



From Our President

Let Everybody Know!

Whatcha been doin'? Anything interesting—workshops, building instruments? Let me know, and I'll put a report in the newsletter. In the subject line, put "To the editor" loisandron@md.metrocast.net

To all of you SMTMD members and friends, this is my last President's Corner. It's been an honor to serve for the last 4 years, first as your Vice President, then as President. I want to thank all the folks who've served both on the Board and as volunteers for all their service and all their help and support.

And I'd like to thank all of you who come to our contras, open mics, and concerts for your support. Instead of a

standard President's Corner, I'd like to give you my summary of what happened in 2013:

The 2013 Board met for the first time on January 31. At this meeting, we set the dates for all events for the year, including the annual meeting. We held a total of 5 meetings during the year (January, April, August, September and October).

We've had 8 great contra dances so far, with lots of kids

and new dancers.

We had 4 great open mics with new acts and new friends.

We had 3 wonderful concerts, with the Lynn Hollyfield and Friends in March (after we got snowed out in January); Stephen Bennett in May; and Carey Creed and Friends in October. Thank you Bob Augustine!!!

We added many more web sites (*continued in Notes.*)

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Dear All,

On January 1, 2014, the new Board takes charge, which signals the beginning of a new year and annual membership dues appeal.

This is a change from years ago when dues were based on a yearly calculation of when you joined. So, anyone who pays their dues now will be a member for all of 2014.

This change was put in place

to make the bookkeeping so much easier. And, for members like your editor, it is just nice to know when, for sure, that membership will be due.

So, pay up everybody. As Debs told us at the annual meeting, the membership dues go a long way to helping us meet our financial obligations. Further, there are benefits:

1. You get this e-newsletter sent right to your home.
2. You get a discount at the concerts and open mics.
3. You get to hang out with some really great folks (well, you get that anyway, but you get my drift) and sing, listen, and dance. SMTMD is *the* group to join!



Annual Meeting a Great Success

The annual meeting had lots of activities to keep even the most sedate person engaged. Here are the highlights.

The program opened up with a lovely mini-concert by Harmony Grit, which was followed by a short business meeting. The first order of business was to elect the next Board.

Your editor is happy to introduce to you the 2014 (and beyond) slate of Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance board members. First, the voted-in positions:

President: John Garner

Vice President: Mike Barbour

Secretary: Rita Holden

Treasurer: Suzie Gunsalus

Hospitality Chair: Terry Nevins

Member at Large: Alan

Newhouse

Membership Chair: Joan

Paribello.

The appointed position is that of Publicity Chair, which Mike Barbour has graciously accepted for another term.

Following the voting, we learned that tickets for a Crystal Gale & Lee Greenwood concert at the Strathmore Music Hall in Alexandria will be given away at the November 22 open mic.

Elgin reminded those present that because SMTMD is officially a non-profit, the membership might consider

making a tax-exempt donation to SMTMD and in this way put their donations to good use locally.

The meeting adjourned and was followed with a contra dance. And so, you had in one night everything that is delightful about SMTMD. We were in Southern Maryland, we had traditional music and dance, and we found out that we can be assured that we will have all sorts of musical events to look forward to in 2014.

Notes

(continued from From Our President.) and email locations to send our publicity notices – thank you Mike Barbour!

We refined our instructions for Hospitality – thank you Suzie Gunsalus and Board!

We determined that we don't have to pay Maryland State property tax.

We've very much enjoyed our long term relationship with Christ Episcopal Church, and the wonderful Parish Hall.

For various reasons, we may be moving to a new location in 2014 - and we'll let you all

know!

The Board began developing Standard Operating Procedures for their positions, to cover all the duties they have beyond what's spelled out in the Bylaws. Mike, Alan, and Joan have completed theirs; the rest will be done before this Board's term ends on January 31, 2013.

Thanks to Peter Schaefer for maintaining and redesigning the beautiful web site.

Thanks to Lois for doing a great job redesigning the Newsletter and filling in all the blank spots.

Thanks to Rita and Joan for keeping the meeting minutes and membership up to date!

Many, many thanks to our outgoing Treasurer Debs, who wrestled the IRS and Maryland Tax people into submission, regained our 501(C)3 status in 2012, and keeps such detailed records. It'll be good to have my wife back.

Thank you all for all of your support, friendship, and for coming to our events and supporting SMTMD!

I'll see you soon!

Greg



Contra!

2013 Calendar (and beyond)

November

Jams: 8, 24
Annual Meeting & Dance: 9
Shafran Caller
Concert: 22 Open Mic with
FREE tickets to see Crystal
Gayle and Lee Greenwood at
the Strathmore on Dec. 5

December

Jams: 13, 29
Dance: 13 (Fri.) Fallon Caller
Concert: 20 Holiday Open
Mic

We expect the 2014 events
to be on the 2nd Saturdays
and the 4th Fridays as
always.

*Please note that the
December 13 contra is
on a Friday instead of
its usual Saturday
night. Kim Forry will be
calling.*

The 2014 Calendar is in the
works, but it will surely
show up. If you want to
know how the planning is
going, keep your eyes on
this space!

2014

January

Jams: 3, 26
Dance: 11 DeJesus
Concert: TBD

February

Jams: 3, 26
Dance: 8 Ann Fallon
Concert: TBD

INFORMATION & CONTACTS

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ADMISSION FEES

Contra Dance: \$8/\$6
Hospitality Free

Open Mic: \$5
Performers/Hospitality Free

Concerts: \$12/\$10
Hospitality Free

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