

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello Hello, We had three play dates in January to kick off the New Year which were a lot of fun. We had a great turnout at Cedarbrook Senior Living for our first performance of the year and our own "Dancing Peggy" was the highlight of the show! Our two day Erie Ice Daze play date is a very popular and unique experience which we have been doing for many years and our Sunday dinner after the performance is always fun and enjoyable. Thanks to everyone for sharing music and entertainment!

February, our shortest month, has several big days to remember - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY (place your bets) on the 4th, our **Silver Strings play date at Heartland Healthcare on the 6th at 3:00** and of course VALENTINE'S DAY (*Let me call you sweetheart*) on the 14th. I hope everyone can spread a little peace and love in our hectic and crazy world. Keep smiling and see ya' down the road.....Harold

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 1 **SSDS MEETING AND JAM**..... 7:00 - ??
- 1..... SSDS Slow Jam..... 6:15-6:45
- 1..... SSDS Board Meeting..... 6:00
- 6..... Heartland Healthcare - Canton..... 3:00
- 15.... **SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??
- 15... Heavy Breathers - Harmonica.....6:00

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

Midwinter greetings, fellow musicians! I'm not a fan of cold weather, but there are nice things about it. In the words of British poet Dame Edith Sitwell, *Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire. It is the time for home.* However, by February, I'm usually more on the wavelength of American author Robert Byrne, *Winter is nature's way of saying, "Up*

Yours." Whatever your sentiments on the long northern winters, let's take joy in February's upcoming celebrations: Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day (also Ash Wednesday this year), President's Day, African Heritage Week, National Margarita Weekend (3rd weekend; one of my favorites and guaranteed to relieve midwinter blahs), Chocolate Lovers' Month, and birthday celebrations for our Aquarius and Pisces members.

In regard to special club events in 2018, I'd like to share some dates for you to reserve on your calendars:

- **Variety Nights: May 31, August 30, November 29**
(members voted to cancel March 29th Variety Night due to this being Maundy Thursday)
- **June 8-10: Myers Lake Campout**
- **August 2: SSDS Picnic** Plymouth Township Park (also called McClumpha Park)
Ann Arbor Trail (between Sheldon Rd and Beck Rd)
- **October 4: Annual Banquet**
Hellenic Cultural Center (next to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church)
36375 Joy Rd, Westland, MI 48185
(I'd like to form two committees to work on decorations, gifts/prizes, etc.)

Thanks to all who come early and/or stay late to lend a hand at our jams in moving or replacing tables and chairs, kitchen help, garbage takeout, and last but not least, for all the goodies you bring!! Let the loving energy of February keep you warm until the spring thaw!.....Phyllis

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ John Pollock

As of this writing, we have 67 members who have renewed their membership for 2018. That leaves over 30 past members that have not paid their dues (\$15) to renew for this 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.

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.

Happy February to everyone!.....John

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..... 52ND
13...Tom & Lee Lack..... 31ST

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

MUSIC COORDINATOR ____ Marsha Kozlowski

As I am writing this (Jan. 22) I reflect on all the great music of the past few days, beginning with the first jam....what a joyful evening of music and fellowship. The first gig of 2018 was on the 19th at Cedarbrook (where Ann Wassell and Mary, Peggy Kustra's mother live). Wondering how we would do after a 2 months hiatus from playing "regular" music - No worries! We did fine and the 50+ audience love it. One highlight was "Hangman's Reel." Peggy brought a basket of eggs to shake and passed them around. While the residents were shaking eggs, Peggy was shaking a leg. Good thing we only played it 3 times – we nearly wore her out! Crowd favorites included "John Ryan's Polka" and "Tamlin." They also loved the tunes they could sing along with: Tennessee Waltz and Five Foot Two.

Erie Ice Daze – is always like a family reunion. This year Shirley and Fred Becker's daughter, son-in-law and grandson came and got to see Fred play (spoons and maracas). Saturday's performance was notable because there were as many fiddles as there were hammered dulcimers (2 each). However, we did well and the group sounded great. One highlight: Fred Becker requested "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." (He and Shirley have been married over 60 years). We played and everyone sang with him. Sunday's performance started out as a practice session – no audience for at least 20+ minutes. Then we were entertained by a delightful little girl who danced to our music. As the day went on, the audience grew. We

were about to play the finale, "Hey Polka" when two gentlemen got up to leave. Instinctively, I told them they couldn't and they sat right back down. Bob, our "hey boy" led the audience in their part and we finished with everyone taking part.

Survey says!: Thanks to all 28 of you who provided input and suggestions in the survey. It provided both the board and me with information and insight we will use to help this club be the best it can be.

Library Outreach. Several of you took brochures and program information to give to your librarian and ask they have us give the program at their library. Westland Library has already responded and will host us in June. (*Thanks, Phyllis!*) If you live in Novi, Wayne, or Taylor and are willing to take the information and talk with the Adult Services staff, ask me for a packet. This program has been great in raising awareness of our instruments and our club. At least one booking has come through someone who attended. Several of our new members found us through this program. Let's keep it going!

Playlists: February and March playlists are in this newsletter. Look them over and dust off the tunes you haven't played in a while.

