse on a Happy Trail". I haven't gotten around to correcting the music, but wanted to give the back-up players a heads -up. In the Happy Trails part, take out the C# chord. It doesn't belong there. When we are done with holiday gigs, I will see that this is corrected.

Do plan on coming to the Dec. 20 jam night. It is the last jam of the year, a potluck dinner and chance to celebrate another year of SSDS fun before we usher in 2019.

***** Next week's scheduled jam on Dec. 6 at 7:00 is **CANCELLED** because those who normally lead, setup etc. are doing the gig at St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park. *****

John Pollock reports that membership renewals are steadily coming in. If you haven't sent your renewal in, I hope you do, the club is better for your presence and support.

Finally, best wishes for good health, happiness and joy as we enter 2019, a year I hope will be filled with musical adventures, opportunities and continued growth as a club and as musicians. Welcome to the incoming Board who will be bringing their energy, creativity and talent to Silver Strings.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

TREASURER'S NOTES ____ John Pollock

It's hard for me to believe that I have been doing this Treasurer's business for two years already. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer! Happily, we are in good fiscal shape going into the New Year.

As of November 27, 2018, 63 members have renewed their membership for 2019. That's way ahead of last year at this time, but there are still plenty of members who have yet to renew. And it's only \$15.00 to renew! If you haven't renewed yet, please catch me at the next jam or send your check 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.

Also, if you are a new member and have not completed an emergency information/contacts card or if your emergency information has changed in any way please see me for a card. This information is kept confidential, but the board then has vital information should you have a medical emergency.

Merry Christmas everyone!.....John jmpollock@gmail.com

2018 Holiday Play list – Rev. 11-7--2018

Key		Tune	Play
KT/PT	G	Jingle Bells Start with chorus – Santa Stick, 2 nd time add more bells.	3 ½
MK/PT	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter – Decorate instrument/stand during start (slow playing of Holly and the Ivy 2x) then 4 Count “potato” upbeat 2nd time – feature whistles and fiddles	3***
KT/CAM	G	Let it Snow! Tag End by Starter;	2
KT/PT	C	Winter Wonderland	2
PT/PEG	C	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord,	3
KT/MK	C	Jingle Bell Rock – all tacet last 2 measures of 6 th line – MK takes it.	3
MK/DK	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers – 4 measure start- Slide Whistle accents, “Call & responses – last measure of 4 th line, 1 st measure of 5 th line”, Snare drum for this	2
MK/PEG	C	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
MK/PEG	D	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer – Santa Stick, Bass play descending scale in start	2
PT/MK	G	I Saw Three Ships / Christmas is in the Air	As written
ED K/MK	D	Do You Hear What I Hear – 2 measure start. Play 1 st ending twice. Play second ending the 3 rd time. Try to play with dynamic phrasing.	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
CAM/PEG	G	O Come All Ye Faithful - at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Rit. end	3***
MK/PEG	G	Angels We Have Heard on High 4 measure start. Ritard End	3***
CAM/KT	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - 2nd Time Feature Fiddles	3 ***
PT/LO	Am	What Child is This – 2 nd time, HDs soft. Psalterie/Recorders featured. Play w/expression	3***
MK/CAM	G	Joy to the World –4 measure start. <u>3 bongs between each verse.</u> Tag end by Bass	3
BN/HC	Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen –. guitar start Play <u>upbeat</u> tempo all <u>end abruptly on last note.</u>	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 - 2nd time feature Harmonicas Tag end by Starter	2/1***
MK/LO	D/G	Silent Night Ritard End (Sandi sings 2 nd time in D and 1 st time in G) One measure vamp between keys.	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 ½
Tunes marked with *** -HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured (depending on who is there).			

SSDS January 2019 Playlist

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

NOTES:

* 2nd time – feature fiddles, harmonicas, etc.

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January 2019 - Erie Ice Days Playlist

D	Over the Waterfall / Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Let It Snow	2
G	Tick Tock Polka	3
G	Red Wing	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine / Flop eared Mule	3/3
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	Young Roddy McCorley	4
D	John Ryan's Polka	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
D	Painter's Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Old Joe Clark	4
G	Maggie	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	3/3
D	Saro Waltz	3
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
D	Ashokan Farewell	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische Du Stockfish	3
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
C	Five Foot Two	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
D	Coleman's March	3
	On Demand-As Needed	
D	Hey Polka	5
G	Jingle Bells	3 1/2
G	Amazing Grace	4
G/D	Single Footed Pony/Happy Trails	1

Note: 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.

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY

2018 Holiday Performance Schedule

Date	Time	Place
Saturday, Dec. 1	1:00 P.M.	Dearborn Hts. JF Kennedy Jr. Library 24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Hts.
Saturday, Dec. 1	3:00 P.M.	Dearborn Hts. Caroline Kennedy Library 24590 George St., Dearborn Hts.
Sunday, Dec. 2	3:00 P.M.	Plymouth Public Library 223 S. Main St, Plymouth MI
Tuesday, Dec. 4	7:00 P.M.	Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill Rd., Garden City
Sunday, Dec. 9	2:00 P.M.	St. Richards Catholic Church 35637 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland
Wednesday, Dec. 12	7:00 P.M.	Southgate Veterans Memorial Library 14680 Dix-Toledo Rd., Southgate•
Thursday, Dec. 13	7:00 P.M.	Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City
Saturday, Dec. 15	2:00 P.M.	Northville Public Library 212 West Cady St., Northville
Thursday, Dec. 20	12:00 P.M.	Livonia Civic Library 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia

- Special playlist includes traditional and seasonal tunes

VARIETY NIGHT November 29

It was a great evening with a lot of variety. We heard a Harp, Autoharps, Ukes, Singing, Concertina, Hurdy-Gurdy, Bones, Whistles and one lone Hammered Dulcimer. Thanks to Peggy for emceeing, Terry for managing the sound system, Phyllis's steady hand with the kitchen duties with Bob and Sandi's help. We had a fun evening!



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

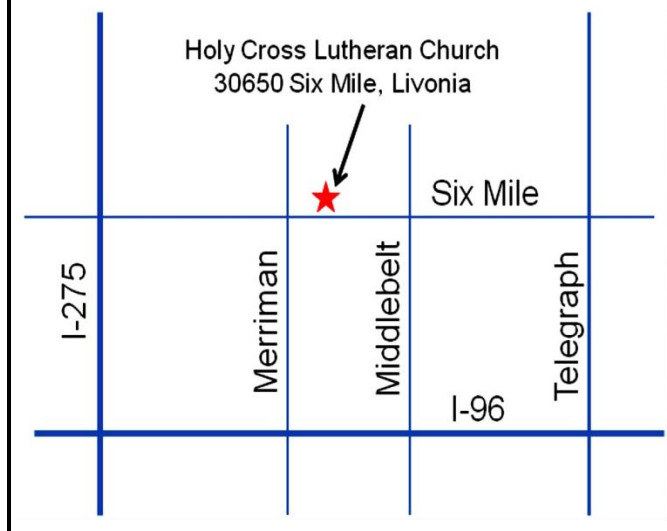
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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 25th.

Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at dtsmithnet@yahoo.com

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