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## PERKY PEGGY'S PONDERINGS\_\_ Peggy Kustra

Hello Everyone! Boo! It's October. Our fifth Thursday is right on October 31, Halloween. Think costumes, food, music, Variety Night, friends and fun. It should be Spooktacular!

- 1) Our Annual Banquet is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Looking forward to seeing all of you and your hobbies.
- 2) There will be no jamming at Holy Cross on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to the banquet at the Hellenic Cultural Center.
- 3) There is a board meeting October 17, at 5:45pm
- 4) Christmas Music Practices are on the following dates, October 10, October 24, and November 14. The practice sessions will begin at 6:00 pm
- 5) Everyone please look into your heart and your schedule. **We are in need of New Board Members for the year 2020.** Serving on the board helps our club to stay active and grow. Becoming an active part of Silver Strings Dulcimer Society is very important. Step up and be a part of our future.
- 6) Continue to practice our Christmas music. The play dates will be here before you know it. Our first Christmas Gig is on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns call me at 313-570-7844 or email at [Kustras1976@yahoo.com](mailto:Kustras1976@yahoo.com) .... Perky Peggy Kustra

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

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|---|------------------|
| 1.... Playdate - Heartland, Canton.....           | 3:00             |
| <b>3.... SSDS Annual Banquet.....</b>             | <b>6:00-6:45</b> |
| 10.... Christmas Practice #1.....                 | 6:00             |
| 13.... Library Outreach, Salem South Lyon..       | 2:00             |
| 17.... Playdate - Brookhaven Manor, Ann Arbor.... | 2:00             |
| 17.... SSDS Board Meeting.....                    | 5:45             |
| 17.... "Heavy Breathers" Harmonica Jam...         | 6:00-6:45        |
| <b>17... SSDS MEETING AND JAM .....</b>           | <b>7:00 - ??</b> |
| 24.... Christmas Practice #2.....                 | 6:00             |

## VP- PROGRAMS NOTES\_\_ Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

Autumn is here, the leaves and walnuts are falling in our yard, and we never finished the weeding! Where did the time go? We have been busy finalizing the banquet plans, preparing decorations, getting many surprises lined up for the "SSDS Hootenanny" on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A fun evening is on its way! If you are bringing a hobby display, come any time after 4:30 pm. Doors officially open at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:00. As dinner is finishing, awards will be given, door prizes will be drawn, and one lucky person will win a 50/50 raffle prize. Then we can jam until we close the hall at 11:00.

We are really looking forward to seeing the hobby displays ! We have a LOT of talented and interesting people in our club, and here is our chance to connect with each other beyond the music we love to share. See you at the banquet !!!!!



October 31st is our Variety Night! It's also Halloween ! Come Trick or Treat in COSTUME and get a special treat. All in the costume parade will receive a VERY SPECIAL gift and be up for a prize !

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## VP - BUSINESS NOTES\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Patterson

Hello Everyone. It's hard to believe that it is October. Our warm weather is starting to cool down and our daylight is fading fast.

We have three playdates in October.

1. October 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday at 3pm, Heartland Health Care in Canton.
2. October 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at 2pm, Salem South Lyon District Library.
3. October 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 2pm, Brookhaven Manor in Ann Arbor.

Besides our three playdates, every Thursday in October we have the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross rented. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays are our Jam nights, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays are scheduled for Holiday music rehearsals. Halloween night is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, and this will be our last variety night of the year. Bob..... silverstring14@gmail.com

### **MARSHA'S MUSINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Marsha Kozlowski**

**Playlists:** **October-November playlist** is in the newsletter. It has a fall theme: Green, Green Grass of Home, Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin, Pie; Turkey in the Straw to draw our thoughts toward Thanksgiving with the family and homecoming. Muss I Denn and Drunken Sailor to tribute Oktoberfest celebrations. And Black Cat Schottische and Hangman's Reel as a nod toward Halloween.