Next **Tune of the Month** will come in March. Hope you are having fun with January's tune: **John Stenson's #2. See me if you need a hard copy.**

Jams- as a result of board discussion, a **slow jam** will be held the first Thurs of each month from 6:15 to 6:45. Linda Osgood will lead this (*Thank you, Linda.*) It is for ALL instruments. Look for more information to come.

Harmonica group – while only 4 people came to the last session, this group is going to continue with the hopes of building a core group of harmonica players. Harmonicas add to our performance and we often feature them in certain tunes and offer the audience the unique experience of "surround sound" Silver Strings style. So if you have a harmonica and are a beginner or someone who has played a while – come be part of this. The next time is February 15 @ 6:00.

Classic group – based on the priorities of the club at this time, this group will be put on hiatus for a while.Marsha

SECRETARY NOTES ____ Gloria Tapper

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. I don't have a lot to talk about today. Anyone who would like to sit in on a board meeting is invited to do so. If you would like to have a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting, I will have them available. That's all for now, enjoy the day.....Gloria



Key	February 2018 playlist	Play
	<i>Looking for love:</i>	
C	Five Foot Two - S	3
D/G	Buffalo Gals	2/2
G	South Wind	3*
G	Yellow Bird	3
Am	Bei Mier Bist Du Scheon	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay- C	3/3
G	Star of the County Down	3*
G	Muss I Denn	3
G	Let Me Call You Sweetheart - S	2
	<i>Love Gone Wrong:</i>	
Em	Katushka	4
C	Tennessee Waltz - S	3
D	Over the Waterfall - C	3
G	Red Wing	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Columbus Stockade Blues	3
G	Young Jane	2
G	You Are My Sunshine - S	4
	<i>Getting married, lasting love:</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast - C	3
D/G	Egan's Polka/Mari's Wedding	2/2
G	Silver & Gold Two Step	3
G	Westphalia	2*
G	Maggie	3
	EXTRA TUNES IF NEEDED:	
D	Lover's Waltz	3*
<p>*2nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly S: invite audience to sing along 2nd time and/or 3rd time C: get audience clapping in time</p>		

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 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.

Tamlin - 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



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers will meet **February 14 & 28**
 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	March 2018 Playlist	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	4**
C	When Irish Eyes are Smiling	3*
D	Eagan's Polka	4
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
D	Danny Boy	3*
Em	Scollay's Reel	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische du Stockfish	3
Am	Star of the County Down	3*
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3

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

** last time thru – take the 4 ct pause in chorus

MUSIC 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

2nd 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 mthaleymism@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 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: threedsjd@aol.com

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

CEDARBROOK SENIOR LIVING



The first performance of 2018 took place on January 19th at Cedarbrook Senior Living in Plymouth. 16 of our members entertained a well attended audience of over 50 residents. Member Ann Wassell and Peggy Kustra's mom are recent residents at this beautiful new facility. Ann had the chance to show her fellow friends and residents the musical group that she is involved with. Peggy helped to encourage the residents with clapping, singing and even dancing with her mom, to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd. Our tunes were masterfully introduced by Linda Osgood. Our music leader Marsha Kozlowski, was wondering if we all were ready to play our regular tunes after two months of playing mostly Christmas music. However, we soon realized that we were back in the groove, and the enthusiastic audience response made for a wonderful afternoon of delightful music. After the concert many of the smiling residents told us how much they enjoyed us and our music and hoped we would come back again.



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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~~ Harmonica Happenings ~~

Attention Harmonica players or wanna be players. Heavy Breathers harmonica group will meet on the 3rd Thursday, February 15th at 6:00pm. We will meet just before the SSDS jam. Bring a "C" harmonica, and "G" and "D" if you have them. We may wander into something other than "C" if there is interest. We will have an extensive list of tunes available that lend themselves to the harmonica. We hope to see you there.
Bob Hlavacek. and Karen Turner(*still recovering*)

ERIE ICE DAYS



Silver Strings has performed at Erie Ice Days every January for the past 16 years. Even though there was no snow or ice, those who ventured into the Marshlands Museum at Erie Metro Park to warm up were treated to an afternoon of toe tapping music.



Photos by Bill and David Smith

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

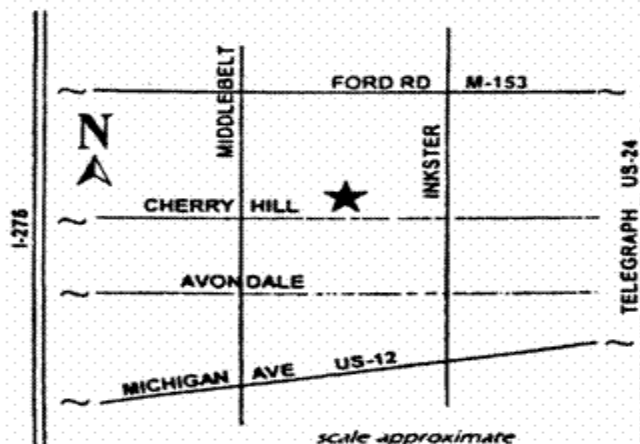
Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

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.

