



Dulcimer Daze

Official Newsletter of the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club

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From Our President...

Hello everyone. Here we are in October. The club appears to be going strong and I am happy to see that. I am also happy to hear that people are getting good stuff out of their classes. I know of someone who graduated from the beginner class to the New Tunes class and although they found it a challenge, it was good. I also hear some people that attended the advanced class and found that it is evolving. People are coming to class with questions on how to do something and the class is working it out. This is very good news. Even the beginner lap class said that they still liked their class when I substituted for June last month. I know that I can't top June's class, but at least they were nice and didn't walk out on me and they performed a song during the jam. I didn't get to talk to Nancy about the beginner Hammered Dulcimer class, but they always seem content when I walk by. I really hope that this trend continues in all our classes.



I don't know if you have realized it, but our club has been extremely busy. Being involved in the Museum group, the normal club playouts, and the Appalachian Sounds, I find that my monthly schedule is full. I think we have been involved in several new club playouts this year. And the Appalachian Sounds has been doing one playout a month. We have a picnic, a TableEdit class and a Christmas party coming up. And people in all of the places that we have been want us back. We truly have a purpose for being here and I thank all of you for representing our club so well.

Because our club is so busy, we are handing out a lot of DulciBucks. I currently have a stack of 19 and the year is not yet over. And we love giving these out as incentives to participate, however, we hope your real incentive is just to play music. Because in the past these could be used in club to purchase items on the registration table, for fees for club sponsored workshops and retreats and even your yearly dues, this is now posing a little bit of a problem, but mostly in the area of the yearly dues. The registration for our club in the past few years has been gradually dwindling. That has caused our club funds to dwindle, since registration is the primary source of our club funds. We have been working hard to provide more items of interest to attract new people to our club to boost membership. We have had many new members this year, but it still did not stop the falling trend. Therefore, if many of our membership pay their next year dues with DulciBucks, our real money intake will be much less next year. There is a good chance if that happens it will really throw off the next year budget. The club funds are currently able to handle our operating expenses, but many years of this same trend could begin to jeopardize that ability. Therefore, the board will need to consider what to do about this at the next board meeting. I would like to continue to give DulciBucks out as incentives, but I am thinking that we would need to restrict their use for paying dues. Hopefully we could still use them to purchase things at the registration table and possibly use them for other things like club sponsored workshops. However, that is something that the board will need to decide. If you have some creative ideas about this, please email me soon at majreda@gmail.com so that I can bring your ideas to the next board meeting.

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OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA

1:30

Check-in and Fellowship

1:45 - 2:00

**General Membership
Meeting**

2:00-3:00

CLASS HOUR

Beginner Classes

Lap Dulcimer
June Goforth

Hammer Dulcimer
Nancy Basford

Intermediate Class

Evelyn (Dumpie) Coomer
Les Williams

O Come O Come Emanuel
Silent Night (2 parts)
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Advanced Class

Jan Hudson

**3:00-4:00
JAM**

Old Yeller Dog

I'll Fly Away

Old Uncle Ned

Round Robin
(Call out a tune!)

OR

Tunes from the
Appalachian Sounds Playlist

All jam list tunes and class tunes

President's Letter (...continued)

October is General Membership Meeting time. That means we need to meet to vote on the proposed budget and elect several new board members. The proposed budget was included in last month's newsletter. Thanks to the volunteer spirit of several of our members, we now have a slate of candidates for the board positions.

As protocol, we will also take nominations for candidates at the meeting and all board positions must be voted on, even if there are only one candidate per position. But I truly appreciate these members for volunteering and I am pretty sure that there is a good chance they have secured their positions whether they really wanted them or not.

I would like to start the General Membership Meeting at 1:45 in October. So please come to club early to be ready to attend the meeting. We will try to get through the meeting as soon as possible to keep from interfering with the class time, but we will continue the meeting until all matters have been decided. You must be a paid-up member to vote.

