

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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October 2010 Meeting

Sunday October 10th, 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



This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

I continue to encourage our members who might be “missing in action”; those we don’t see often at the meetings and practice sessions each month and those who we don’t see at our Big Band performances when we are fortunate to have been invited to play. Our musical mission grows with each performance invitation and the fun increases exponentially when more members participate in our performances, you know, “the more the merrier”! If you have a fellow musician or friends that have an interest in growing their music repertoire please bring them along to a meeting or to a performance.

I looked back to the President’s message in the newsletter of October 2008. It also, in part, speaks to the importance of and pride in our Society membership. A great message from our then President Phil Slates, and I quote it here....

“Are you a member, but haven’t been to a meeting lately? I sure hope we get to see you during the Holidays. The festive nature of the Oct-Dec. months seems to rejuvenate our membership, as long-time friends are reunited, and new friendships begin. Our performance hours have been a source of delight, as new (and sometimes younger) performers are finding their way to our stage. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this fine organization”. Phil’s words hold true and are accurate today.

Fast approaching is the election of officers for 2011. We will be forming an election committee and the election will take place in November

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Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

Longfellow once said that "the leaves of memory seemed to make a mournful rustling in the dark." In October, the Happy Harpers are going to go shuffling through that pile of leaves, as we sing songs that stir up old memories. The Happy Harpers will meet at the home of Dan and Christine Reneau at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 24. The Reneaus can be reached at (317) 842-2741 or dreneau@iquest.net for directions. The Happy Harpers love to have anyone who takes a kindly interest in autoharps come and share in our fun. Who knows what new and pleasant memories might be created in the process?

Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Please welcome new member Sharon Sears.

Account status ending September 2010 (prior to reconciliation): The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3007.46 (decreased from last month) and our savings balance is \$2681.79 (essentially the same as last month). For this year-to-date, we have had a net operating loss of about \$852.62 (greater than last month); we have \$310.64 more in the treasury than last year at the same time exclusive of songbook inventory.

Membership Status: We had 1 new member, 5 renewals, and lost 2 members in September. Family memberships are at 101 compared with 102 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 promote our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer Only Group meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Robin Run Village. Robin Run is on West 62nd St. just east of Moeller Rd.

Those of you who were not at the last meeting sure missed a lot. Would you believe Calypso on the mountain dulcimer! Quite a treat!

The Dulcimer Only Group invites dulcimer players of all skill levels to join us to learn new songs and to increase you playing ability. This is a most enjoyable way to get better on the Dulcimer.

October Musical Theme



REVENGE

That's the musical theme, not something to take out on your fellow Society Members!

Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

October will be as quiet as September was, with respect to the Society Big Band performances. I hope your small group engagements, if you had any, went well!

Our fellow Society player and VA shuttle driver, Eric Fricke, arranged an opportunity again this year to play a Sunday morning set for the veterans at the Rodebush VA hospital (Indianapolis, on 10th Street) at 9am, on November 14th. This is the morning of our November meeting.

There are two gigs scheduled for December: Mooresville Library Dec. 4th, at noon; and Heapa 232 Apts Dec. 11th, at noon. Please let me know via email which gigs you'll be available to play. See you soon!

Two upcoming musical events

Indy Folk Series

Joe Peters & Linda Hicks

Sat., October 16, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Enjoy the interplay of two singer-songwriters who are frequent collaborators, influenced by eastern philosophies and drawing from bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, and contemporary folk music.

Tickets \$10 (age 12 and under free)

The event takes place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis (UUI), located just south of Butler University at 615 West 43rd St.

Home By Ten House Concerts presents IOTA.

Saturday, October 17th Doors open at 6PM for food and frivolity - music begins at 6:30PM

Please RSVP to either 317-259-0772 or via email at homebyten@gmail.com. Seating is limited.

Bring a dish or drinks to share.

Cost \$10, with all proceeds going to the artists.

Home By Ten House Concerts is near 75th and Hoover Rd. Directions supplied in confirmation of reservation. IOTA (Indiana Old-Time

Ambassadors) consists of Erik Peterson on banjo, Deb Shebish on fiddle and Johnandrew Bellner on guitar. IOTA performs old-time fiddle tunes, songs and ballads.

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As we all know, and as I have personally experienced, the Society is greatly supported by your officers to take care of necessary business, finances, reporting to regulatory agencies and membership enrollments. Please consider volunteering for a board position. It's nothing to be fearful of; the board members really help each other and it actually is a smooth running governing unit. The Society needs you to volunteer for officer positions.

See you all in October (and November and December.....)!

16th ANNUAL TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 5-6, 2010

All events will be held at the State Theater Complex located at 209 W. Dixie Ave, Elizabethtown KY, 42701 □ Some workshops will have limited enrollment due to space constrictions. Reserve your spot now!

\$40.00 Full Weekend Pass (includes workshops, lunch and concerts) before Oct 5; □ \$45.00 Full Weekend Pass after Oct 5 (includes workshops, concert, NO lunch); \$12 for Student Track (age 9-18 all day, lunch included).

Tickets for evening concert ONLY are \$10.00 for adults or \$5.00 for students. □ For more information, please email Claudia Tamplin at or 270-351-2416

Gary Kiser in Concert

Longtime Society member Gary Kiser will be returning to the Speedway Library for a free performance on November 6th. The show begins at 2pm.

The library is located at 5633 W 25th St, on Indianapolis' Westside. You can call (317) 243-8959 for more information.

Mnt. Dulcimer Workshop

Tull Glazener will be conducting a MOUNTAIN DULCIMER WORKSHOP: beginner to advanced beginner level, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 6:30-8:30 pm at Spiceland United Methodist Church. The Spiceland Dulcimer Gang sponsors this, but all relatively new dulcimer players are invited to attend. Reservations by October 12, please. Send \$10, name and phone number to Sharon Day, 6647 S. Co. Rd. 425 W Spiceland, IN 47385 (Spiceland is just off Hwy 70, about an hour's drive from Indy.)

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