



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Happy New Year!

December was a great month! The club had lots of gigs starting with the Good Hope performance and ending with Livonia Library. At those performances, there were approximately 25 musicians and over 75 people in attendance. I was very proud of our club and how it performed. With a mixture of experience, intermediate and beginner players, we sounded fantastic. The new members, there were 6, did very well for their first time performances. The musical talents of Bob Ewald were extra special during the Christmas program this year. He created so many embellishing sounds on his base that I had to turn and take note of his talent.

Did you know that you can see videos of some of our holiday performance tunes on YouTube? Copy and paste the following onto your web browser "SilverStringsClub - YouTube". Tell your friends, family, and neighbors etc. to check out us. Promote our club by your word of mouth.

It's time to renew your club membership. Your membership dues help support our club functions. Most importantly, it also provides funds as a donation to our great host: Good Hope Lutheran Church.

About twenty survey results are being compiled. Thank you to all who took the time to give us input. It will be very helpful as the board begins planning in January at its first meeting of the new year (Jan. 4).

Happy New Year! Start it out by coming to our first jam on January 4th and make 2018 another great year!
.....Terry

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Silver Strings had a great 2017 with 36 play dates with some new tunes and arrangements (we sold 50+ CD's), a successful Library Outreach Program (promoting the hammered dulcimer), Evart Fun Fest stage shows, Meyers Lake Campout and Jam with lots of music, workshops, food and socializing, our

Capitol Steps performance in Lansing and chartered bus ride, Garden City picnic, first time performance at the Belle Isle Art Fair, our Banquet at O'Kelly's and our regular monthly meetings/jam. WOW! Thanks to everyone for their time and effort to keep Silver Strings a strong, healthy, fun and successful club.

To kick off our 2018 play date season we have:

- Cedarbrook Senior Living
Friday Jan. 19th at 2:00
155700 Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
- Lake Erie Ice Daze
Saturday Jan. 20th at 11:30 - 3:00
32481 West Jefferson Avenue
Brownstown, MI 48173
- Lake Erie Ice Daze
Sunday Jan 21st at 12:00 - 4:00
32481 West Jefferson Avenue
Brownstown, MI. 48173
- Heartland Healthcare-Canton
Tuesday Feb. 6th at 3:00
7025 Lilley Road
Canton, MI 48187

Till we meet again.....Harold

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 4 SSDS MEETING AND JAM..... 7:00 - ??
- 4..... SSDS Board Meeting..... 6:00
- 18.... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??
- 18... Heavy Breathers - Harmonica.....6:00
- 19.... Cedarbrook Playdate, Plymouth..... 2:00 pm
- 20.... Lake Erie Ice Daze Playdate.....11:30 - 3:00
- 21.... Lake Erie Ice Daze Playdate.....Noon - 4:00

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, what do you think about all this snow ? Made a wonderful white Christmas.

My term as VP Programs has come to an end, Phyllis Tillapaugh is taking on that position, she has been helping me these last couple weeks, finding out what needs to be done, I'm sure she will do a terrific job.

I will be taking over the position of Secretary. Please keep in mind, I do not have many secretarial skills, I will try very hard, if any of you have seen my notes, you would just shake your head in wonder. If there is anything I can help out with, please let me know. It's been a pleasure being VP of Programs, I'm looking forward to being Secretary.

I got an email from Ernie Stewart the other day, he has been undergoing a new surgical procedure at the Mayo Clinic called a salvage prostatectomy. He is recovering at home. Ernie wants to heal and begin playing his violin and get back to his music groups. Let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

That's all I have for now, I hope everyone had a Very Joyous Christmas, and are looking forward to a Good Year in 2018, Stay warm, stay safe.....Gloria

IT'S JANUARY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

2...Gerry Hermans
10...Sharon McAuliffe
22...Cathy Smith
23...Terry Avery



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

Notes on the **Holiday Performances** – it was a great series. Close to 40 members came to at least one practice as we fine-tuned the pieces and how we were going to play them. The preparation showed in the quality of our performances. Eight members played in a Christmas performance for the first time. Hope they enjoyed it. The holiday bug going around sidelined a few people from playing. We had great audiences, many who loved to sing the carols as we played. Well done, everyone!!

Feedback was very positive. "Loved the balance of sounds and hearing all the unusual instruments blend together." "Really liked 'We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells' and wished it was on your CD." "how much fun you seem to have sharing your music." "Combining Pachelbel's Canon with Jolly Old St. Nick was so cool and just lovely." "The driving beat of God Rest Ye was great – I really liked it." "Never heard so many unusual instruments – thank you for sharing them." "What Child is This with that unusual instrument was very beautiful." "my grandkids jingled all the way

home." "Loved the bass." "How do you get your hair so shiny"? (Really, that is one of the comments to me – LOL)

Thanks to everyone for all your work, for adding your musical voice, pulling out the stops, providing the "bells and whistles" and being a part of this. We did ourselves proud.

Library Outreach – The four programs in 2017 had a very positive response. There are no future programs scheduled. You can help continue the effort by promoting this program at YOUR library. Your personal recommendation carries weight. If you would approach the Adult Services person at your library, tell them about our program and give them the handout/information that has been prepared, I will follow up. The handout includes a proposal letter that explains the program and the scheduling process and the SSDS brochure. If you have been a part of the program, you know how excited people are to get up close and personal, to talk with not only the HD players but the other musicians. 2018 wish list of local Libraries: Canton, Novi, Westland, Northville, Ypsilanti, Dearborn. Let's play it forward!

