



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

Well, Marsha and I are enjoying nice weather in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Since our arrival we've had sunny 70 and 80 degree weather. We're thinking of you guys and we are trying to send warm weather north!

As a result of the survey, there was one very important item brought to our attention. The board discussed moving our jam meeting night to a new location. The main reason for considering a move is to locate a meeting place that is handicap accessible. When one looks at our membership, there are a number of members who are handicapped. There is one flight of steps to go up to our meeting room. This is quite a chore for some of our members who are medically challenged. Especially difficult if you're carrying a hammer dulcimer, stand, chair and, for some, additional instruments as well. Then there is the issue of going to the rest rooms. This requires two flights down and two flights up. When you review this scenario, I'd say our club has been very fortunate that no one has been injured.

So, the board will start the process in locating a new meeting place. The goal is to find a facility that is completely handicap accessible, i.e. one or two steps maximum (entrance, rest rooms, kitchen], close to our current location, available on Thursday evening. We have targeted a couple of facilities as of this writing.

I'm sending out a plea to our members and persons who read our newsletter: If you know of a facility that would meet the needs of our club, please contact one of the board members so we can pursue this issue further.

FOR SALE! Survey says we need a "For Sale" and a "Free" table for musical instruments, and music related items. If you have music stuff you want to sell or donate, bring them to our next meeting night.

Rumor has it that Peggy K. led the SSDS February 15th Jam. *Thank you Peggy!*Terry

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hola, We finished February playing at a multi-cultural music and dance concert that was very entertaining plus a buffet of wonderful food and deserts from around the world. Here's a few things to do in March: Autorama at Cobo Hall on the 2nd to thru the 4th (for all you gear heads), Vintage Strings at the Java House in South Lyon on Saturday the 10th (its free!), daylight savings on the 11th (you know what to do), 3 St. Patrick's Day play dates for SSDS (see below), the famous Village Strings are the featured act at Baseline in Plymouth on Saturday the 17th (wear your green!), the 20th is THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING (Yippee) and it's Good Friday on the 30th. Here's the list for March play dates:

Thursday, March 15th at 2:00 pm
Oakmont Communities - Livonia
14265 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48154

Friday, March 16th at 2:00 pm
Oakmont Communities - Northville
42000 7 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167

Saturday, March 17th at 2:30 pm
Four Chaplans Nursing Center
28349 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185

Please arrive 1/2 hour early to set up and don't forget to wear your green. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 810-356-2842. Don't forget to smile and enjoy the moment. Take care,.....Harold

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 SSDS MEETING AND JAM..... 7:00 - ??**
- 1..... SSDS Slow Jam..... 6:15-6:45
- 1..... SSDS Board Meeting..... 6:00
- 15.... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??**
- 15... Heavy Breathers - Harmonica.....6:00
- 29.... Variety Night.....**CANCELLED**

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES ____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

March!! Spring is just around the corner!! In the words of Garrison Keillor: "March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like."

Nothing new to report this month. I hope to have the group reservation number for Myers Lake for the April newsletter . . . but, as of the writing of this article, I have not been able to reach anyone in the office there.

Just a reminder of club events for 2018:

- 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

We have lots to look forward to in March. If you're into snow events, the Iditarod Race begins March 3rd, Daylight Savings Time returns on the 11th, Pi Day on the 14th, St. Patrick's Day (and all things green) on the 17th, first day of Spring on the 20th, Palm Sunday on the 25th – and March Madness beginning 3/13!

Many thanks to Peggy for leading our last jam – you were fantastic! And thanks again to all who come early and/or stay late to lend a hand moving/replacing tables and chairs, kitchen help, garbage takeout, and bringing goodies!



.....Phyllis

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 ____ Marsha Kozlowski

March Tune of the Month is Black Nag. A traditional tune, it first appeared in 1657 in John Playford's 3rd edition of the Dancing Master as "the Galloping Nag." It is a popular tune for English country dancers and American contra dancers. You can find it on YouTube. Although it is listed as an English tune, there is a definite Celtic feel to it.

I have given it to you in two keys: Am and Bm. If playing solo or as a group, it adds interest to change keys. The hammering patterns remains the same. We have done with this with other tunes. Please try it in both keys. There is a different feel to the tune from one key to the other.

Performance notes: We played our "All About Love" playlist at Heartland on Feb. 6. There was one lady who sang along to many of the tunes we played. (At least it seemed so – I could not hear her.) Afterwards I went up to her and complimented her on knowing so many of the tunes. She told me how much she enjoyed the concert, but in truth she didn't know all the words. She said: "I listened to you tell the title of the tune and the few words about it and made up my own words." Her friend added: "Isn't she great?" When we got to "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" I asked how many there had been married over 60 years? At least 6 hands went up, very happy to be asked about the love in their life.

April - July Playlist - You will find the April-July playlist in this newsletter. Similar to last year's list, it includes a Patriotic component since Armed services Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day and 4th of July are observed during this time frame.Marsha

SECRETARY NOTES ____ Gloria Tapper

Good day, I hope everyone had a lovely Valentine's Day and enjoyed the warmer temperatures, now if only we can get by without the canoes and kayaks, and keep tires on our vehicles.

The board meeting was cancelled for February so I will go over a few things from January....

We now have a large banner to be displayed at our gigs, thank you Harold.

Dates are set for Myers Lake Campout, June 9-10.

Our Club Picnic, August 2 and our annual Banquet, October 4. Thank you Phyllis.

