



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Soundboard

October 2018

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Issue 402

PRESIDENT'S CORNER _____ Terry Kozlowski

WOW! Where did the summer go? Time is flying by quickly and it's time for another election. There are four positions opening: President, Vice President of Business, Vice President Program Coordinator, and Treasurer. This is where we stand as October newsletter:

President: Peggy Kustra

Treasurer: George Gonyo

VP of Business: ?

VP of Programs: ?

If VP of Business and Programs positions aren't filled, what are the club options?

Listed are some of my thoughts on this issue.

VP of Programs Duties: Monthly Jams, Variety Night, Myer's Lake, Club Picnic, Club Banquet, and Christmas Party.

Options:

1) Someone take on the position as VP of Programs, and request volunteers to help out with each function. If he or she has no help, they have the right to cancel that function. For example, Phyllis asked for volunteers for the 2018 Club Banquet. Several volunteered and things went very well with a lot of neat decorating ideas and creative ways to celebrate our 35th year.

2) Setup a signup sheet for each function. That way no one person has the responsibility for a year commitment. The person signing up for that task has the responsibility to complete that function. If the signee has no volunteers to help, he or she can cancel the function.

3) Eliminate some or all of the functions, or basically eliminate the position.

VP of Business Duties: coordinate all business functions of the club (basically all gigs) and work with the treasurer to ensure all monies are properly posted.

Options:

1) Someone take on the position as VP of Business.

2) It has been suggested two people sign up for this position. Not out of the question but those two people must work closely in order to permit a smooth transition. There is a good chance something could be missed communicated, forgotten, or omitted.

3) Eliminate the position and discontinue performing gigs. There are a couple of repercussions with this option. Our club would lose financing to support the programs within our club such as variety night, picnic, banquet, and the Christmas party. Secondly, the club would lose exposure which in turn hurts our chance of acquiring new members. Just to name a couple.

Emergency Medical Cards

Club policy is to have medical emergency card for each member on file. If you have changed phone numbers or other pertinent contact information, you will need to update your medical card. Please contact John Pollock, club treasurer, to update information. If you are a new member, ensure John has a card on file for you.....Terry 734-560-8204

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

4.... SSDS 35th Annual Banquet 5:30 - ??

11...Christmas Practice..... 6:30 - 8:00

18... SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00 - ??

18.. "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam..... 6:00

25...Christmas Practice..... 6:30 - 8:00

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Harold Crane

Hello October! Are you ready for some football, cooler temps, beautiful fall colors and Halloween at the end of the month? Our BIG event this month is the Silver Strings Banquet on Thursday October 4th celebrating our 35th anniversary-wow! Making music with your friends is very special.

Don't forget we have two Christmas music rehearsals in October to get ready for our Holiday play dates. Hope to see a lot of "new faces" at our play dates.

We also have three play dates this month:

Tuesday, October 2nd 3:00 to 4:00
Heartland Healthcare-Canton
7025 Lilley Road
Canton, Michigan 48187

Friday, October 12th 2:00 to 3:00
Cedarbrook Senior Living
15700 Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Tuesday, October 16th 2:00 to 4:00
Brookhaven Manor
401 West Oakbrook Drive
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Please arrive 1/2 hour early to set up. Call if you have any questions or concerns. Keep on trucking and playing music!.....Harold 810-356-2842

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Phyllis Tillapaugh

It's PUMPKIN SPICE time! I hope everyone is enjoying these first days of autumn! I absolutely love this time of year!

Our annual banquet is almost here. It should be a wonderful evening! Remember to bring your instrument(s) with you to the banquet, because we'll be jamming at the Cultural Center after dinner and presentations.

- **Oct. 4th:** Annual Banquet at the Hellenic Cultural Center; 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, MI.
- **Oct. 18th:** We're celebrating Halloween just a bit early! Wear costumes if you like! Our club will provide apple cider. You are encouraged to bring Halloween-themed snacks.

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

IT'S OCTOBER...LET'S CELEBRATE !

Birthdays

1....Ernie Stewart
12...Nancy Straky
15...Laurie Patterson
17...Carol Anne Matthews
26...Ann Wassell
28...Valerie Karhu
30...Bev Scott



Anniversaries

18...Harold Crane.....43rd
19...Bob & Sally Niemczewski....44th
22...David & Theresa Smith.....25th

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

October 18 is a theme jam night. The playlist for the night is hidden through the story, "A mystical musical mystery trip - oooh my!" Find and identify the 43 twisted tune titles from our repertoire (some played very often – others will be a trip back in time) and you will have the entire playlist. If you can't figure them out, send me your list of guesses and I will "clue you in" as to what you missed. I don't know if we can get to all the tunes, but we will do our best.

