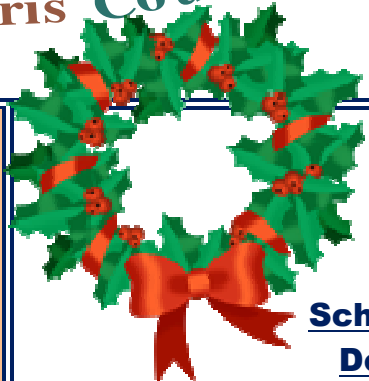


*Keeping Tabs On*  
 *North Harris County Dulcimer Society*



**December 2011**



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**Schedule for Saturday,  
 December 17, 2011**

- 4 p.m. – Early arrivals set up for the Holiday Party
- 6 p.m. – Supper
- Program

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*From the President:*

The format of our meeting in December is a bit different from the rest of the year.

This Saturday will be the NHCDS Holiday Party! It will be held at Advent Lutheran Church, but instead of going into the gym or the classrooms, go to left to get to the fellowship hall. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.

Plan to arrive anytime after 4:00 p.m. with your instruments and a side dish. There are no classes this month but there is time for jamming, and decorating and preparing the meal. After dinner we will have our Christmas program. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah, and look forward to seeing you at the party!

Happy Strummin'

---Mike



***From the Music Director:***

What a great month. I didn't have to get any teachers! However, it is now time for you club members to do the sharing. We are our own program for our Christmas party. If you would like to perform, I'm asking you prepare one or two numbers to share. It can be readings, poetry, drama as well as music. The Christmas theme is preferred, but not required. Keeping it family friendly is required. I'm going to suggest that those of you who led Christmas plays round up your players and do a couple of songs you performed.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the party.

---Marianne



***From the Play Director:***

Whew! Is December a busy month or what! It's a good time to get out and play the music of the season. It just doesn't feel right to play it any other time.

I have added a couple more plays for the spring time. You can sign up now for Katy Folk Life or Washington on the Brazos. They both have day long plays, but if you are not inclined to play that long, you can just play part of the time. Mark your calendars.

To participate in any of the following plays, you can sign up at the meetings or contact me via email at [bdamewoodpub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdamewoodpub@sbcglobal.net) or cell phone 832-541-1357.

---William

***Upcoming Plays***

**Delta Kappa Gamma - Mon, Jan 9, 4:30 p.m.  
Clear View High School, 400 S Walnut St, Webster**

Had enough Christmas music? Here's just a regular play again. This is for a teachers' group there in Webster. They provide support to current teachers and scholarships to upcoming teachers. Casual dress for this.

**Texas Independence Day Celebration; Sat - Sun, Mar 3 - 4, 10:00 - 5:00  
Washington on the Brazos State Historical Site, near Navasota**

This is a big weekend of playing. We have been invited back again to help celebrate Texas independence. Pioneer dress is needed for this play. No word on whether we will be down on Barrington Farm or somewhere in the upper park area. Pray for warm weather.

**Katy Folk Life Festival - Sat, Mar 31, 9:00 - 5:00  
Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center, 6301 S Stadium Lane, Katy**

I wasn't sure this one was going to continue on after the retirement of Ray Wolman who was in charge for so many years. Anyway, folk life goes on and so goes the festival. We have played this one for quite a few years and it is one of my favorites. We usually end up picking under the trees outside the house or on the porch. As before, McDonalds will be providing plate lunches for us (hamburgers, of course). Pioneer dress for this one.

**San Jacinto Day - Sat, April 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
San Jacinto Battleground near La Porte**

We have played this festival for several years now. Lately we have been joined by the BAD&SS group. It's on our meeting day, but there is time early in the day to go and play some. That's what I am planning to do. It's a ways off, but mark your calendar and see if you can play at this one. It's lots of fun! Pioneer dress for this festival.

**Save the Date!!**

**Advent's Gathering - Fri, July 20, 11:15 a.m. – noon  
Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont Dr.**

If only other organizations could plan this far in advance! This is the same church where we meet – we need to have a good showing here. The Gathering is a program for those with early dementia or Alzheimer's. We played for them this year and had quite the appreciative audience. Again, they will provide lunch. Casual dress will be fine. Mark your calendars now, or if you don't have your 2012 calendars yet, just use a post-it note.

***From the Treasurer:***

November 2011

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$ 4,121.84

Income:

Dues 10.00

CD Sales 60.00

Deposit 70.00

Expenses:

Door prizes - 12.00

Facility Usage

Donation 400.00

Ending Balance: \$ 3,779.84

---Peggy



***From the Secretary:***

Mike opened the November meeting with 20 members present and 1 guest. The October minutes were approved. In Marianne's absence, Mike thanked the teachers. William reviewed the many upcoming Christmas Plays. Peggy asked that any receipts be turned in.

Old Business: Fall Campout – Mike thanked everyone who contributed. Christmas Party – The party will be at Advent. Dinner will be in one area and the program in another. Mike will open the doors at 4 p.m. for set up and decoration. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish. An invitation will be issued on eGroup with requests to RSVP to Michel. The Damewoods have the decorations. It was suggested that canned goods be brought for the church's pantry. Mike will talk to the pastor.

