

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## February 2008 Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 2008

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 Session- Myra D.
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Performance hour</b>
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice Vocal Workshop-Myra D.
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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## A Message from our President

**By Phil Slates**

Ah February! The month of love, well, at least the month for Valentines Day! Hopefully you are surrounded by those that love you, and are ready to make some "lovely" music.

So do you find yourself occasionally sitting around, thinking about your Society and saying "I wonder how that works"? Well, even if it never crossed you mind, I'm going to offer some explanations anyway.

The CIFM&MDS was formed as a 501c 3 Not For Profit organization. While I am not an attorney, basically it means that as an organization we do not make a profit, which should not be confused with taking in more money than we spend in any given year.

Our Bylaws strictly forbid anyone within our organization from "profiting" from the Society. Individuals can still receive monies from the Society, such as being reimbursed for printing expenses, or for providing services such as Public Address System rental for meetings or gigs.

Over the years, your Board has chosen to provide Guest Artist appearances at select monthly meetings. This serves several purposes; to provide our membership with entertainment not available within our Society, to provide education through workshops from recognized resources in the folk music field, and to provide a "drawing card" to attract non-members to attend and perhaps become members. Historically, these guest artists have been compensated. However, in the event that

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This month's song theme: "Unrequited Love"

**John Gorka, Feb. 16th**

It is time for another show. Tickets are now available for the Feb. 16th show with John Gorka (www.johngorka.com) at The Old Centrum. Advance tickets are \$17 at IRC Music, Castleton, Luna Music downtown on Mass. Ave. and Indy CD & Vinyl in Broad Ripple.

Doors open at 7 with the show beginning at 7:30. If you have never seen John before, you are in for a real treat. If you are a fan of David Wilcox then you'd love John Gorka. If you live out of town you can send a check payable to Acoustic Café, PO Box 31, Greenfield, IN 46140. The Concert Line is 317-604-9583 to reserve tickets.

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**News from Lew**  
**By Lew Mastin**

Slow Jam leader for February will be Myra Dworski. She will also be workshop leader. I would like to express our appreciation to Myra. She has led the slow jam several times in the past few months and is doing a stellar job with it. In addition to this, she is offering a vocal workshop this month. We need to develop more singers to help the Big Band at gigs. I look forward to this workshop, and hope we have a good turnout for the workshop.

The Dulcimer Only Group is meeting at Robin Run Village on West 62nd street each 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Tull G. is taking songs from the Society song book and tabbing them for Mountain Dulcimer. Tull's arrangement of 'Life is Like A Mountain Railroad' is in three parts. Melody, Harmony, and train sound backup. It is really great! Each arrangement that Tull brings issues a challenge to MD players. We all leave with the knowledge that we are learning from "THE MASTER" Mountain Dulcimer Player/teacher. It is really great fun!

Just a reminder that Hattie and Ron Hunt host Dulcimer players at their home at 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis, IN each 4th Monday night at 7 pm. This is a very enjoyable dulcimer jam. If you need directions, call Hattie at 888-9561.

**GREG ZIESEMER and KRISS LUCKETT**

Local folkies upcoming appearances:

Friday, February 1 7pm \$5 Cover  
Boulevard Place Cafe  
4155 Boulevard Place, Indy  
317.283.2233

FRIDAY, February 8 5-8pm No Cover  
CHATEAU THOMAS WINERY  
Nashville, IN  
Toll Free 888.761.9463  
This listening and tasting room is nestled in Coachlight Square in the heart of downtown Nashville, IN. on S.R. 135, just north of S.R. 46.

FRIDAY, February 22 7-10pm \$5 Cover  
CHATEAU THOMAS WINERY  
Plainfield, IN  
This is the "Wine Down Fridays" winter concert series, take 1-70 west to S.R. 267/Plainfield exit. Go north on 267, and follow the roadside signs to the winery. It's just off the interstate!

