

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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February 2010 Meeting

Sunday February 14th, 2010

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
	Slow Jam
2:00-3:00	Performance Hour
3:00-4:00	Big Band practice
4:00-5:00	Sharing Circle



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This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

Hello everyone!

There is some discussion starting about expanding workshops at the monthly meetings and I highly support that. We encourage our members to teach and help improve playing ability, or to learn a new instrument. Our Vice President Gary Rogers has the responsibility of coordinating workshops, and he will be pursuing that. But we will need our members to lend their skills to be successful and to meet our mission obligation of educating and perpetuating traditional American music.

We elected a new Treasurer at the January meeting, George McCord. Our previously elected Treasurer, Mike Brinkman, had to step down due to sudden family healthcare needs. Please welcome George and give him your support in this very important and responsible board position. Thanks George for stepping up to quickly fill this vacancy!

Of course the Ohio Valley Gathering is February 26th - 28th in Lexington, and I hope we have good Society representation for the Gathering performance. There will be additional committee news on the Eagle Creek Festival coming up in June.

In closing I repeat my January call to members that if you have been absent from the monthly meetings and performances please come back and join us.

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Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

Happy Harpers are folks who have become enamored with "thirty-some strings on a box that rings". We take our "boxes with strings" into our arms and hold them to our hearts. We are so devoted to our beloved "boxes" that we willingly "tune for the rest of our lives". If you too find yourself inexplicably drawn to autoharps, come satisfy your craving by coming to the next Autoharp-o-holic, er I mean, Happy Harpers meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 28. We will meet at the home of Karen Seechrist who lives at 8198 Wade Hill Court in Indianapolis. Karen can be reached at (317) 915-1092 or gpsihart@comcast.net for directions. Ahhhhh, the sound of hundreds of strings blending in harmony -- pure bliss! -- because "when our bodies are in tune, I know we'll never part".

Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Many thanks to Dave Wensits for preparing the way for the new treasurer. Great job! The name badges have been updated, and mail has been picked up. The financial books and membership roster have been perused. Now the Newsletter blurb has been plagiarized. Oh well, one must start someplace.

Even without reinventing the wheel, mistakes will be made and inadequacies become apparent. If any of you can offer constructive criticism, I welcome it.

I will be absent for part of the February meeting because of a conflict with the Central Indiana Scout Band Anniversary Concert commemorating the 100th year of Scouting in America. They will be premiering a work (composer directing) commissioned to celebrate the milestone. Perhaps someone will lend a helping hand if you have treasury related business while I'm unavailable during the meeting.

It is a privilege and pleasure to be chosen to serve you, and I look forward to working with the board in this musical fellowship.

Account status for January 2010: The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3759.62 (essentially unchanged from last month) and our savings balance is \$2672.94 (minor increase).

Membership Status: Family memberships are at 105 compared with 108 a year ago; five memberships are up for renewal in February 2010. Twenty (20) memberships have not been renewed in the past few months and are in jeopardy of being dropped.

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 (DOGS) continue their meetings in 2010. 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. Let's share our Dulcimers in the new Decade.



Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

Howdy All!

I'm looking forward to hearing all the songs you've prepared for the Civil War-themed performance hour.

Speaking of performance, get ready for the Ohio Valley Gathering in Lexington, KY, February 26-28. Our society will be playing Saturday the 27th, tentatively the opening act for the second set (which places our performance in the evening). Here's the working set list:

Columbus Stockade Blues (D)
Banks of the Ohio (D)
Down By The Riverside (D)
(Fiddle Tune)
Wabash Cannonball (D)
Aura Lee (G)
In The Sweet By and By (G)
(Fiddle Tune)
Turkey In The Straw (G)
There Is A Tavern In The Town (G)

Go to the "Events" tab on our website for the Ohio Valley Gathering link. It will have more information on lodging discounts, and individual registration for workshops.

We will be working on the music for the OVG during the Big Band hour this meeting. Next month we'll work on some more little known and underappreciated songs.

Northminster Present "Blue Highway"

Blue Highway, February 14, 4:00 p.m. □ One of today's most esteemed and influential bluegrass bands is celebrating their 15th anniversary.

The Sound & Spirit series at Northminster strives to provide the experience of great music, art and drama for all in the community. Admission is free and childcare is provided. It is customary to bring items for the church's canned food drive as a way to show your appreciation.

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We have an excellent Board of Directors, and we are devoted to improving our Society and growing our mission. Please approach any of us with your ideas and constructive suggestions as to how we may accomplish these goals.

February's Theme



Civil War Songs

In honor of Abe Lincoln's birthday, this month's theme is Civil War songs, or at least songs from that era.

Indy Folk Series Presents

Saturday, Feb. 20, the return of Tim Grimm. Tim is one of Indiana's most beloved artists, and a highlight of our 2003-2004 season.

Indy Folk Series

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

UUI (Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis) 615 West 43rd St. (Just south of Butler University)

\$10 (12 and under free)

Coffee, wine and snacks available

www.indyfolkseries.org

Musical Themes for 2010

February: Civil War Songs

March: Gambling

April: Down and Out

May: Fair Maids

June: Waltzes

July: Travelers

August: Spirituals

September: Animals

October: Revenge

November: Memories

December: Holiday Party

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The Board is still looking for an individual to fill the post of Member-at-Large. Please consider offering your services.

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