Slow jams with Linda Osgood on the first Thursday of the month, 6:15-6:45.

Members are always invited to sit in at board meetings, and if you would like a copy of our minutes, I will have them with me, If there is any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask.....Gloria

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."

Victor Hugo

Silver Strings April-July 2018 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Bucket Man Blues	3
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	South Wind	3*
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri	2/2
A	Hangman's Reel	3
Am	Schottische du Stockfish	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
D	Ashokan Farewell	3*
D	Liberty	3
G	America the Beautiful (repeat last phrase as tag ending)	3**
D	Armed Services Salute	1**
G	God Bless America (Repeat chorus for tag ending)	3**
G	You're A Grand Old Flag	3**
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Battle Hymn of the Republic	3*
*2 nd time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistles take melody; HD's softly backup ** Tempo should be singable – not too fast.		

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
*2 nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly ** last time thru – take the 4 count 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



ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers will be meeting once a month for the next 3 months as Linda and I will be out of town.

Please mark your calendars for these dates -

March 14, April 25 & May 9

~ Harmonica Happenings ~

Attention Harmonica players or "wanna be" players. Heavy Breathers harmonica group will meet on the 3rd Thursday, March 15th at 6:00pm. We will meet just before the SSDS jam. Bring a "C" harmonica, and "G" and "D" if you have them. Our turnout has been rather low and we need to decide if the group will continue meeting???

Bob Hlavacek and Karen Turner



Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

734-649-3843

losgood10424@comcast.net



On January 27th several Silver Strings members formed pickup bands and performed for the Winter Music Mash in Downtown West Dearborn. At the Dearborn Brewery, the musicians above (Donna, John, Harold and Tom) were joined by Jenni Burke who wrote one of our new tunes, Black Cat Schottische. It was a lively crowd that clapped along on several of the tunes.



Across the street from the Brewery, Carol Ann, Marsha, Linda and Terry performed in the coffee shop and locally made urban shopping experience of Made Metro Collective. The Dulcimer music filled the store as shoppers browsed or sat for coffee and snacks. It was a pleasant afternoon of music.



Our February 15th meeting started off with the 'Heavy Breathers' Harmonica group practice (Bev, Karen, Carol Ann & Rich). Then, Perky Peggy stepped in to lead our second Thursday Jam, since Marsha and Terry were on vacation.



Silver Strings (Linda, Carol Ann, Gary, Karen, Phyllis and Harold) were one of several acts that participated in the Multi-Cultural Music and Dance Concert at the Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia on Feb. 25th. The lively and enthusiastic crowd was entertained with a diverse variety of musicians and dancers representing many cultures from around the world. After the concert all were treated to a buffet dinner with foods from around the world.



Village Strings Performs at Baseline Folk Society on St Patrick's Day

Village Strings, comprised of Silver String musicians, will be performing as the featured act at Baseline Folk Society on Saturday, March 17th, 8pm. Baseline hosts Acoustic Strings Concerts and monthly open mic at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd, Plymouth. Open mic starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

Village Strings musicians featured at Baseline include Janelle Pacic—hammered dulcimer & mandolin, Carol Ann Matthews—hammered dulcimer & harmonica, Marsha Kozlowski—hammered dulcimer, Karen Turner—hammered dulcimer, penny whistle, harmonica, tambourine & spoons, Linda Osgood—dulciborn & concertina, Lee Lack—fiddle & penny whistle, Tom Lack—guitar, Harold Crane—guitar, Larry Roper—guitar, Terry Kozlowski—banjola, and Tom Koppin—bass.

Village Strings plays a delightful mix of Traditional, Celtic, Irish, Scottish and Folk music that keeps the tradition alive and will make you want to stomp your feet, clap your hands and maybe even dance a jig.

Website and Dropbox Tidbits

Did you know that our website includes historical information about our club? For example, go to Contact Us and click on View Past Officers from 1985 to the present. See who our past leadership has been! Or go to Newsletter and read past newsletters from 2005 to the present. That's 13 years of what the club has been doing! Or go to Tunes and view monthly playlists from 2005 to the present. Another 13 years! Our photo and video gallery also display our variety nights and performing gigs!

Did you know that Dropbox has a shared folder called "Practice Music Files"? These are MP3 MIDI files which can be played on your computer or device. They were recorded in 2014 by Dave Matthews and are very helpful if you are trying to learn a new tune from our repertoire! If you don't have access to this folder and would like it, please contact me at karenturner@comcast.net.

Karen Turner - Website and Dropbox Administrator

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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.

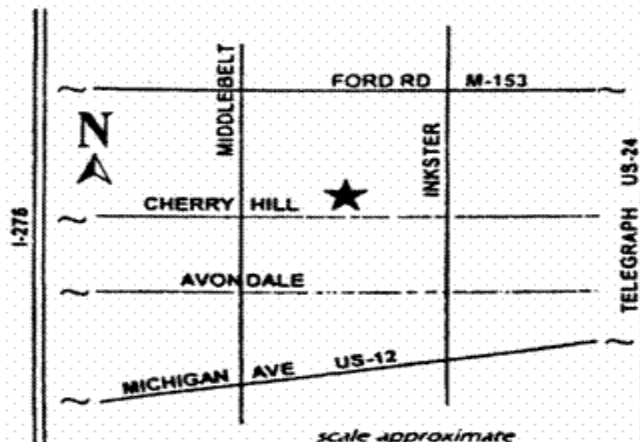
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

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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