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PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS _____ Peggy Kustra

Happy New Year everyone! My wish is for all of us to have a healthy one.

Thank you to all our new board members.

- **Peggy Kustra:** President
- **Robert Patterson:** VP of Business
- **Bob and Sandi Hlavacek:** VP of Programs
- **George Gonyo:** Treasurer
- **Gloria Tapper:** Secretary. (Thanks, Gloria, for staying on for another year. We are truly lucky to have you.)

It is wonderful that all of you have chosen to help keep SSDS a healthy and vibrant club.

I would also like to thank all last year's board members:

Terry Kozlowski, Harold Crane, Phyllis Tillapaugh, John Pollock and Gloria Tapper. Silver Strings is a unique club. All your hard work and dedication has kept it a lively and solid group. Thank you Thank you!!

THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR IS January 3, 2019, at 5:45pm to 6:45pm. If there is inclement weather it would be rescheduled to January 17, 2019, same time. All old and new board members are asked to attend.

Let's give a shout out to the unsung people who tirelessly do hard work for our club.

- **Marsha, Kozlowski:** music coordinator
- **Karen Turner:** webmaster
- **David Smith:** newsletter editor
- **David Smith & Sandi Hlavacek:** historians
- **Linda Osgood:** mc at our gigs, and all the folks who lent a helping hand through out the year. Kudos to you All!!

We are truly blessed to have SSDS. We are a group where music surrounds us. We are a place where anyone of any music capabilities feels comfortable to jam. A place of beautiful music, fellowship, friendship, learning, helping hands, fun, and of course food. In other words, a place where all are welcome.

Please feel free to call, text, or email me with any news, suggestions, questions, or concerns.

Have a Beautiful Day..... Peggy

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 3..... SSDS Board Meeting..... 5:45-6:45
- 3..... Slow Jam with Linda Osgood..... 6:00
- 3..... SSDS MEETING & JAM..... 7:00 - ??
- 17.. "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam... 6:00
- 17... SSDS MEETING & JAM..... 7:00 - ??
- 18.. Cedarbrook Playdate - Plymouth..... 2:00
- 19... Erie Ice Days Playdate - Brownstown..... 11:00 - 3:00
- 20.... Erie Ice Days Playdate - Brownstown..... 12:00 - 4:00
- 31... VARIETY NIGHT & PIZZA PARTY.... 7:00 - ??

VP - BUSINESS NOTES _____ Bob Patterson

Here are our January Playdates
Sign-up sheets will be available at our meetings on January 3rd & 17th.

First, the rescheduled Cedarbrooke playdate;

- **Cedarbrook Senior Living**
15700 Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Date; January 18, 2019
Time: 2:00pm
- **The Ice Daze Playdates**
Lake Erie Metro park
32481 West Jefferson
Brownstown, Michigan 48173
Date: January 19 & 20, 2019
Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm

.....Bob silverstring14@gmail.com

VP- PROGRAMS NOTES __ Bob and Sandi Hlavacek

Happy New Year! The flurry of excitement and Christmas concerts are over. What a great arrangement of music. Thank you Marsha for the wonderful job coordinating the music, practices and performances. We hope that those who did a playdate for the first time, felt the joy that we get from the audiences.

Onward to 2019...Sandi and I will be busy planning the club events this year. However, we will not be at the first meeting in January. We need to take some time to visit family in Missouri. We have Variety Nights this year in January, May, August and October. Take time to start planning your act for January 31st. If you would like to be the MC for that evening, please call or e-mail us. The next big event after May Variety Night is the campout at Myers lake in June. It's not too soon to start thinking warm thoughts about music under the stars.

Perhaps there is a tune you would like to teach or a workshop you are willing to lead. Perhaps you have a special request for a workshop. If so, please tell us, so we might be able to make it happen.

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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

"Music washes from the soul the dust of everyday living." "After hearing the music you played, our souls are not just dust free, they are polished and shined. Thank you for your music." *D. England, attendee at Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library performance.* "I have been coming to the Livonia Library Concert several years and this was the best one ever!" *C. Mayle, attendee.*

Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to our holiday performances, whether it was to come to practice to learn and/or polish up the tunes, to "deck the halls," to assemble a Victorian outfit, to invite friends to come, to perform. All of it added to a great holiday performance season that brought new people to our concerts, engaged appreciative audiences, and enhanced our sound. Well done!

A look back at 2018 – there is much to note.

The **Heavy Breathers** (harmonicas) group is slowly picking up steam. If you want to add an instrument to your kit, these are easy to carry. Try it out – the group

meets once a month. We often feature them in some of the tunes that we perform.