I also want to thank those that have volunteered to take over the newsletter. A big thank you to Claire Hammond, Susan Gulley, and Leah Reasor. We really appreciate your acceptance of this task.

That is it for now. Coming to you live from the Vatican!

Mark



CLUB NEWS

KADC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The KADC Annual General Membership Meeting will be held at the October club meeting. **We will start the meeting promptly at 1:45 so please plan to arrive in time to be present for the meeting.**

We have the following slate of candidates for this year's open board positions:

President	Les Williams
Secretary	Claire Meggs
Membership Secretary	Vicky Braden
Member-At-Large	Buford Braden

We will accept additional nominations for these positions at the meeting. Once we have all the nominations, we will vote. All club members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting.

We will also vote on the budget which was presented in the September newsletter.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to lead our club for the next two years! We don't always have a full slate of volunteers to report in the October newsletter, so we appreciate each of you for stepping up to take an active role in shaping the future of our club.

OTHER VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

We are excited to announce volunteers who have stepped up for other open positions in the Club.

Appalachian Sounds - Les Williams has volunteered to lead our Appalachian Sounds group, and Claire Meggs has volunteered to assist him. They will be replacing Terri Jolly, who was the driving force in getting this group organized, and has been the leader of the group since its inception.

KADC Newsletter - Claire Hammond, Susan Gulley, and Leah Reasor have volunteered to take over newsletter duties. They are taking over for Laura Van Eps and Sarah Young, who have been doing the newsletter for the past five years.

Thanks to all of you for volunteering. We look forward to your leadership and service to the club in the years to come.

MORE CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER TABLEDIT WORKSHOP

On **November 18** Evelyn Coomer will present a workshop on TableEdit. TableEdit is a computer software program that enable you to create your own tablature for a variety of instruments, including Dulcimer, Hammer Dulcimer, and Native American Flute. You do not need a strong musical background to use this software.

The workshop will take place at Immaculate Conception Church from 10 am to 4 pm, with an hour break for lunch. The workshop will start out with TableEdit 101, then will continue to more advance topics. There is more to TableEdit that can be taught in a day, so if you have specific topics that you would like for Evelyn to cover, please email her at ecoomer63@gmail.com. If you plan on attending, please email her at the email address shown above so she knows how many handouts to make.

There will be tables available if you wish to bring your laptop/tablet (please install your software **before you arrive** at the workshop). You are still welcome to attend, even if you don't have a laptop or portable computer. TableEdit will be displayed on a screen so you will be able to watch while Evelyn demonstrates the software.

This is a great opportunity to learn this software and open the door to creating your own tab. We have only had a few sign up so far, so please email Evelyn soon if you plan to attend so she has time to prepare.

KADC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The KADC Christmas Party will be **December 10** at Immaculate Conception Church from 2pm – 4pm. A light lunch will be served. Each member can bring a guest to the party. A registration form for the party is included in this newsletter. There is no fee to attend the party, but please register by November 30 so we know how many people to purchase food for.

Be sure to mark on the registration form if you can volunteer to set up for the party and clean up after.

Be sure to bring your Christmas music with you! There is Christmas music available for download on the club website. In addition to the old KADC Christmas book, there is some new Christmas tab for you to download. On the members only portal, scroll all the way to the bottom of the screen below the club tunes list to find links to the Christmas music.

Thanks to Les Williams and Evelyn Coomer for all the hours creating the new Christmas tab, and to Linda Smith for getting the tab on the website for us!

FALL PLAYOUT NEWS

We have had several fall playouts over the last few weeks. We have seen several new faces at our playouts this year, and we are excited to see some new members participating. We still have a couple of fall playouts on the schedule.

Thursday, October 12
Adult Picnic for
Central Baptist Church of Bearden
Knox Co. Association for Baptists Facility
Westland Drive in West Knoxville

We have several people already signed up for this play-out, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Claire Meggs at luckymeggs@comcast.net or at (865) 719-7949, or you can sign up on Sign up Genius.