The first draft of our **Holiday Playlist** for your reference. Changes will be made as we rehearse and make final decisions. In the meantime, run through the list and refresh your muscle memory in how to play these. There will be a second list that omits most religious tunes and adds seasonal sounds. It is used in places that request we not play religious music. (So far, there is only one venue this applies to.)

**Tunes of the Month:** Just a reminder that some good tunes have been added to our official repertoire. They are worth learning and I hope will be called for at the jams. Here are just a few of them:

**Willafjord** – last month's tune and a favorite of the after hours jam group.

**Winter Waltz** – last year's winter tune. I have heard people say they like it and want to learn it, but.....why not make it a resolution to add it to your personal repertoire by 2020.

**Adirondack Cascade** – a tune in a minor key that could sound "spooky" for this time of year as the days get shorter

**Toora, Loora, Loora** – a familiar Irish tune that I would like to add to next year's March playlist.

### **HOLIDAY REHEARSAL DATES/TIMES:**

**October 10, 24 and November 14 @ 6:00 p.m. to ?, at Holy Cross.**

- If you plan to play at any of the performances, please try to attend as many of the rehearsals as you can.
- The rehearsals are not tune teaches – they are a chance to practice starts, fine tune the arrangements, and get used to playing the holiday music again. We will try to sit in a way similar to how we perform. If you are a starter, please practice your starts – it is my policy to have two starters for each tune so if one is not available the other can start.
- If you have not performed at Christmas but want to join us, you are welcome to do so. Get last year's playlist and start working through the tunes. The most difficult is the We Three Kings medley. Let me know if you need help in figuring out this one. It is not as difficult as it seems.
- The first rehearsal will be a review of new tunes (2 or 3) and decision of if and how to include them. We may

add or not as last year's program was great. But I like to tweak it so our devoted fans can expect to hear something new. They tell others and our audiences have been increasing. (Last year we had several that were standing room only.) We will try to go through all the tunes as a review of starts, tempo, embellishments using accessory instruments such as triangle, bells, whistles, etc. Bring what you have.....who knows what we might do.

- The second rehearsal will be focused on going through the program, fine-tuning the pieces and giving those who missed the first rehearsal time to catch up.
- The third rehearsal – hopefully everything comes together.
- Note to new performers – we are happy to have you join us and there are some things you should know: Come with your instrument tuned. If you sit to play, you will more than likely be in the front. Holiday attire means something in red or green or holiday patterns. If the venue is to be Victorian dress – then long skirt, long sleeved blouse and hat for women, men should be in long sleeved white dress shirt, bow tie, vest, bowler or top hat. You can find these sorts of things in thrift shops if you don't have them. We get many compliments when we do these types of gigs. So make a note of which sign-up sheets require that and sign up accordingly.....Marsha mt.koz@hotmail.com

### **SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Tapper**

I thought I might let everyone know about the position of Secretary for Silver Strings. It's basically very easy and not too time consuming. The secretary takes notes at the board meetings, types them, makes a copy for each board member, and a couple extra, if we have someone visiting, it helps if they have a copy too. Pick up the mail from the post office box, send out greeting cards to our shut ins (ill, injured, recovering from surgery, or anyone who could use a cheery pick me up.) and in the case of a new member, get the right info to the board member needing pertinent info such as, Dave Smith would get the person's name for the soundboard, Sandy Hlavacek for picture and bio information, Terry Kozlowski for emergency contact, and treasurer for the roster update. That's about it, quite easy actually. So, think about taking on this position, we need you. Enjoy your day,  
.....Gloria Getapper@yahoo.com 734-427-1142

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Theresa Smith - tsmithuke@yahoo.com  
Sally Niemczewski - bsnero@yahoo.com

Silver Strings is in need of a VP Business and Secretary for the 2020 year. Please consider running for a position for our club to continue in the wonderful way we have. The election will take place at our club meeting on November 7th. Please contact us if you are willing to accept any of the open board positions. Term starts in January, try it for a year!

Please contact us and help support your club.

