

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## January 2009 Meeting

Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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
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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## January Message from the President

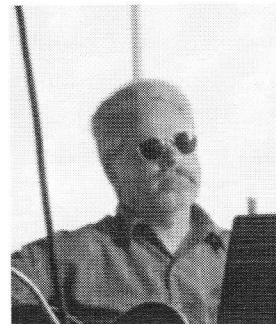
By Steve Kessinger

It is my hope that your holidays were filled with pleasing company, good food, and of course great music. I know we had all three during our annual December "Christmas" party. Thanks to all who contributed.

As it is my first message, I am going to give you my idea of the how I plan to serve you and the Society as President. The key is the word "serve". I do not have an agenda of my own. I do wish to fulfill the Society's mission: *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*

However, I also want to help each one of our members enjoy being a member and find ample opportunity to grow in their appreciation of traditional music and acquire new musical skills. To that end, please feel free to bring me your ideas and concerns.

I feel honored to follow in the footsteps of our past presidents. They have created and amplified many valued traditions with much help from our boards and members. It will be my job to maintain and build on those traditions. Of course they include the Eagle Creek Folk Fest, our monthly meetings, and our gigs. I hope that you will join me in making this a great year.



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## **Happy Harper's Happenings** **By Christine Reneau**

"Anything goes!" for the Happy Harpers in January -- we are unfettered by a specific theme this month. We will be meeting at the home of Debbie and Joe Hanson at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Debbie and Joe live at 140 S. Boehning St. in Indianapolis. They can be reached at [willow249@comcast.net](mailto:willow249@comcast.net) or (317) 897-1021 for directions. We welcome anyone who is autoharp appreciative. Come join in on the autoharp-ing fun!

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## **Money Bag\$**

By Dave Wensits

Well, here we are at the beginning of a brand new year. President-Elect Obama promised to bring change to our country and I, as your newly elected Treasurer, promise to take your change (and bills and checks) for use by the Society. But I promise if any of the board members should leave their post, I will not try to sell their position to the highest bidder. Sorry. I'm so excited about being elected Treasurer I can't stop making campaign promises.

Do you like the name of this article? I made it up myself. Clever, huh? I considered a variety of different names and ended up with this one. Money Bag\$ just had a ring to it. I think it was a "C" note. Sorry, again.

So, here we go with my first treasurer's report, which, of course, I couldn't be doing without the records passed to me by your former treasurer, Sandra Gruber. Thank you, Sandra, for the great record keeping during your tenure and for helping to transition the responsibilities to me in an orderly fashion. I owe you a debt of gratitude.

Membership Dues: Society dues are still only \$20/year. What a deal!! If your membership is due or past due please send a check, payable to CIFM&MDS, to P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Or, you may pay me in person at the next

meeting. That serves dual purposes, actually. You get to renew your membership and I get to start putting names and faces together for those I don't already know. I can accept cash or checks, but we have no way to process credit or debit cards. Keep your memberships up to date, folks. We don't want to lose you. Unfortunately, if you are more than 3 months past due, we will have to assume you are no longer able to participate in the society and will remove you from active status, simultaneously removing your name from the newsletter mailing. Then you would miss this scintillating article each month - and I know you don't want that to happen.

Account status for December 2008: Checking balance is \$3655.02 and the savings balance is \$2658.70. Membership is at 108 compared with 109 a year ago. Disclaimer: These numbers represent a snapshot of the data available at the time of this writing and are subject to change before closeout of the December books.

New Members: Last but not least, please welcome our newest members: *Ronald Beasley, Michael & Mary Brinkman, John Etchison, the Grondahls (Cindy, Rob, Ryan & Jaclyn), Jacqueline Winters, and Sandy & Jim Vandine.* Please take time to introduce yourselves and make these folks feel at home.

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## **January's Musical Theme**



**Performer's Choice!**

## **Dave's Doodlings**

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

Don't forget our gig next month in New Castle on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the Library Auditorium. The Henry County Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsor the concert.

This next year I plan on working with the board to bring more workshops, and expand opportunities for members to share their experience. If you have any ideas for songs, gigs, or activities, please feel free to contact me. Keep on playin'

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## **Dulcimer Doings** **By Lew Mastin**

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGS) will meet on the 1st and 4th Wednesday night for January only. Then we'll return to regular 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as we go forth in 2009. Meetings are at Robin Run on West 62nd Street. If you want more info, email Tull or me at [lewmast@embarqmail.com](mailto:lewmast@embarqmail.com).

I hope to continue providing you with information about groups that our members enjoy while they are away from Society activities. If you are playing or jamming with another group, and would like to share that information with our world, let me know and we'll get that information in the Society's newsletter.

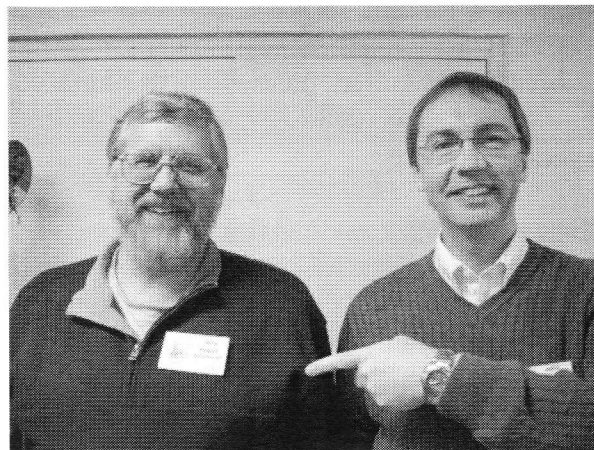
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## **No "Song of the Month"**

Due to the additional "leap second" in this New Year's countdown, there is no Song of the Month included in this month's newsletter. This popular feature will return in upcoming issues.

It will be fine in 2009

## Memories of the December Meeting



Outgoing Member-at-Large John Seest (R) shares a moment with incoming Member-at-Large Gary Rogers (L)



Mandolindy played while Society members went through the buffet line.



Katie Fenoglio and Oscar Joven are entranced by Bill Griffin's singing tree.

