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From the President...

Those of you that attended the last monthly meeting know that there was a scheduling conflict with the Parkrose activities room. That conflict resulted in having to move the meeting across the hall. As it turns out, there have been some staff changes at Parkrose. Derek Shepard has left to pursue further education; he has been replaced by Kathy Fanella. Additionally, there is a new activities director.

I'm pleased to report that Kathy assured me there will be no change in the meeting arrangements CNYBA has made with Parkrose. We can continue to use the activities room as in the past, as well as using the coffee room for the board meetings. I appreciate Kathy's support for CNYBA, and look forward to working with her throughout the coming year.

Nearly all seats for the **Steve Kaufman Flatpicking Workshop** (Nov. 13-14) have been filled. I urge any CNYBA member that wants to attend to call me immediately at 607-764-8453. Don't wait or it will be too late!

Finally, I want to urge the officers and board members to make meeting attendance a priority in November. We have several important issues to discuss, and we need everyone's input to move forward.

--Dennis



Steve Kaufman Workshop/ Concert Weekend November 13th-14th, 2009

The evening concert is November 14, 2009. The concert starts at 8:00, and tickets are \$15.00 (\$12 for members) with opening act Plexigrass, one of New York's Southern Tier Favorites, www.myspace.com/plexigrass.

Check out Steve's site and playing. Here is a URL for Steve Kaufman's website:

www.flatpik.com

REMEMBER -----

The CNYBA "pre-Steve" jam will be at the Marcellus Methodist Church from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rolling Hills of Bluegrass Americana and Kellish Hill Farm

Friday **November 13th**, 2009:
Shotgun Party Band and The **Rusty Doves** performing at Kellish Hill Farm 7-10 pm \$12.00 admission. Austin Texas wacked out jazz country trio Shotgun Party performs their blend of original blues, country, bluegrass and depression-era swing. Kicking off the night will be a Utica based band- Rusty Doves, dubbed the best old-time duo since prohibition. Refreshments and snacks available. 3192 Pompey Center Road, (1/2 mile North of Rte 20 or 4.4 miles South of Rte 92 in Manlius) check out www.rhbamericana.com and www.myspace.com/kellishfarm.

 **Member**

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Ramblin' with Helen.....



It is a beautiful, but COLD fall day as I start my monthly "visit" with you all. I hope each of you had a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall colors – they were "spectacular" when my daughter and I traveled to and from Binghamton for my yearly attendance to our Grand Chapter Session for the Order of the Eastern Star, Oct. 9th thru the 13th.

My visit will be short, as have received very little news to share. After I wrote last month's Ramblin', I received an email from **Mary Phillips** that her sister Tillie was feeling much better, and even tho she has to use a walker or cane, she is able to get around much better. Mary also told that the family lost a young nephew (48 years old) to renal carcinoma cancer, and this makes the third young member lost to this dreadful disease. As she said, it was bad enough to have it in Ted's generation, but now it's gone to the next one. Everyone should pray each day that a cure will soon be found.

When **Lois Artlip** sent in her renewal for two years, she asked me to extend her "best wishes" to one and all; and let you know all is well with her. Thanks Lois, for your kind words to me. **Sharon Foulz** called to tell me about the passing of **Charles Hauer**, as she thought they were still members of CNYBA. Marianne and Charles were members for many years, and he always donated a reindeer centerpiece to raffle off at our annual Christmas Party. Over the years, Charles became wheelchair bound, and additional health problems prevented them from getting to any of our events, so they dropped out as members. For those who remember them, I am sure Marianne would appreciate a card or note – 168 County Rt. 2A, Pulaski, NY. 13142. I sent her a note, expressing sympathy from myself and those who remembered them.

Thanks Joy, for the following item for my Ramblin' – "Dear Helen – Oh my, what a wonderful weekend Ray and I got to venture into this past week. No where to go, nothing to do and I could not stick around doing just that --- that..nothing..so I checked my emails and found an email from **Ron and Nancy One Song**...an

...an invitation.

