



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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SHARING ACOUSTIC MUSIC for 35 YEARS

Issue 403

PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

On October 6th our annual club banquet was held at the HELLENIC center, Westland. The facility, food, price and location were perfect for our event. This was a special banquet as it celebrated our 35th year as a club. There were approximately 55 members and guests whom attended the event. Table games, gifts and door prizes were given during the evening. Phyllis and her helpers did a wonderful job setting up the table decorations. Center pieces consisted of guitar strings shaped as flowers. Chocolate treats in the shape of musical notes placed at each place setting (thanks Bob and Sandi for those yummy additions). The highlight of the evening was a 35th anniversary video created by Dave Smith. The video took many of our members down memory lane, illustrating 35 years of jams, performances, picnics, banquets, Myers Lake camp outs, and Evart performances. Many familiar faces, some present, some who have passed on. Thanks Dave for a job well done. You may view the video at silverstrings.org, select video gallery, and scroll down to "35 years".

Club elections will be held on the Thursday, November 1st. The Election Committee has a full slate of volunteers for every position on the board.

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 name tags!!

See you at clubTerry 734-560-8204

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello, Button up your overcoat, it's November with lots of things to do and places to go. Daylight savings ends on the 4th(fall back), Election Day on the 6th (please vote), Veteran's Day on the 11th (thank a vet), Thanksgiving day on the 22nd (spending time with friends, family and good memories) and on the 29th we have our famous SSDS Variety Night with pizza and great entertainment (bring a friend).

We have no play dates this month, but in December we have 12 in 20 days! Thanks to everyone for sharing their time and talent providing wonderful holiday music

for others to enjoy. Don't forget our Christmas practice this month and our regular meetings (jams).
See ya soon.....Harold 810-356-2842

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1.... SSDS Board Meeting..... 5:45
- 1.... Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00 - 6:45
- 1.... **SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??
- 6.... Christmas Practice..... 6:30 - 8:00
- 15... "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam.... 6:00
- 15... **SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00 - ??
- 29... **Variety Night / Pizza Party**..... 7:00 - ??

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh



NOVEMBER:

*remember to VOTE,
HONOR OUR VETERANS,
and GIVE THANKS!!*

Just a few other reminders:

- **Nov. 29th:** Variety Night: Club will provide pizza, salad, and beverages. Brush up your act and sign up to perform in our showcase of talent!
- **Dec. 20th:** Holiday 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.

.....Phyllis Tillapaugh ptillapaugh@sbcglobal.net

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

Birthdays

6.....Bill Smith
10....Terry Treppa

Anniversaries

7....Lyle Thompson.....39th
9....Ed Konstal.....50th
9....John & Sharon McAuliffe
25....John Freeman.....30th



*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



November Tune of Month: **Winter Waltz** by Dan Kirchner. Some of you may have met Dan at Evert or Midland Festivals. He is known as a guitar player and did a workshop at Midland this year. He presented this lovely waltz at an Evert festival some years ago. Silver Strings received permission to play it, but for whatever reason, it was never added to the repertoire. With winter coming soon, it is a lovely tune to reflect on the beauty the winter season can bring. Notice the tune markings. *D.C. al Fine* means go back to the beginning and end at *Fine*. The tune is played AABA. Enjoy.

2018 Tunes of the Month in Review:

John Stenson's #2 – in A, 4/4 time. Start calling to play this in a jam. It is not as hard as it looks and sounds good in a medley with Hangman's Reel.

Black Nag – Am and Bm – A driving jig we learned well enough to play at Evert (bravo!). Keep playing it so it can be added to the next March playlist.

Bard of Armagh (Streets of Laredo) – in C, ¾ time. A tune we have used to feature the harmonicas for that out West sound. Also played at Evert.

Out on Lake Michigan – In G, 6/8 time. It has a summer feel. Am hoping we learn and like it well enough that it makes a playlist next year. (Future playlist theme: Pure Michigan)

The Girl I Left Behind – in G, Common time. A very old English tune, it has been played as soldiers marched out to war since the early 1800's. It will add period music for historical re-enactments.

Winter Waltz – in Am, ¾ time. a reflective tune that would be nice to add to the Winter playlists.