A mystical musical mystery trip - oooh my!

It was a dark and stormy night when the SSDS Board left for a Spooktacular SSDS party. Having no GPS to follow, Phyllis wanted to go by way of "Mummyssouri" but Terry suggested heading to Mississippi Slaughter. Gloria pushed for Witchphalia and Harold's idea was to travel via Warloch Lomond.

The weather was awful. The wind was blowing as hard as a Gale and the evening was as cold as a Moscow Night in January by the Waltz of the Kremlin. They had to get moving if they were to make it through Death Valley in time. John was Jiggly disappointed there was no Full Moon that would help prevent a stumble into the Snake River or a tumble Over the Waterfall. All agreed to leave immediately so they would be by The Water at Midnight to say Farewell to Witchies knowing they would Wisk Away Before Breakfast.

They took a shortcut through a cemetery. Terry led the way by Swinging on the Gate into the Street called La- Raid-Owl. Slowly they went,- step by step - past gravesites and tombstones of noted people who met an untimely demise: Young Roddy McCorley, Young Jane, The Minstrel Boy, and Coleman. Intrigued by this, they almost didn't notice the noose that was Swinging Low in front of them. They guessed it must have been put there by the Reel Hangman.

Hurrying along, they entered a forest inhabited by many strange and scary creatures. They startled a Possum up a Hollow Gum Stump. Out of the shadows, a Black Cat Schottischd across their path. Before they could react, they were almost run down by a headless horseman riding a Black Nag. They turned the bend and stopped in Fright – it was a Haggis!!

Before one could say, "Peek-a-BOO! Waltz, Scary O'Neill showed up with Dractushka to help. He told them there was a big party going on in Sligo. "Fancy that," said Terry. Scary told them it would be a lot of fun. There was dancing to top tunes like Devil/Angel Dance and Trick-Trollock Polka; games like Smash the Pumpkins and Rock the Cauldron. Joe-Jack o'Lantern was already there. Scary told them to quit ghouling around and get moving so they would not miss anything. He said they had to be there before the clock Strikes Ten.

Rosin the Beast offered them a Ride on a Load of Hay, but it was obvious he had become a Drunken Satyr from drinking too many Cold Frosties. They walked instead. When they got to the Pig Ankle Tavern they could hear Scully Skeleton Reel and the Buffalo Ghouls playing bone-lickin' music. As they entered, they saw Dancing Bear already on the floor shaking a leg. As cold as it was, he was dancing without Shoes and Stockings. Old Joe Clark was pouring Beer Bist du Schoen into Blue Man Buckets. Little Judique was at the buffet table serving up Cackles and Mussels. Angeline the Baker was dishing up dessert with choices of Apple, Peaches and Pumpkin Pie. It was going to be a frightfully fine night with fiendish food and phantasmic fellowship.

From now until the end of November the focus will be on preparing for our holiday performances. We usually have 10-14 performances. Please try to make at least one rehearsal so we can polish our act. The money the club gets at this time of year helps it go into the new year on a positive note. (Especially if nobody steps up to be VP-Business and the consequences of that hole are felt).

Christmas Rehearsal Schedule:

Thursday. October 11 and 25

Tuesday, November 13.

All start at 6:30 and go for 1 ½ to 2 hours.

The "After Hour" jam is starting to jell. There were 10 of us last time and we tried a couple new tunes, played our favorites, added our own touches and capped off the night with small group fun. If this sounds like fun to you, consider staying next time.

.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

TREASURER'S NOTES _____ John Pollock

It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall has started already! But since it is fall now, it's also time to pay membership dues for 2019. It's only \$15 to renew your Silver Strings membership. 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 October to everyone!.....John

SECRETARY NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Good morning, what a rainy day, hope it slows down soon. Can't wait for banquet day and hope to see everyone there. I usually have a copy of the last meeting minutes, if anyone would like to take a look. The meetings are open if you might want to join us. The new board needs people to step forward, so please consider filling an open spot. We need you!!!! See everyone at our banquet celebrating our 35th year playing together.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com



October-November 2018 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Flowers of Edinburgh (8 measure Whistle start SLOW- then 1/2/3 – play up-tempo)	3**
G	Rakes of Mallow	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri (2 nd Time of DB, play A part softer /B part louder)	2/2
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Am	Black Nag (<i>play with dynamics</i>)	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3**
D	Black Mountain Rag	3
Em	Tamlin (<i>start slow, each time a little faster</i>)	4
G	Muss I Denn	3*
G	Maggie	3
Am	Black Cat Schottische	3
C	Black Velvet Waltz	3*
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
G	Nail That Catfish to a Tree	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
D/G	Single Footed Horse/ Happy Trails	1
	Extras	
Am	Katushka	5
D	Hey Polka	4
G	Red Apple Rag	3
*2 nd time: HD's soft – feature other instruments ** 2 nd time – feature whistles		