The monthly **slow jam** is working out well for newer members to learn our tunes, for people practicing a second instrument, for new players to get used to jamming. Whatever the reason, I am grateful to Linda Osgood for coordinating this and hope people continue to support it. **After Hours Jam** – started up again and has challenged people to try new tunes, to play familiar tunes a little differently.

The **variety of venues** has expanded and kept us on our toes– we took two groups to a winter event in Dearborn: one to a store open house, the other to a bar to play Celtic selections. We played on the street as part of a Frankenmuth event. We played at a Harvest festival and other new locations. Our versatility in using different playlists, and specialized formats continues to expand. We rock!

We continue to add variety, whether it is in having a theme jam, doing something different with a playlist, trying a different tune or a tune differently. And it seems that many of us are expanding by adding an instrument(s) to our musical toolbox.

Tunes of the Month – there were 6 tunes of the month in 2018, two of which we performed at Evart. In addition, we added a new tune medley to our Christmas program: **I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in The Air.**

- **The Girl I Left Behind** was played at the last jam of 2018. The Girls I Left Behind refers to the women who soldiers leave behind as they go off to war. It is a peppy tune, much imbued with the spirit that they (the soldiers) will return soon. It is hopeful and idealistic. Once we play it well enough, it will become part of the patriotic set where our veterans are honored. Can we add it to the April-July playlist? Keep practicing and we will.
- **John Stenson #2** – A rollicking tune that work well as a medley with Hangman's Reel. Work on this one until you can play it in the same tempo as Hangman's Reel. It will make a great finale to our playset.
- **Out on Lake Michigan** – a lovely tune in 6/8 time by a Michigander, Jenni Burke. The goal for this is to have it ready for our summer playlist.

2019:

- **Orange and Blue** – this is a traditional Scottish tune that helps us practice the rhythm pattern known as a sprathspey. Rather than a dotted 8th note followed by a 16th, it is a 16th note followed by a dotted 8th. It is a happy tune and will be part of the set we play at Evart.
- **Toora, Loora, Loora** – February's tune of month a little early. It's an Irish lullaby penned in 1914 by James Royce Shannon of Tin Pan Alley. (if you want to hear it sung, find the Bing Crosby movie, "Going My Way." Or the 1983 episode of "Cheer" where Carla sings it and others join in.) If we learn to play it well, it would be cool to add it to March's playlist.

Library Outreach –2019's first one has been scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 7:00 at the Northville Library. These are great programs and have introduced many people to the hammered dulcimer. Please continue your support for the program and if you have a close connection to a local library – suggest they add it to their events. Target libraries: Canton, Ypsilanti, Novi. I am in contact with Novi, Belleville and South Lyon. We were such a hit at the Southgate Library, they might do this too.

Workshops – There have been interest and requests for having some workshops. I will be working with the new board to see how this could be done. Some of the workshops suggested are: "Improving back-up playing", "Improving starts," Bones, Bowed Psaltery, Spoons, Bodhran and/or Cajon Box. If you have a suggestion, are willing to do a workshop, or know of someone you would recommend that would come and do a workshop on any of those listed above or some other appropriate workshop, please let me or one of the board know.

CMU Grandparents University – is a 2 ½ day program for grandparents and grandchildren between 8 and 12 years old that takes place June 19-21. Participants come to the university, enjoy the facilities and take "hands on" classes together. The grandparents who bring their grandchildren are invested in their future. We have taken one or two grandchildren there for the last 9 years. Last year we took our instruments and our grandson took his harmonicas and we "jammed" in the dorm lounge. They were so excited about this and expressed an interest in having a "Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer" class. Classes are scheduled for 90 minutes. I am looking for 10+ HD players who would be willing to volunteer as teachers. The format would be similar to our Library Outreach. We would do the class once (Wed. afternoon) or twice (Tues. afternoon and Wed. afternoon). The facilitators said they would give us a place to jam on campus (there is usually a music camp going on that week so we would also be exposing upper high school students to our instruments and music). In addition, this takes place only a few weeks before Evart and would be a way to promote that.

Lodging? There are motels in the area and also campgrounds. If there is enough interest, I will contact one of the campgrounds or the fairgrounds to see about rates. But before I do that, I need to know there is support for doing this at all. this. If so, I will contact the Program Facilitator with a proposal and go from there. Meals? We would be on our own. We can picnic lunch on campus or at one of the several nearby parks. Let me know if you have questions and/or would be willing to do this. I need to get back with the program coordinator by the end of January to see we can do 1 or 2. The write-up/description is then due in March.Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

There will be a slow Jam on the January 3rd, one hour before our regular jam at 6pm sharp!