Holiday Practice/Performance Notes:

- There is one more rehearsal – it is **SCHEDULED for TUES., NOV 6 @ 6:30** (had to change the date due to church availability). I am very grateful so many have showed up for the first two rehearsals. The program is

shaping up nicely. If you have not been to a rehearsal but hope to play at any gig, please try to come to the next one. After that rehearsal, a final playlist with details will be printed.

- The group voted to wear Victorian attire for two of the performances, Plymouth Library and Northville Library. Not everyone has Victorian wear but there is time to come up with something. For guys, it is a little easier than for ladies. Ladies, a long black skirt is a start. To help those who may not have anything, if you have an extra hat, or other Victorian items someone could borrow, bring to the next rehearsal to we can get people "geared up". It will be fun to do this.
- Library playlist – one performance requires we not play any religious tunes so look for that playlist in the newsletter. It has a lot of our favorite tunes plus some seasonal tunes to end the evening with.
- "Deck the Halls" – another "extra" we are doing at the beginning of the performance during the start of Deck the Halls is to deck out our instrument, stand or whatever with garland or other decoration. Be sure to bring something of that nature with you to the Nov. 6 rehearsal so that can be practiced.
- Thank you for all the support of our holiday playing season. It is nice to have new players. All the feedback, suggestions and help make us that much better. Our audiences continue to grow because of all your efforts. Please take the flyer in this newsletter and share with your friends, family, associates at work or other organizations you are part of – this is the time to truly shine the light of our music.
- Peggy found a "drummer" headpiece at Hobby Lobby to wear for the Parade of the Toy Soldiers. If you want to get into the spirit of that, you are welcome to join her in doing this. It was pretty cute and apparently is on sale right now.

* The **Public Performance Schedule** is attached to this newsletter. Share it with your friends, family and places you go. It is the one time of year that people have so many opportunities to hear us play and delight in the music we bring them.

***Attire** – Holiday wear – festive, usually green, red or white with some added bling.

Thanksgiving Gratitude list from your music coordinator

- Thanks to Linda Osgood for stepping up to lead the slow jam the first meeting night of the month. This helps new players and those who are trying to master a second (or third) instrument.
- The 3 Library Outreach programs this year in Ann Arbor, Westland and Waterford. Support for this has been great and it helps keep us out in the community.

- The opportunity to do "street performing" in January at the Dearborn Winter Mash and July's Friday Fun Nights in Frankenmuth. A great way to perform informally in a casual atmosphere.
- Evert performance where 27 SSDSers crowded on stage. 11 were dulcimers. 8 performers were new to the Evert stage. The "Going West" theme was a hit. The audience loved us.
- Heavy Breathers has revived itself with no heavy resuscitation required. It is nice to have the group growing and adding to the SSDS sound.
- After Hours Jam has started up again and is slowly building, giving those who come a chance to try new tunes, doing some different things and enjoy a small group jam experience.
- Seasonal Playlists that add variety and keep us sharp. This year, January – winter; February – All About Love; March – It's an Irish Thing; April-July – American the Beautiful; August-September – Summer Fun and the Living is Easy; October-November – Fall is in the Air; December – Holiday.
- A great Board that is open to ideas, supports new music, and works together in the best interests of the club.
- The openness and flexibility of those who perform when modifications to the playlist are made - whether to honor a request for a certain tune, add touches that accommodate the group or make the most of the occasion to better engage a particular audience.Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ John Pollock

As of October 24, 2018, forty-seven members have renewed their membership for 2019. That's a great start, but we still have a long way to go. 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.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!.....John

SECRETARY NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello, as I sit watching the colors change; I think why can't this happen and still stay warm, where's Indian summer. The real bummer was on Thursday, I had to scrape my car windows, it really fouled my good mood, plus made me late for an appointment.

At our October board meeting, Bob Nemo(the bass player) told us about the acoustic bass guitar and I

learned quite a bit. Now I'd like to actually hear one. There are only 8 Thursday's until Christmas and I need more time, but practicing our Christmas tunes, makes it seem like it's time to get those lists in order.

I hope everyone stays healthy, and everyone recuperating does so quickly. We need everyone well. Thanks to everyone who will be joining our new board in the new year.