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

### October Birthday

1...Ernie Stewart  
12...Nancy Straky  
15...Laurie Patterson  
17...Carol Anne Matthews  
23...Alice Gajewski  
26...Ann Wassell  
30...Bev Scott



### Anniversaries

18...Harold Crane.....44<sup>th</sup>  
19...Bob & Sally Niemczewski....45<sup>th</sup>  
22...David & Theresa Smith.....26<sup>th</sup>

~ Welcome New Member ~

Beth Downs

### Library Outreach Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
	<i>Traditional Music Sample</i>	
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	4
D	Over the Waterfall	3
	<i>Dance Music</i>	
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
D	Hey Polka	4
	<i>Irish or Celtic Music</i>	
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna	3
G	Irish Washerwoman	3
	<i>Familiar Tunes people can sing</i>	
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
G	Five Foot Two	3
	<i>Tunes that change tempo</i>	
Em	Tamlin	4

### October-November 2019 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast/ Mississippi Sawyer	3/3
D	Over the Waterfall	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
Em	Dancing Bear/Missouri (2 <sup>nd</sup> Time of DB, play A part softer /B part louder)	2/2
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Maggie	3
C	Green Green Grass of Home	2
C	Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3**
D	Flight of the Haggis	3
Em	Tamlin ( <i>start slow, each time a little faster</i> )	4
G	Muss I Denn	3*
Em	Drunken Sailor	4*
Am	Black Cat Schottische	3
Am	Cold Frosty Morn/ Schottische du Stockfish	2/2
D	John Ryan's Polka	5*
G	South Wind	3*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load	3/3
A	Hangman's Reel	3
	<b>Extras</b>	
G	Grandfather's Clock	3
D	Hey Polka	4
G	Red Apple Rag	3
*2 <sup>nd</sup> time: HD's soft – feature other instruments ** 2 <sup>nd</sup> time – feature whistles		

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**Linda Osgood**

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### 2019 Holiday Play list – First Draft 9-15-19

Key		Tune	Play
KT/PT	G	Over The River/Jingle Bells <b>Start with chorus – Santa Stick</b>	1/2 ½
MK/AW	G	Deck the Halls <b>Tag End by Starter *Start – decorating instruments/stands</b>	3
KT/CAM	C/G	Winter Wonderland/Let it Snow! <b>Tag End by Starter;</b>	2/2
	G	Christmas Waltz	2*
CAM/PT	C	Silver Bells <b>Ritard End. HD – walk up C Chord,</b>	3
DK/MK	C	Parade of the Wooden Soldiers – <b>4 measure start- Slide Whistle accents</b>	2
MK +	C	Santa Claus is Coming to Town – <b>multiple instrument start: triangles, jingle bells, wood clackers, slide whistle. All join beginning at second line after 4 beat lead-in</b>	3
MK+ Bass	D	Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer – Santa Stick	2
PT/MK	G	I Saw Three Ships/Christmas is in the Air	As written
MK/Ed K.	G/A	Do You Hear What I Hear – <b>2 measure start. Play 1<sup>st</sup> ending twice. Play second ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.</b>	3
MK	D	Jolly Old St. Nicholas/ Pachelbel <b>-8 measure start; play soft/slow! 2nd time whistles/psaltery featured. 3<sup>rd</sup> time more volume Whistles play, 4<sup>th</sup> time somewhat softer 8 measure Tag by Starter</b>	4
CAM/MK	G	O Come All Ye Faithful <b>- at chorus, start soft, increase volume every 2 measures. End loud. Rit. end</b>	3***
CAM/MK	G	Angels We Have Heard on High <b>4 measure start. Ritard End</b>	3***
AW/CAM	G	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	3 ***
PT/LO	Am	What Child is This – <b>2<sup>nd</sup> time, HDs soft. Play w/expression</b>	3***
MK/CAM	G	Joy to the World – <b>4 measure start. 3 bongs between each verse. Tag end by Bass</b>	3
BN/HC	Em	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – <b>guitar start Play <u>upbeat</u> tempo; all <u>end abruptly on last note.</u></b>	4
MK/PT	Am	We Three Kings/Carol of the Bells <b>45-46 – play softly. 76-77 – all rest for 2 measures except for MK, CA &amp; PT Ritard End.</b>	1
MK/PT	D/G	Simple Gifts <b>Tag end by Starter</b>	2/1***
MK/LO	D/G	Silent Night <b>Ritard End (Sandi sings 2<sup>nd</sup> time in D and 1<sup>st</sup> time in G)</b>	2/2***
MK/KT	D/G	Here We Come/We Wish You a Merry Christmas – <b>3 beat transition to We Wish. Ritard last 2 measures. All sing the last chorus. Hand out jingle bells for audience to jingle with us.</b>	2 + 1 1/2
Tunes marked with ***			
HD/s soften up second time so other instruments can be featured (depending on who is there).			
Extra Tunes:			
Have a Holly Jolly Christmas - Jingle Bell Rock - Rockin Round the Christmas Tree - The First Noel - Frosty the Snowman			