New Business: Making a New Club CD – Our inventory of CDs is low. Possibilities discussed included making the club's tape into a CD, selling on-line through iTunes, or offering for sale on the Club's website. Other suggestions included making a new CD of Christmas tunes. Sarah Windmeyer made a motion to form a committee to look into all aspects of this issue – evaluate making more copies of the current CD, making a new CD, and reissuing the tape as a CD. The motion was seconded and carried. Sarah, Carolyn Mounce, and William Damewood will canvass for committee members.

Door prizes were awarded.

---Michel

Please send me articles and information that you think other club members would like to know. Email: [my.zither@att.net](mailto:my.zither@att.net). Please mail by the second Saturday of the month or you may call me at 713-466-5063.

***Playback***


It was my first Christmas play this year. It was at the Adult Christmas Party at the Fellowship Bible Church of Katy. Our group consisted of Carolyn Mounce, Ingrid Wade, Marianne Drabek, Charles Valka, Helen Werner, David Kunetka, and William Damewood (who lead). We played until we ran out of music then enjoyed dining on some mighty fine pot luck fixin's. After we finished, we played as the church members sang some Christmas carols. Marianne insisted we do Silent Night in B<sup>b</sup> so it could be sung. Imagine that! Well, Pastor Don came to our rescue with his B<sup>b</sup> harmonica. Sounded mighty pretty as we closed out the evening.

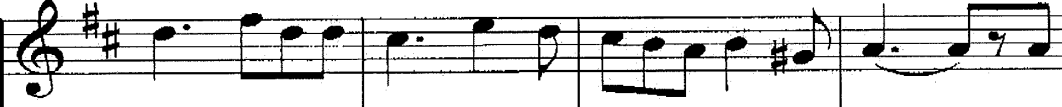
--- William


**Tab for the Season**


Last month I sent the tab for *Gesu Bambino*. This was actually a medley, but only the tab for the tune by *Pietre Yon* was printed. This month we are publishing the old traditional Italian tune that also goes by the name *Gesu Bambino*.


**Gesu Bambino pg 2**

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# Hit or Misc.

**Copperfield Area Jam: Tuesdays - Copperfield Church, Room C-2, 8350 Hwy 6 North** (just south of West Rd., behind U-Haul) The group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Jenny Gonzales, [gonzalezmj73@att.net](mailto:gonzalezmj73@att.net), or Doris Coleman, [doris@texascoleman.com](mailto:doris@texascoleman.com).

**Bread and Jam** meets the 2nd Sunday evening 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, 8787 North Houston Rosslyn road in the fellowship hall. The Bread part - bring canned or staple food items for the food pantry. The Jam part - plays and sings gospel music. All instruments welcome. Beginners welcome. Singers/listeners also welcome. Contact Peggy Johnson at 713-466-8277 or [peggy5020@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggy5020@sbcglobal.net) for information.

## Multimedia

**NHCDS WEBSITE** – Be sure to check the club website regularly for new information and other interesting pictures/articles. To submit pictures and/or information for the web site, email to: Carolyn Mounce at [Carolyn@noracom.com](mailto:Carolyn@noracom.com)

**Club Website:** [North Harris County Dulcimer Society – Houston, Texas](http://NorthHarrisCountyDulcimerSociety-Houston.Texas) To get into the “Members Only” area of the website the user name is ‘oldtimey’ and the password is ‘cabbage’.

**Internet radio show:** The North Harris County Dulcimer Society sponsors an Internet radio show that is all dulcimer all the time. I'm not sure that a lot of y'all knew that. It is a very nice station that can be brought up, minimized, and enjoyed. The web address for that is. [www.live365.com/stations/dulcimerradio](http://www.live365.com/stations/dulcimerradio)

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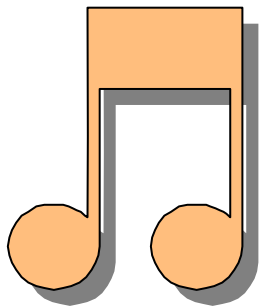
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- Music accessories, strings, picks
- Festival photography
- Banjos, tenor guitars, autoharps and other instruments
- Recording studio

**Contact Bo Allison – ph. 281-782-7715, email [www.boallison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.boallison@sbcglobal.net)**

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## NORTH HARRIS COUNTY DULCIMER SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE -

NHCDS meets the third Saturday each month

### Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont

- 2:00 – Classes
- 3:00 – Classes
- 4:00 – Business Meeting
- 4:45 – 5:00 Break
- 5:00 – 7:00 JAMMING TIME!

**ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP-** Dues are \$20.00 for a family membership, \$15.00 for single membership, and \$12.50 for an associate membership for someone who doesn't attend meetings or vote but does receive the newsletter. Also, donations are gladly accepted.

#### Building Protocols:

Enter by the doors for the office. That will be the doors to your right as you face the building.

#### Things to remember:

1. The doors lock automatically when they are closed, so someone inside has to open the door for you. Don't walk back out to your car if no one is there.
2. Don't leave the door propped open, that will compromise our security.