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Dulsoc member GREG O'HAYER

Friday, February 1, 2008, 8:00-10:00pm  
Strange Brew Coffeehouse  
4800 West Smith Valley Road  
Greenwood IN 46142, 317 881 5282  
Location: Between SR135 & SR37 map  
...and about "Touch of Grass"... as previously stated, Greg O'Haver (on occasional Saturdays) and part-time CrossOverRoad member, Tim Hof (most Fridays), team up with Pat Brunner, Al Stone, on Fridays and Saturdays in the lower level of the Corner Wine Bar in Broad Ripple (SE corner Guilford and 64th, kitty-corner from the firehouse) The Corner Wine Bar has now begun its winter hours, 9 to 12.

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**February Musical Theme: Unrequited Love**



## Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

I've been looking forward to this month's performance hour to see what everyone comes up with for "Unrequited Love".

Don't forget, we are looking for more set leaders and MC's for the performance hour. So far, Bill Kissling has stepped forward to volunteer, why not be the next in line?

Please look over the song of the month and be ready to give it a try at BIG BAND practice. It's a familiar piece, but it has some changes.

I'm always looking for gigs for our Big Band, so if you know of a group or company who would want us to play please contact me.

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### Happy Harpers

By Christine Reneau

Must I go bound while you go free?  
Must I love one who won't love me?  
Must I then act the childish part,  
And love the one who'd break my heart?

What happens when someone refuses to be a Valentine? The Happy Harpers will explore that question musically in February. Karen Sechrist will host our meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 24. She lives at 8198 Wade Hill Ct. in Indianapolis. She can be reached at (317) 915-1092 or [gpsihart@comcast.net](mailto:gpsihart@comcast.net) for directions. All autoharp enthusiasts are encouraged to join us. Even when singing heartbreaking songs the Happy Harpers have a rollicking good time.

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### Got Something to Promote?

Does your performing group have a gig? How about your favorite folk group? Know of any events that would interest your fellow-Society members? Let your newsletter editor know at [trainphil2002@yahoo.com](mailto:trainphil2002@yahoo.com) or call Phil Slates at 317-255-8415.

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some members of the Guest Artist(s) are also members of the Society, those individuals do not receive compensation, and are considered to be donating their time to the Society. The Board has ruled that Society members can not make up more than 50% of the total of any Guest Artist.

If you have any other questions on the how's and why's of activities within your Society, feel free to contact any Board member, at a meeting, via phone or email.

Here's to a Great 2008!

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## **The Treasurer's Report**

By Sandra Gruber

**Financial Figures as of 1-26-08 are as follows:**

**Income of \$257**

**Expenses of \$258**

**Checking balance approx \$3,108**

**Household membership of 111**

**Songbooks are still only \$20**

For faster answers to dues/roster issues or name badge adjustments, email Sandra at [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net). If you have issues about receiving your newsletter, please contact Ruth Slates.

As I do not plan to continue as the Society's treasurer beyond 2008, I ask that anyone interested in being treasurer starting in 2009, please let the Board know. I have missed out on too many things that brought me to the group in the first place. I miss the slow jam etc, so please, anyone that can fill my shoes (which is easy to do if you can keep records, please step up.

I also hope to handle all Treasury business prior to 3pm (2:30 if possible) so I can participate in the rest of the meeting. If you want to give me money, please do so by 2:30pm on meeting day. Thank you.

*Monthly Musical Themes 2008*

February	Unrequited Love
March	None (Guest Artist)
April	Untimely Death
May	Rivers
June	Places
July	Politics
August	Animals
September	Professions
October	Fruits & Vegetables
November	Flora & Fauna
December	Holiday Party Music

**This month's song: Old Joe Clark with lyrics.**

You might notice that this version is different from what has been historically played by the Society. The version we play has E7's in the key of D. This makes the "old versions" (what has been historically played) a musical mode called "Ionian", or major. Most western music (and most that the Society plays) is Ionian. Minor music is another mode that we play, i.e.: "Shady Grove".

This version of Old Joe Clark is in the Mixolydian mode, as was the original folk song. What is called the key of A really ends up being D Mixolydian, and what's called the key of D really is G Mixolydian. In an attempt to make the song more "authentic" we sent out a fiddle version some time ago that was Mixolydian, which we called the "new version", but some continued to play the "old" Ionian (major) version. We hope this version, which matches the new fiddle version, will help us accomplish this. Interested in more information about scales? Here's a link: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Musical\\_scale](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Musical_scale)

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