Sunday, October 29
Mountain Makins' Festival
Rose Center, Morristown

We have had a cancellation for this event, so there is one space available. Go to SignUp Genius to Sign up!

As a reminder, to sign up on SignUp Genius, you can go to the KADC website, then click on the link for the Activities Calendar on the left side of the home screen, then click the SignUp Genius logo to see a list of open playouts. You can also contact Laura at KnoxDulciNuz@gmail.com or at (865) 207-0882 if you need help signing up.



KADC at Sevier Soiree at Marble Springs - Thanks to Cheryl Phillips for sending the picture!

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The newsletters for November and December will be a combined newsletter. You can expect to receive your next newsletter by Thanksgiving weekend if you receive your newsletter by email, or the week after Thanksgiving if you receive your newsletter by snail mail.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**CHRISTMAS DUETS WORKSHOP
BY LARRY CONGER**

There may be a few spaces still available for Larry's Christmas Duets Workshop in Townsend on November 11. Sign up soon so you don't miss out on this wonderful workshop!

Go to **LarryConger.com** to sign up.

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NEW MEMBERS!

KADC welcomes another new member this month:

Willola Tyson
Lap Dulcimer

New members can pick up their nametags at the check-in table.

Please look for our new members at the next meeting or club event and introduce yourself!

ATTENTION KADC MEMBERS!!!!

Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer



10% Off for KADC Members

On All Dulcimer Accessories, Tuners and Books

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Christmas Party Registration Form

**(Email the information on the bottom half of this form to majreda@gmail.com by Nov 30)
There are no fees for this.**

Keep the information on the top half as your reminder.

December 10, 2017
2pm-4pm
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
414 West Vine Avenue
Knoxville, TN

The event is in the church hall that is on the ground level of the church. (Not in the office building.)
Enter through the side door in the courtyard.

For parking, turn North off of Summit Hill onto Walnut, then either turn right into the alley behind the church and park there, or continue up Walnut to the front of the church and park in the lot on the North side of West Vine Avenue. (You may park in the West Vine Avenue lot without a fee on Sunday.)

A simple lunch will be provided with a desert
Bottle water and Apple Cider will also be provided.

Bring your instrument to play Christmas Music
You may also bring a guest.

Christmas Party Registration

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I will attend

and I will bring a guest.

Total people in my party will be _____

I am willing to volunteer to setup at 1 pm.

I am willing to volunteer to help with clean up at 4pm.





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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING STARTS AT 1:45!

CLUB MEETINGS/EVENTS

Oct 22 KADC Club Meeting

Nov 18 TablEdit Workshop
 10:00-4:00
 Immaculate Conception Church

Dec 10 Christmas Party
 2:00-4:00
 Immaculate Conception Church

Jan 28 KADC Club Meeting

CLUB EVENTS

Oct 12 Central Baptist Church of
 Bearden Adult Picnic
 11:00-2:00 (Online SignUps)

Oct 29 Mountain Makins Festival
 Rose Center- Morristown, TN
 2:00 - 4:15 (Online SignUps)

APPALACHIAN SOUNDS EVENTS

Nov 8 Samaritan Place 2:00 p.m.
 Knoxville

Dec 6 Oakwood Senior Living
 2:00 Knoxville

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The Newsletter for November and December will be a **combined newsletter, so there will only be one more newsletter before the end of this year.** If you receive your newsletter by email, you should expect to receive it by the end of Thanksgiving weekend. If you receive your newsletter by snail mail, you should expect to receive the newsletter the week after Thanksgiving.



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All Monthly Club meetings are at **Second United Methodist Church**, 1524 Western Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37921, unless otherwise noted. Second UMC is located off the 17th street exit of I-40 in downtown Knoxville. Club meetings are held the **4th** (not always the last) Sunday of each month January through October. Check the newsletter and club website for November and December dates and special events.