Wow, the wheels started turning and I thought, sounds like fun, so we may as well go! Ron and Nancy were having their **8th Annual Square Dance/Barn Dance**. What a wonderful time we had with those two. At Ron and Nancy's, you are not just someone who happens in, YOU ARE FAMILY! They entertained for awhile, then a square dance was formed with 2 sets. Later that night there were 3 and then 4 sets. Also, the Lonesome Willow String Band joined by bass player John Renne played in between times of Nancy and Ron's shows and the squares were called by Will Herzog of Rochester – so there was always something going on in the way of entertainment.

Nancy's home-baked cakes and chili were big hits. Nancy makes everything from scratch and her home cooked meals are just that – real old fashioned home cooking. (Yes, Joy, I did know that, as have been there several times with our Senior Citizens Group to their shows and dinners). I was afraid that Saturday would be rainy and I didn't want us to travel in the storms on our first real trip, so we left Friday night to make a weekend getaway, something I so desperately needed. We took our new/used motor home for this adventure as we have not had a lot of opportunity to go far or do much yet.

We parked the first night in a WalMart parking lot in Albion, just a hop, ship and a jump from the Medina Stone Farm. Then Saturday, pulled into Nancy and Ron's place. Nancy came to greet us and helped us adjust our radio to their radio show that **airs every Saturday from 3 to 4 pm on Station WXRL-13000 AM in Buffalo**. Then Saturday night was the dance. There were children there doing the squares and oh what joy that brought to my heart, to see these children keeping an old spirit alive and well. Everyone had a wonderful time.

I would like to see more people from the CNYBA going there to help support this music and dancing. An idea I have is for the association to possibly rent a bus for next year's barn dance and bring a load of people there and back, as the Bed and Breakfast only has so many rooms. This may be something I will bring up at one of our meetings. If anyone is interested in what's happening at the farm,

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Ramblin' with Helen...cont.

they can email Nancy at onesone@medinastonefarm.com and Nancy will put them on her email list."

I had a call from **Vernon Loucks** on Oct. 18th regarding his renewal, and he told me that **Olive** had taken a bad fall about two weeks ago, in the garage, and had a bad cut on her head, along with lots of bruises, scrapes, etc. but is nearly recovered now. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers, and am sure a note to 629 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango, NY. 13037 would brighten their days.

THANKS to Roy Murphy for his most generous donation included with his renewal and to **Lois Artlip** for the two books of stamps she included for my use in returning dues cards and receipts to members. I can assure you they are most welcomed and a big help, Lois. **Welcome to Cheryl Bergeron**, Great Blue Roots Radio, from Rochester, who joined CNYBA this past week. **PLEASE** check your mailing label, as we have 28 past due renewals, and 16 due in Nov. **TAKE A MINUTE AND SEND YOUR RENEWAL NOW!**

Remember our **meeting on Sun., Nov. 8th**, and the **Steve Kaufman Workshop and Concert on the weekend of Nov. 13th and 14th**. Until next time – remember – you can do something in an instant, that will give you heartache for life.

--Helen



“What’s Happening Out and About” will return next month..... needed to save pages this time around! -- Your editor, Ann



Classified --

Looking for someone who gives 5-string lessons in the **Fulton** area (10 to 15 miles away is fine).

Contact **Ed Deaver** at eedeav41@aol.com

From JoAnn Sifo of the **Dyer Switch Band**. Fiddler wanted for working bluegrass band. Must be available for some out of state travel. Baritone harmony would be a plus. Contact 518.986.5193

Frank Netti has a Rosewood, 1971 Martin D-28 he'd like to sell. Contact him at 315-253-7551 -- no low bids, please.

Happy, Happy Thanksgiving to
one and all!



**Don't forget to check us out online at
www.cnyba.com**

FYI -- Newsletter Deadline = 25th of month prior to newsletter you want your info. entered! Over the summer, the deadline will be on August 1st. There is only one newsletter during the summer.

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JOIN THE CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Choose your membership: Active - \$10. _____, Senior (62+) - \$9. _____

Family - \$15. _____, Band - \$20. _____

Gift Certificate**

** To _____ From _____

What instrument(s) do you play?

What band(s) are you with?

Areas/activities you can assist us with: (check all that apply)

Publicity _____ Mentoring _____ Performing _____

Your occupation _____ Fund-raising _____

Other skills _____

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Happy Turkey Day!



*Check your
membership re-
newal date!!*

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT -- RENEW EARLY!!!!