

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## December 2010 Meeting

Sunday December 12th, 2010

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52<sup>nd</sup> St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Board Meeting          |
|             | Slow Jam – Party Setup |
| 2:00-3:00   | Holiday Party          |
| 3:00-4:00   | Holiday Party          |
|             | Silent Auction         |
| 4:00-5:00   | Party and clean up     |



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## This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

Merry Christmas Everyone!

This year has surely gone by fast, but I am looking forward to being with all the Society members for our final 2010 event, the Holiday Party and Auction. (Look on Page 3 for more information). It has always been a favorite pleasure to share food and music with the many good people I have known throughout the years. Don't forget, the auction is a big fund-raiser for the Society, and it's a great way to move some of your musical "extras" into appreciative hands.

The New Year will bring a new Board of Directors to our organization (Check Page 4 for a complete listing of new members). I have been very lucky, and grateful, for the excellent help I have received from the outgoing Board, and want to thank Gary Rogers, Amy Raab, Mike Raab, George McCord and Steve Kessinger for their efforts in leading our Society. As you will see, some are staying on to help with the next term, and I will be around in my capacity as "Past President". I hope that you, as a member of this organization, will bring your ideas and efforts forward as well.

In closing, I'd like to express my genuine gratitude for all who have participated this year in the Society, whether as a Board member, a volunteer at the Eagle Creek Folk Fest, or as a member at our monthly meetings. It is through your participation that we achieve our Society's mission; to preserve and promote American folk music for generations to come.

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## By George McCord

Please welcome new member Gary Reiter.

Account status for November 2010 (prior to reconciliation): The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$2935.09 (down from last month) and our savings balance is \$2683.99 (essentially the same as last month). For this year-to-date, we have had a net operating loss of about \$807.47 (greater than last month); we have \$682.08 less in the treasury than last year at the same time exclusive of the songbook inventory.

A request was made last month at the annual meeting for more information about our income and expense activities so far for this year, so here it is:

### Income-

\$1640.00 Membership dues  
1620.00 Gig contributions  
580.00 Songbook sale  
451.88 Pass the hat  
0.00 Silent auction (Dec. 12)  
1.05 Interest on Savings account  
\$4292.93 Total Income

### Expense-

\$ 565.63 Cost of songbooks  
219.00 ASCAP  
1844.78 Eagle Creek Festival  
300.00 Guest presentation (excluding

### Eagle Creek)

360.00 Meeting facility  
684.46 Newsletter  
895.00 Meeting and Gig sound  
(excluding Eagle Creek)  
118.44 Web site  
76.00 Post Office Box  
37.09 Miscellaneous

\$5100.40 Total Expense

\$-807.47 Loss current year

You might wonder why our membership income would seem to only account for 82 families rather than about a hundred as indicated below. The reason is that 12 memberships are in the 3-month grace period following expiration before being dropped from the roster, and another 8 members have dues due in December.

Please note that another fund raising activity, the silent auction, will take place at the next meeting and will change the full year picture.

An assessment of the financial state of our Society based on the first 11 months of 2010 would indicate that the Society is operating at a deficit during a period of potentially declining membership.

Membership Status: We had 1 new membership, 5 renewals, and lost 3 members in November. Family memberships are at 102 compared with 108 a year ago.

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. Copies of the Main Songbook with Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin are available for \$35 each. Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available as a separate supplement for \$5 each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of any of these songbooks.

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

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### Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGs) will meet on Dec 8th at Robin Run Village, on West 65<sup>th</sup> St. We will decide that night whether to meet on the 4th Wednesday night. All skill levels of mountain dulcimer players are welcome.

The Dulcimer Only Group is blessed to have one of the most talented dulcimer players/instructors in the country that willingly shares his music in a way that makes us all better Dulcimer players. He takes time from his very busy schedule to be with us. If you have ever attended one of his workshops at a festival you see his stature among dulcimer players; manifested in the multitude of people who are there to learn from him. His workshops are usually the largest of the festival. The dulcimer group wishes to thank Tull Glazener for sharing his enormous talent with us, THANKS! TULL.

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## Silent Auction/Holiday Pitch-in

The Famous (infamous??) Silent Auction will be held again during the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. So, clean out your attic, dig around in your garage and shoo those white elephants out of your closets. There are a couple of ways for you to donate to the auction:

1. Bring your treasures to the meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
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.

Though your 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'll 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 George McCord (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, be thinking of what type of food you'd like to bring for the Pitch-In Dinner. We will be having a slide show during dinner of pictures from Eagle Creek, courtesy of our super photographer, Dave Wensits

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Platt at 317-485-5010 or email:

Be sure to attend the Holiday Party Meeting

## Mike's Musical Musings By Mike Raab

One more year coming to a close; one more year beggin' to begin.

I hope this next year will bring more diverse performance opportunities for the Society without losing those we've enjoyed over the years. One in particular is the Mooresville Victorian Days library gig. I'm very thankful to those who weren't hindered by the inclement weather and came to perform: Bill Kissling, Chuck Mills, Steve Kessinger, Lew Mastin, Dan & Christine Reneau, Kim Wade, Randi Klees, Jo Mills, Glenda Hubbard, Dianne Kafka, & Nathaniel Raab. It was a smaller big band than we have had previously, but the performance went well. Perhaps next year we might arrange for a Victorian era sandwich-board advertisement around the town center to herald our performance.

I look forward to 2011, when we will seek out new gigs and new civilizations, and boldly go where no folk music society has gone before...

Merry Christmas to all!

*Plan on attending this year's Holiday Party and  
Auction, Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>*



*It will be a great time, that's  
"snow" joke!*

**It's time for the Happy Harpers Annual  
Autoharpin' Holiday Party!**  
**By Christine Reneau**

As always, anyone who enjoys autoharps; playing them or just listening to them, is invited to come and join in our fun. And for once, other instruments are welcome too!

Date: Sunday, December 19, 2010

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: The Reneau Residence at 11233  
Garrick Court, Fishers

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

***Bring:*** Your favorite party food, beverages will be provided. ***Bring:*** A guest, spouse, relative, or friend who has been supportive, or at least tolerant, of our autoharping endeavors or anyone who has an interest in our beloved instrument.

***Bring:*** Your autoharp or bring any other instrument that strikes your fancy, despite what Dan may say to the contrary, this won't be an autoharp exclusive occasion .

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Let's welcome and congratulate our new Board members. Further contact information will appear in next month's newsletter.

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