Open to all instruments so come join us!

Linda Osgood

Songs to practice

- 1 Angle Worm Wiggle
- 2 Egan's Polka
- 3 The Girl I left Behind
- 4 Gaspé Reel
- 5 Young Jane

VP - PROGRAMS NOTES _____ Gloria Tapper

Hello everyone, hope you enjoyed your Christmas, family, friends, food, relaxing after the holiday rush.

Just think, it's 2019. What will this year bring? I'm hoping for many good things. We are now with the new board, I have enjoyed being secretary the past year, and am looking forward to being secretary one more year. This past year has been a learning experience. The board had made some key decisions with our move to Holy Cross. I think we worked quite well together, and I am looking forward to working with the new board. As always, the board meetings are open, so please feel free to set in.

See you soon.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com



The first of our 14 Christmas performances of the season took place on December 1st in Dearborn Heights at the Caroline Kennedy Library (above) and John Kennedy Jr. Library (below)



Erie Ice Days Playlist - 2019 (rev. 12-14-2018)		
D	Over the Waterfall / Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
C/D	Winter Wonderland/Let It Snow	2/2
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	Saro Waltz	3
D	Festival Rag	3
D	Sandy Boys	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna / Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3
G	Yellow Bird	3
D	Ashokan Farewell	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische Du Stockfish	3
D	Chinese Breakdown	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	Black Mountain Rag	3
D	Coleman's March	3
On Demand-As Needed		
D	Hey Polka	5
G	Jingle Bells	3 1/2
G	Amazing Grace	4
G/D	Single Footed Pony/Happy Trails	1

Note: 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.

Waltzes – 2nd time feature other instruments as present (fiddles, harmonicas, etc.)

SSDS January 2019 Playlist (Rev. 12-14-2018)

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	Painter's Polka	3
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
G	March of St. Timothy's - hold on 4th time	4
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	Saro Waltz	3*
Em	Tamlin	4
A	Hangman's Reel	3
EXTRA TUNES:		
D	Hey Polka	4
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3

NOTES:

* 2nd time – feature fiddles, harmonicas, etc.

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Key	February 2019 playlist Tune	#
<i>Looking for love:</i>		
C	Five Foot Two - S	3
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*
*2 nd time: If instruments are available--Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's play softly. S: invite audience to sing along 2 nd time and/or 3 rd time C: get audience to clapping in time		

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 bringing 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.

Tam Lin – 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

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~ Silver Strings Christmas Performances ~



Plymouth Library December 2nd



Heartland Rehab Center in Canton December 4th



St. Richards Catholic Church December 9th



Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library December 12th



Northville Public Library December 15th



Silver Strings Christmas Performances (continued)



Franklin Community Church December 16th



The last of our 14 Christmas Concerts at the well attended Livonia Civic Library on December 20th

~ Silver Strings Christmas Potluck and Jam ~ December 20th ~



We celebrated our final get together of 2018 with a potluck dinner followed by our usual jam. We had lots of good food, creative table decorations and a visit by the real Santa, who went from table to table entertaining us with jokes and passing out candy canes and special glasses. Bob Patterson suggested that Peggy & Theresa sing "Santa Baby". A wonderful time was had by all as we all look forward to a New Year full of music with our friends in 2019.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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

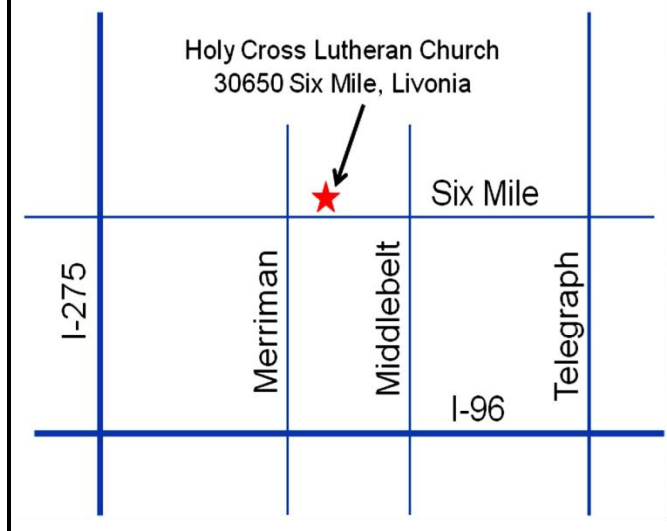
Meeting at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**
In Livonia, Michigan

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 :
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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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