2018 Holiday Play list – Tentative

	Key	Tune	Play
KT/PT	G	Jingle Bells Start with chorus – Santa Stick	3 ½
AW/MK	G	Deck the Halls Tag End by Starter	3***
KT/CAM	G	Let it Snow! Tag End by Starter;	2
KT/PT	C	Winter Wonderland	2
CAM/PT	C	Silver Bells Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord,	3
KT/MK	C	Jingle Bell Rock all tacet last 2 measures of 6th line – MK takes it.	3
MK	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers 4 measure start- Slide Whistle accents	2
MK +	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+	D	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer – Santa Stick	2
PT/MK	G	I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in the Air	As written
MK	D	Do You Hear What I Hear 2 measure start. Play 1st ending twice. Play second ending the 3rd time.	3
MK	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel -8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3rd time more volume Whistles play, 4th time somewhat softer 8 measure Tag by Starter	4
CAM/MK	G	O Come All Ye Faithful at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Rit. end	3***
MK/?	G	Angels We Have Heard on High 4 measure start. Ritard End	3***
AW/CAM	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3 ***
PT/LO	Am	What Child is This 2nd time, HDs soft. 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 upbeat 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 Tag end by Starter	2/1***
MK/LO	D/G	Silent Night Ritard End (Sandi sings 2nd time in D and 1st 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.

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A well attended jam on September 6th



On September 20th after our regular meeting and snacks, an open jam started up. The **“After Hours”** jam is starting to jell. There were 10 of us last time and we tried a couple new tunes, played our favorites, added our own touches and capped off the night with small group fun. If this sounds like fun to you, consider staying next time.

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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

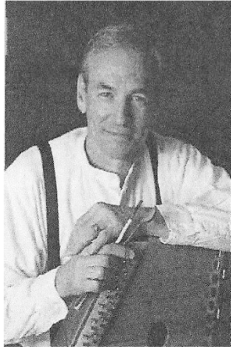
Doors open at 7:00 PM, concert starts at 7:30 PM

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

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



Featured in Workshops and Concert



Rick Thum

Saturday November 3, 2018

Location:

**First Presbyterian Church
405 N M-37 Highway, Hastings, MI 49058**

9:00 - 10:30AM Workshop #1 BEGINNERS
\$25

We will explore the basics and more depending on the level and needs of participants.

11:00 - 1:00PM Workshop #2 ALL LEVELS
\$30

We will work on ways to embellish and arrange your music. I will teach you how to find all of the harmony notes that go with each melody note. You will be able to identify them while you are playing a song even when it is the first time you are playing it.

1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch

2:00 - 4:00PM Workshop #3 ALL LEVELS
\$30

We will attempt to play songs and embellish them using what we just learned so that we will find the questions that need to be answered.

If taking more than one workshop, take \$5.00 off of each additional workshop.

CONCERT 6:30, Tickets \$10 at the door.

If registered in a workshop concert \$8.00

If enough people bring instruments,
we will have a jam following the concert!

Contact
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Website: rthum.com

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

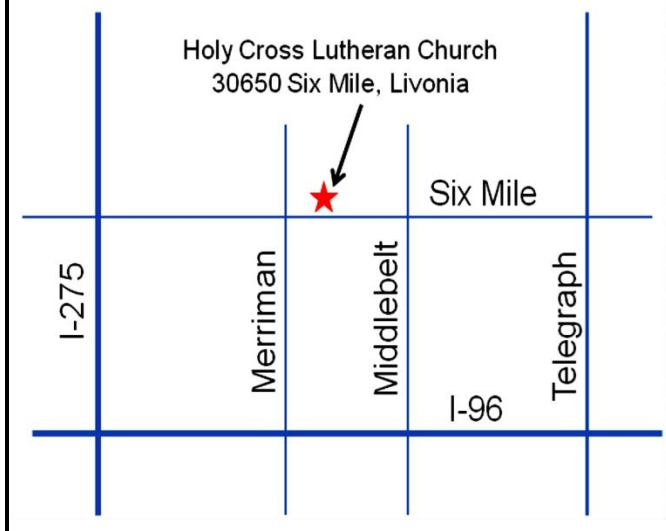
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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.

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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