Music Development: It has been a busy year as the club continues to grow musically through new tunes, a vibrant classics group, various workshops and performances. The goal is to nurture and help newer players advance, keep advanced players challenged and have our growth be reflected in the performances. A tall order, but the proof is in the pudding and the Christmas season reflected our growth – we played 4 tunes that were either new or new arrangements of tunes done before. We did justice to all of them.

Tune of the Month – 2018's first tune of the month is something that the late jam people have suggested. It is a version of John Stenson's #2 and is in the key of A. They love this tune and would like it to be shared with the entire group. It pairs well with Hangman's Reel I could not find out much about the history of this piece other than John Stenson was a box (accordion) player. What happened to John Stenson #1? Don't know. You can find the piece on YouTube – it has been recorded by several people.

A Wish List for 2018 –

1. A leader(s) for slow jams to help players learn the new tunes or just come up to speed.
2. The after jam be resurrected to create a venue to share new tunes, challenge players, explore different ways to play, i.e., stretch us musically.
3. Continued success with the library program
4. Another unique musical experience like last year's trip to Lansing.
5. The Classics Group continues to build.
6. Provide musical mentors to newer players coming into club.....Marsha



January 2018 - 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	Amelia	3
D	Eagan's Polka	3
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding 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	Beaumont Rag	3
D	Coleman's March	3
	On Demand-As Needed	
D	Hey Polka	5
G	Jingle Bells	3 1/2

Here are three playlists. One is for Erie Ice Daze. The shorter one is for the gig at Ann Wassell's Cedarbrook complex. For those who like to look ahead and be prepared, the February playlist is also posted. It is focused on Love and is the same list as was used last February. If you have signed up to play any of the upcoming gigs – look the lists over and run through the tunes.

Notes: 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.

SSDS January 2018 Cedarbrook 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	Eagan's Polka	4
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
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	John Ryan's Polka -	5
D	Coleman's March	3 *
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Ashokan Farewell	3 *
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Maggie	3
G	March of St. Timothy's – hold on 4 th time	4
	EXTRA TUNES:	
D	Hey Polka	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
NOTES: * 2 nd time – feature fiddles, harmonicas, etc.		

Key February 2018 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		

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Terry 734-560-8204



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

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42297 Wickfield, Canton. Phone 734-981-5675
All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. We
also welcome backup players.

Linda and Carol Ann



Music by Linda

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Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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~~ Harmonica Happenings ~~

The Harmonica group (**Heavy Breathers**) will meet
Thursday January 18 @ 6:00 PM before our regular
jam. We will review the basics of the harmonica,
practice scales, and play some simple tunes. All
levels of players are welcome. Veterans can assist
newbies. We will start with old time favorites like
Home on the Range, She'll be Comin' Round the
Mountain, O Susanna, etc. If we need to, we can
talk about tab for harmonica music but mostly play
by ear. We will use 'C' harmonicas until we are all
up to speed.

Bob Hlavacek & Karen Turner



Silver Strings Holiday Happenings



The November 30th concert at Good Hope was a kickoff for our 14 upcoming Christmas playdates. The well attended and appreciative audience was treated to a full hour of Christmas tunes in the good acoustics of the church. Afterwards we hosted a reception with Holiday treats for everyone in the church hall.



11 members performed on Dec 9th at JFKennedy Jr. Library and at the Regency at Canton on Dec. 11th



25 musicians performed to a large gathering at St. Richards Church on December 10th
Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of Holiday music and a Christmas cookie reception afterwards



Closeup photos of the musicians were provided by Emily Smith



Holiday concert number 12 and our club is still smiling, at Brookdale Senior Living on December 19th



With 150+ in attendance, Silver Strings performed in the lobby of the Livonia Library. The acoustics were wonderful and the audience love us. So, with concert no. 14, our busy Holiday performances came to an end.



Our Dec. 21st meeting started with a delicious Potluck dinner followed by a fun Ugly Sweater/Fleece/T-shirt contest hosted by Bill Smith and ended with a music jam.



Here are your **2018 Silver Strings Officers**
(from left to right)

Phyllis Tillapaugh - VP Programs

Gloria Tapper - Secretary

Terry Kozlowski - President

Marsha Kozlowski - Music Coordinator

John Pollock - Treasurer

Harold Crane - VP Business

(also, not shown)

David Smith - Soundboard Newsletter

Karen Turner - Website/YouTube/Facebook

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

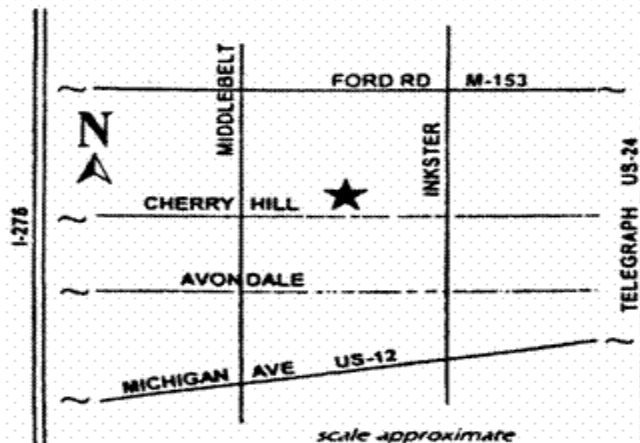
Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

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.



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.

JANUARY