Lastly, our board meetings are open to all, please feel free to join us.

...Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com

I want to thank all the people who helped me when my chair collapsed and broke my leg. Bill Smith, Bob Patterson, Terry Kozlowski, and Gloria Tapper saved me from the wreckage and helped ice down my leg. There may have been others but I was in a lot of pain and don't remember. Thanks to all who sent cards. It helped to raise my spirits. I may get rid of the boot Nov. 20th.

I love our Strings Family..... Bob Hlavacek

SSDS Election Committee

Theresa Smith & Bob Niemczewski

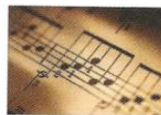
We have a full slate of wonderful members who have volunteered to run for offices on our board.

- President - Peggy Kustra
- VP Business - Bob Patterson
- VP Programs - Bob & Sandi Hlavacek
- Secretary - Gloria Tapper
- Treasurer - George Gonyo

The Election will take place on November 1st at our Silver Strings meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor on that evening for any additional members who wish to run.

**Hammered Dulcimer - Repair/Rebuild
Hammers, Strings, Lessons, Loaners**

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Music by Linda

Dulcimer Music For Special Occasions
Dulcimer Lessons

Linda Osgood

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2018 Holiday Play list – Revised. 10-25-2018

Key		Tune	Play
KT/PT	G	Jingle Bells - Start with chorus – Santa Stick, 2 nd time add more bells.	3 ½
MK/	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter – Decorate instrument/stand during start (slow playing of Holly and the Ivy) 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	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.	3
MK	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel - 8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2 nd 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/	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - 2nd Time Feature Fiddles	3 ***
PT/LO	Am	What Child is This – 2 nd time, HDs soft. Psaltery/Recorders featured. 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 - 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)	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 (depending on who is there).			

Plymouth Library Holiday Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall/ Mississippi Sawyer	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
D	Hey Polka	4
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3
G	I Saw Three Ships/ Christmas is in the Air	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
D	Saro Waltz	3*
D/G	Simple Gifts	2/2
Em	Tamlin	4
G	Maggie	3
C	Winter Wonderland	3
C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers	3
G	Let It Snow!	2
Am	January Waltz	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
G	Jingle Bells	3 1/2

Silver Strings December Play Schedule

Saturday, Dec 1	1:00 p.m.	Dearborn Hts. J.F. Kennedy Library (1) 24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Hts.
Saturday, Dec 1	3:00 p.m.	Dearborn Hts. Caroline Kennedy Library (1) 24590 George St., Dearborn Hts
Sunday, Dec. 2	3:00 p.m.	Plymouth Public Library, (1) (2) 223 S. Main St., Plymouth
Tuesday, Dec. 4	3:00 p.m.	Heartland Rehab Ctr, 7025 N. Lilley Rd., Canton
Tuesday, Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Good Hope Lutheran Church (1) 28680 Cherry Hill Rd., Garden City,
Wed., Dec. 5	2:00 p.m.	Oakmont Senior Living 14265 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia
Thursday, Dec. 6	6:30 p.m.	St. Francis Cabrini 15310 Wick Road, Allen Park
Sunday, Dec. 9	2:00 p.m.	St. Richards Catholic Church (1) 35637 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland
Tuesday, Dec. 11	12:15 p.m.	St. Collette Catholic Church 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia
Wed., Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library (1) (3) 14680 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate
Friday, Dec. 14	2:00 p.m.	Cedarbrook Senior Living 15700 Haggerty, Plymouth
Saturday, Dec. 15	2:00 p.m.	Northville Public Library (1) (3) 212 W. Cady St., Northville, MI
Sunday, Dec. 16	9:00 a.m.	Franklin Community Church 26425 Wellington Rd., Franklin
Thurs. Dec. 20	12:00 p.m.	Livonia Civic Library (1) 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia

- (1) – Public Performance - all are welcome
- (2) - Special library playlist
- (3) – Attire for this performance is -Victorian wear



36 members attended the Christmas Practice on October 25
The final Christmas Practice will take place on Tuesday, November 6th

photo courtesy of David Smith



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Thursday, Dec. 20	12:00 P.M.	Livonia Civic Library 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia

- Special playlist includes traditional and seasonal tunes



A well attended performance at Cedarbrook Senior Living in Plymouth on October 12th
photo courtesy of Bob Niemczewski



The "**Heavy Breathers**" Harmonica Jam will meet
 on **November 15 at 6:00 pm**
 (one hour before our regular Silver Strings jam).
photo courtesy of Karen Turner

Slow Jam Tunes for November 1st

- 1 Rakes Of Mallow
- 2 Turkey in the Straw
- 3 Muss I Denn
- 4 Nail that Catfish to a Tree
- 5 Cold Frosty Morn

Jam STARTS at 6 to 6:45.

Happy Practicing – Linda Osgood

SSDS 35 Year History Video

- The video is available for viewing online at **www.silverstrings.org**
- Click on **Video Gallery**
- Then click on **35 Year History**.

There are many, many more videos of SSDS Jams, Performances & Variety Nights that Karen Turner has made available on the Video Gallery link.

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~ Silver Strings 35th Annual Banquet ~

35 years of music, fellowship and fun were celebrated at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland



35th cakes, musical decorations and table decorations adorned the hall



Terry addresses the crowd



David introduces the video



Eight past, present and future SSDS Presidents attended
Bob N., Bob H., Harold C., Peggy K., Sharon M., George G., Marsha & Terry K.



50+ members & guests shared memories, food and music



After a great dinner, a video of our *history & award presentations*, the evening concluded with a lively jam.

photos courtesy of David Smith



The Paint Creek Folklore Society

presents the

47th Annual Tin Whistle Concert

with headliners:

The Ukulele Kings



Sparkling originals and "blow me down" covers that you would never expect to hear on the uke. Veterans of the Lansing music scene,

Ben Hassenger, Patrick Malloy, and bassist Steve Szilagyi are fiery players with virtuoso chops.

Rochelle Clark & Jason Dennie

Each a tour de force, each definitive in style, yet melded in perfect harmony. Acoustic and edgy Clark defines songwriting in her own crystalline image. Dennie's high lonesome voice and "melt your face off" mandolin frame Clark with pin-point accuracy and startling beauty.



A Paint Creek Sampler

Maggie Ferguson

North American Folk Singer with a warm, sweet alto voice accompanied by articulate fingerstyle guitar.

Peter Stephenson

Peter has been playing and performing blues and folk for over 60 years on 6-string, 12-string and mandolin.

Sounds great! Where is it?

Fellowship Hall at University Presbyterian Church in Rochester Hills, 1385 S. Adams, on the east side between Hamlin and Avon Road. Parking is free. The hall is handicap-friendly and smoke-free. Great snacks and beverages will be available, as will CDs by the artists. General admission only.



Saturday, November 10, 2018

Doors open at 7:00 PM, concert starts at 7:30 PM

Tickets \$15: call (248) 928-3152 to reserve yours now!

(Tickets also available at the door if not sold out in advance)



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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

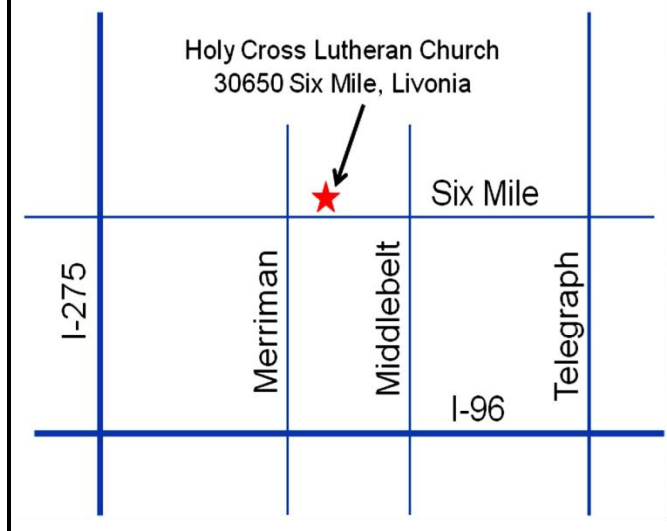
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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.

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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