

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## January 2008 Meeting

Sunday, January 13, 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
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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## A Message from our President

By Phil Slates

Many many wishes to you and yours for a prosperous and fun-filled New Year! Of course, may your home abound with joyous music.

Your Society has a lot of momentum going for it as we head into 2008. Our Big Band continues to sound strong and well-rehearsed, and I anticipate another good season of gigs to help us promote folk music, and finance the activities of our Society.

I anticipate building on the success of last year's Eagle Creek Folk Fest, and being able to build off of the synergy created with the Mandolin Festival, as we did last year.

We have a new webmaster in Barry Levitt, so look forward to some changes in the Society's web page. Your Board of Directors is always looking for input from the membership as to what refinements or improvements they'd like to see within our Society.

Now is a good time to reflect on our current mission statement; We are a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Indiana for the charitable and educational purposes of promoting, perpetuating, and supporting traditional American Music . Every one of our members can help us to achieve these lofty ideals, and spread the joy of folk music.

**Introducing Your New Member-at-Large, John Seest**

Originally from a farm east of Lafayette, John Seest now lives in Indianapolis and is a structural engineer with ARSEE Engineers. He is active at Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he is chair of the Worship Committee, sings in the choir, plays the trombone, and is substitute organist (but not all at the same time). John studied engineering at Purdue University, and organ at Indiana University – which was more fun.

Before settling in at ARSEE Engineers he worked for Goulding & Wood Pipe Organ Builders in Indianapolis. He is a member of the American Institute of Organbuilders and attends all annual conventions, several times in the past as a lecturer. He is active in various local organizations including Dans Norden (Scandinavian Folk Dance), the American Guild of Organists and the American Theatre Organ Society. John enjoys every moment spent making music with the wonderful people of the Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society.

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

The January slow jam will be led by Myra Dworski. No workshop is scheduled for the January meeting. This will give all instruments an opportunity to practice with the big band.

FIDDLERS! Have you contacted Myra to give your thoughts on what level of workshop you would like to have? The fiddle workshop will be scheduled when the determination is made as to what you want.

I am asking the 2007 instrument resource people to continue in 2008. The resource people really help newer members to get more comfortable with our Society.

The *Dulcimer Only Group* meets twice a month at Robin Run Village, located an west 62nd Street in

Indy. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Meetings are led by Tull Glazener.

Hattie and Ron Hunt invite Dulcimer players to their home at 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis, on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM. If you need directions, call 888-9561.

Let's all dedicate ourselves to making 2008 one of the best years for the CIFM&MDS. Each member can contribute to the activities that make us better. Help grow the Society by inviting new members, and encouraging those who have dropped by the wayside to come back.

**Dulcimer Musical Resource People as of 2007**

Name	Instrument
Dan and Christine Reneau	Autoharp
Sharon Day	Hammered Dulcimer
Jonny Goodall	Clawhammer Banjo
Mario Joven	Guitar
Jerry Chapman	Mandolin
James Todd	Mandolin
Lewis Mastin	Mountain Dulcimer
Glenda Hubbard	Mountain Dulcimer
Myra Dworski	Fiddle, Mt. Dulcimer

***January Musical Theme***

***Performer's Choice***

***"Open mic" style***



## **Dave's Doodlings**

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

I hope all of you had a great Christmas, and that the New Year is treating you well.

I plan to make 2008 a break out year for an increased number of Big Band gigs.

With more gigs comes the need for more set leaders, or as some have suggested, co-set leaders. I have tried this and it takes some of the pressure off being the main spokesperson. One way to help this along is for members to help lead sets at the meetings. If you would be interested in trying this out, please let me know by e-mail or at the meeting.

Ever want to be an MC? Got some good jokes? (Not the green book!), good with a phrase? Well, here's your chance. I'm looking for people who would like to host or co-host the performance hour. We all have a little ham in us, so use it to entertain your fellow members. Once again contact me by e-mail or at the meeting.

Let's have a great 2008

Dave

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### **Happy Harpers**

By Christine Reneau

At the "Turning of the Year" the Happy Harpers will be resolving to master some songs for our Eagle Creek set. However, in the interest of "Auld Lang Syne" we won't be neglecting our old favorite tunes, even as we learn some new ones.

We will be meeting at the home of Sally Risch at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 27, 2008. Sally lives at 835 Cypress W in Greenwood. She can be reached at (317) 883-1760 or sarisch@ sbcglobal.net for directions. As always, anyone interested in autoharps is encouraged to come and join in our fun.

## **The Treasurer's Report**

By Sandra Gruber

Greetings to all for 2008! As I begin my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as your treasurer (trying to make \$ENSE of it all), I wish to thank those who have kept current with their membership dues. It's because of you that we all enjoy the many benefits of this group, including our newsletter (thanks to Ruth Slates and Barry Levitt), our indoor accommodations each month (thanks to Bethlehem Lutheran Church), and the noteworthy fun we share during various gigs (thanks to Dave Slates). The benefits go on and on, but instead, I want to thank each and every member for their support and participation, as each of you have a gift of music or related talent that you share with us. Annual dues remain \$20 per household.

The December auction was a success!! Special thanks go to Cathy Platt and Ruth Slates for their assistance in handling the income. We took in a total of \$470, which will help go to our Eagle Creek 2008 Festival.

Performing solo or in a group takes courage, talent (beginners to pro), and the reward of sharing of yourself is priceless. I encourage anyone that has held back to step forward and show us your talent for open mic time. Look for Dave's sign up sheet for the performance hour for details. And, if you need a society songbook for \$20, come see me around 2pm!

On a monetary note, here are the stats from the December ledger:

This years checking account \$3103, savings \$2644, petty cash \$50, and total assets \$5797. Membership is now at 109 households.

Last years checking account \$1238, savings \$2622, petty cash \$50, and total assets \$3911. Membership was 123 households.

With a song in our hearts, let's sing Auld Lang Syne!!

## ***SHEENA RACHELL BENEFIT SHOW***

Sunday, January 27, 2008, 3:00 pm 'til ??  
at MUGSHOTS (The old Stone Mug at 65TH and  
College Avenue).

Legendary blues mandolinist James "Yank"  
Rachell's granddaughter, Sheena, played bass for  
Yank for many years. Sadly, Sheena has been  
diagnosed with "Wegener's Grunlomatosis" a rare  
disease with no known cause nor cure. With four  
young children at home, Sheena can use, and will  
appreciate, the support of blues lovers.

Door prizes, good times, and great music  
guaranteed! Performers planning to appear  
include: Allen Stratyner, Circle City Blues Band,  
Dwight Edwards, Harvey Cook, J. B. Deville,  
Jerome Mill, Jim Richter, Karen & The Beast,  
Mandolindy, Mario Joven, Rich Hynes, Steve  
Brown, Steve Robbins, and Terry Glass.  
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