

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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December 2009 Meeting

Sunday December 13th, 2009

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52nd St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
2:00-3:00	Holiday Party!
3:00-4:00	Holiday Party!
4:00-5:00	Holiday Party!



This Month's Message from the President

By Steve Kessinger

This will be my last message as president. I will be the past president in 2010. Although the office of president is still open, I am sure that someone will step up to fill the position. As you may know, I was unsure about taking the office. However, it has been a great year and I have enjoyed being president. This is in large part because of the other board members. They are all great people and have gone the extra mile for our Society. We all need to thank them just as I do for their service to the Society. We are lucky that many have elected to continue serving.

I am now truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as president. Like many of you, I was very happy to just come and play. I did not really understand or care about the Society's bigger purpose. However, this year has made me look at why we exist and how we carry out our mission.

I know that the mission statement has not been with the Society from the beginning. However, those that wrote it did us a favor by clearly stating our purpose for being. It has been a valuable resource guiding me during my term as president. I have come to believe in our mission and hope the future boards will use the mission statement as a guide when they are making their decisions.

I have come to believe that the heart of our mission is lifting people to a better place. Yes, we use traditional American music to do that. However, embedded in that music are the traditional values and experiences of this country's

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Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

It's Holiday Party Time for the Happy Harpers. (As always, anyone who enjoys autoharps -- playing them or even just listening to them -- is invited to come and join in our fun.)

Date: Sunday, December 20, 2009

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: The Reneau Residence at 11233 Garrick Court, Fishers

(Contact the Reneaus at (317) 842-2741 or via internet at dreneau@iquest.net for directions.)

Bring: Your favorite party food, beverages will be provided.)

Bring: A guest; any spouse, relative, or friend who has been supportive (or at least tolerant) of our autoharping endeavors or anyone who has expressed an interest in our beloved instrument is welcome.

Bring: Your autoharp; also, as in the past, bring any other instrument that strikes your fancy, despite whatever Dan may say to the contrary, this won't be an autoharp exclusive occasion .

Money Bag\$

By Dave Wensits

Wow! December! I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. This will be my last newsletter article as your treasurer, so I want to take a moment to reflect a bit. Being on the board this year has been a very gratifying experience for me. Not only has it been fun, but it's been enlightening and rewarding, as well.

It's been fun to interact with fellow board members who are equally dedicated and motivated to keep things moving forward, enlightening to see how things work and to be directly involved in the decision making process, and rewarding to work with such talented people and to share in the successes of our year together. If you have never been on the Board, I highly recommend it. You will be glad you did. I would like to give my thanks to Steve, Ruth, Amy, Gary, Dave and Phil for being great teammates in 2009 and, best of luck to the new

board in 2010. Now I look forward to rejoining the general membership and sharing my music with you.

Account status for November 2009: The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3270.73 (down \$152 from last month) and our savings balance is \$2670.82 (minor increase).

Membership Status: Family memberships are at 107 compared with 101 a year ago, down 1 from last month.

Membership Dues: Annual household membership dues remain at just \$20/year. If your membership is due or past due please send a check to CIFM&MDS, P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1503, or catch me at the next meeting. I'm always happy to take your money.

Songbooks: The Main Songbook is available to all members in good standing for \$25 each.

Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available as a separate supplement for \$15 each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of either of these songbooks.

Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer only group will meet on Wednesday, December 9. No meeting will be held on Wednesday December 23rd. Meetings are at Robin Run Village on W. 62nd street on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Meetings are for all mountain dulcimer players. All skill levels are welcome. We are led by Tull Glazener. Tull is very skilled at teaching and playing the mountain dulcimer. Come join us each 2nd and 4th Wednesday night in 2010. Yours in Great Music.

Cincinnati Dulcimer changes Website

Kathy Boyd the editor of the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society wants to let you know that their website has been changed to www.cincinnatiidulcimers.com Please pass this along to whomever you think would enjoy this information

Silent Auction/Holiday Pitch-in

The Famous (infamous?!) Silent Auction will be held again during the December 13th meeting. So, clean out your attic, and dig around in your garage. There are a couple of ways for you to donate to the auction:

1. Bring your treasures to the meeting.
2. If you can't attend and would like to donate, I'll come pick up your donation. Contact me via email or phone number below.

Donations do not have to be music related, here are some examples of past "best-sellers":

1. CDs
2. Musical instruments
3. Sheet music/Tune books
4. Other music related items
5. Goods and services

Hopefully, you will also find something that you really want to take home or that will make a fabulous present. This is a big money-maker for the Society, so bring your check book or cash. Sorry, the Society isn't set up to accept credit cards. As an incentive, it is noted that the Society is a non-profit organization and your donations will be tax-deductible. If you would like a tax receipt, please see our Treasurer Dave Wensits (or his helper elves) AFTER the auction. An auction-valued receipt will be provided. PLEASE NOTE: all items will be considered donations as this will not be a venue to sell items privately.

Also, it's not too early to be thinking of what type of food you'd like to bring for the Pitch-In Dinner. The Society Board is buying a ham for the dinner. Suggested types of food to bring are: beverages, salads, rolls, veggies, desserts and, of course, Christmas cookies. Plates and eating utensils will be provided by the Society.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Platt at 317-485-5010 or email: cpplatt@comcast.net

pioneer generation. It is important that we keep that link to our past alive. I hope that you will help me do that.

Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates
Music Coordinator

Well it has been two years since I wrote my first article for the newsletter.

I have had a great time as your music coordinator, and have developed some great friendships. I am so proud of the progress the "Big Band" made in the quality of their performances.

The time and dedication shown to the Society by our members has been overwhelming. The job has taught me a lot about being a leader and a good musician. I can't claim all the glory; I worked with a great board of directors that had vision for the growth of the society. It has been a pleasure to have served as your Music Coordinator

Dave

December's Theme



Holiday Party

**The Louisville Dulcimer Society invites you to
attend the 24th Ohio Valley Gathering**
<http://louisvilledulcimers.org>

February 26-28, 2010 — Hilton Lexington
Downtown Hotel 369 W. Vine St., Lexington, KY
40507 859-231-9000; Toll Free 877-539-1648
A Gathering of old and new friends who love
acoustic, old-time and traditional music. Come
join us!

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday– February 26

Check-in after Noon -LDS welcomes all guests

7:00 PM Concert – Ballroom

Saturday – February 27

8:45 - 5:15 PM Workshops

7:00 – Concert – Ballroom

Sunday– February 28

10:00 AM– Hymn Sing- Ballroom

Hospitality Room, Vendors, Fiddle Walk, Concert
Performances, special room rates, and more.

HOME BY 10 HOUSE CONCERTS
PRESENTS GARY KISER

Gary is a long-time resident of Indiana with
family roots in Kentucky. He has been playing
guitar for over 40 years and has added mandolin
and dulcimer to his shows in recent years. Gary
specializes in old-time gospel traditional and
contemporary folk music and also likes country
blues.

Come join us on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009

\$10 - Money Goes To the Musician

Doors open at 6:00 PM and the

performance begins at 7:00PM

Bring a dish to share, and help support
local and live acoustic music RSVP to
homeby10@gmail.com or 317-259-0772.



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