## Silver Strings - Jamming at Holy Cross Church



Linda Osgood led the 'Slow Jam' an hour before our regular jam on Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>



September 3<sup>rd</sup> Jam at Holy Cross Church brought 50 musicians together for a fun evening of music and socializing.



Another really big jam on September 19th at Holy Cross brought out 51 musicians. What fun we had!



Marsha Kozlowski led the 'Afterhours Jam' on Sep 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Silver Strings in Performance



15 Silver Strings members delighted the full house of residents at Cedarbrook Senior Living on September 20th





A well dressed band of 16 Silver Strings entertained at the Pittsfield Harvest Festival on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

### *ODPC Jam hosted by Silver Strings*



On September 28th Silver Strings hosted the ODPC (Original Dulcimer Players Club) jam at Holy Cross. We had a fun afternoon of jamming and socializing with other players from around Michigan.





## Getting to Know You.....Laurie Patterson

I grew up in Westland, attending John Glenn High School. I'm a middle child, with an older sister & a younger brother. We were a camping family, traveling with a square dance group. That was great preparation for music festivals. I play the hammered dulcimer.

I earned a B.S. at M.S.U. where I thought I might become a veterinarian. I earned an Associate's Degree from Schoolcraft College to become a Registered Health Information Technician. I worked at Valassis Communications for 12 years, & have taken multiple jobs with animals.

I am currently a senior Medical Coding Specialist with Trinity Health System (6 years). I code outpatient charts for ambulatory surgeries, emergency rooms, observations, labor & delivery, pain management, cardiac catheterations, etc.

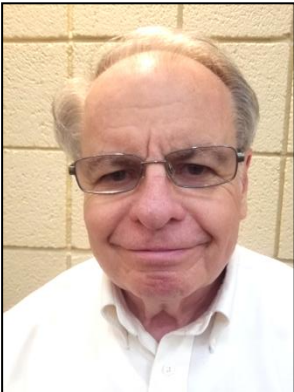
I met my husband, Bob, at a pet shop I was working at, 40 years ago, and we've been married for 37 years. We have a son, Randy, a daughter, Dayna, and 2 grandsons, Corbin(3) and Deklin(1) near Grand Rapids. We also have 2 furry children... a sheltie named Lila and a cat named Kala. They are both therapy animals.

I am involved with Pet-A-Pet, a pet therapy group, and for the past 19 years have been visiting nursing homes with dogs & cats. I'm a Pet-A-Pet coordinator at Woodhaven Retirement Home in Livonia.

I've been doing stained glass projects for over 30 years. Now my passion is to use my stained glass scraps to make mosaic projects, including bird baths, crosses, stepping stones & other garden art. I've also dabbled in other crafts, including scrapbooking, Origami, crocheting, knitting, jewelry making, macramé, & cake decorating.

Bob & I enjoy riding our ONE Harley. We rode 3,000 miles through New England, and have driven through Virginia, Kentucky & Tennessee. We also enjoy kayaking.

My musical journey began with playing the clarinet in grade school, and I was in the marching band in high school. I played the old English handbells with St. Matthew's Methodist Church in Livonia for 13 years. I took hammered dulcimer lessons for a year, from Ranka Mulkern, who I met at Greenfield Village, and found Silver Strings on the internet. Bob, and I have been members since 2016. I was involved with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet committee, and have helped with decorations for others. I am currently assisting Bob with his VP of Programs duties for the club. He plays the guitar, ukulele, harmonica, and would like to learn to play bagpipes.



## Getting to Know You.....Jim Newtown

I am Jim **Newtown**, (not Newton). I earned a B.A. from U of M in Flint, an M.A. from E.M.U., and a Ph.D. from MSU. I was a Professor of Information Systems at Baker College for over 30 years, and am now enjoying retirement. I walk about 3 miles almost every morning... pretty good for a 72 year old.

I've been divorced for about 20 years, and have a 22 year old step son, Neil, who just earned his commercial driver's license. I spent a few years playing with stained glass. I was part of the Civil Air Patrol, and worked with my son with radio controlled airplanes and model rockets. It gave me an opportunity to play with toys I missed as a child. One of my current favorite toys is the 2012 Mustang I drive.

I love to travel. Usually, I explore around Michigan, but I've also enjoyed the Grand Canyon. When I learned of an ancestor who fought in the Civil War, it sent me on a tour of the battle fields he fought on in Virginia. Last year I drove the Skyline Drive & Blue Ridge Parkway through the Appalachian Mountains.

My mother was a church organist and taught piano. She encouraged all of us to enjoy music. I played trumpet in Junior High, and baritone in my High School band. While in high school and into college, my cousin and I learned to play the guitar. While at Flint UofM, I became involved with folk music, and about 10 years ago, my friend and I entered a contra dancing group, which eventually faded.

With my involvement in folk music, I was introduced to the Mountain and Hammered Dulcimers in the 70s. I heard Judy Morningstar play with the Ruffwater String Band, and was hooked. I became serious about my Hammered Dulcimer about 7 years ago (I think I'm a slow learner.) I've taken Rick Thum's A to Z workshop for 4 years now, and learned something new each time. I now play a beautiful Rick Thum 15/15 Professional Chromatic hammered dulcimer. I found Silver Strings through Evart, the ODPC & internet searches, and joined in May of 2019. I play the hammered dulcimer, and sometimes a little guitar & ukulele. I'm also a member of Jolly Hammers & Strings in Midland, and am the coordinator for the Old Timey "Homegrown Contra Band" in Flint. We're a small group who likes to play and appreciates the fact that there is safety in numbers.

## Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, ukulele and harmonica.

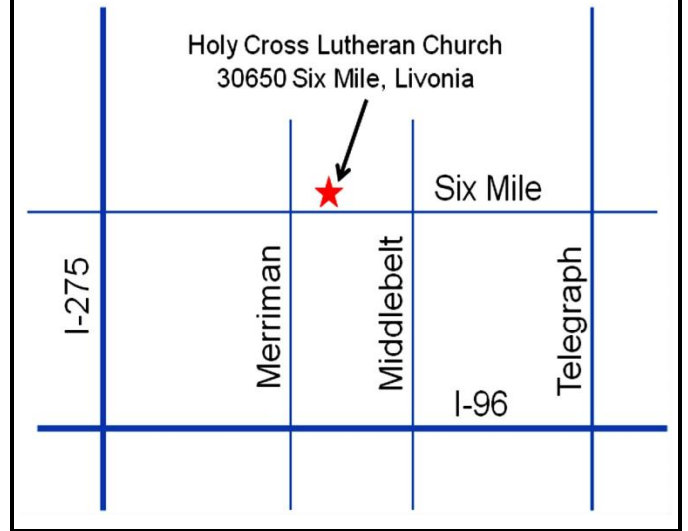
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with other players, receive new music  
and a monthly newsletter.

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picnics, fun and fellowship.

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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 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome, contact David at [dtsmithnet@yahoo.com](mailto:dtsmithnet@yahoo.com)*

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