

# The Plank Road News .... all the news fit to sing

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Greetings!

Winter's on its way, and here's the news from the Plank Road:

## Hellos and Good-byes

This fall has seen some changes in the Plank Road board of directors. The board now stands: Mark Dvorak, president; Marianne Mohrhussen, secretary; Charlie Lewis, treasurer; Cathy Jones, director; Dave Reynolds, director; Dave Humphreys, director.

Our former treasurer, Ron Simpson, resigned from the PRFMS board for personal reasons. Ron has been serving as treasurer since the PRFMS registered as a non-profit organization with the state of Illinois in December, 1984. We all appreciate the hours and effort he's put in, and the fine job he's done.

Plank Road would like to welcome Charlie Lewis and Cathy Jones to the board. Charlie is replacing Ron as treasurer and director. He has been active in the Plank Road since its beginning and you've probably seen him many times working or playing at the Old Quarter or Two Way Street coffeehouses. Cathy is filling the position of director that was left when past president Paul Klonowski stepped down. Cathy is an enthusiastic member of the PRFMS. You may have seen her fiddling at one of our barn dances, or heard of her in connection with the Jones Family School of Folk Music.

Plank Road would also like to thank Mark Dvorak for taking over the position of president.

## Mark Your Calendars!!

- Plank Road's annual general membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18th, at the Old Quarter coffeehouse at 1:30 p.m. Come on out, we need your input! All suggestions, ideas, and/or volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Also, if you think you might be interested in becoming a director of the Plank Road, please call Mark at 387-9312 before December 17th.

And don't forget our monthly meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the Two Way Street coffeehouse in Downers Grove. These meetings are open to all members of the PRFMS, so please feel free to stop in.

- The Old Quarter coffeehouse will be holding a barn dance on Friday, Dec. 19th at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available and caller Marianne Mohrhussen will be on hand to teach the dances and make sure everybody has a great time. Everyone is welcome: dancers and non-dancers, kids and adults. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, children under twelve are free.

- Coming up at The Old Town School of Folk Music (909 W. Armitage, Chicago): Nov. 29, Tom Paxton and Jim Post; Dec. 12, Jean Redpath. For more information call 525-7793.

- The next Chicago Houselights concert is Nov. 21st, Bell and Shore. Call 338-8412 or 685-3080 for information on this and other Chicago Houselights concerts.

- The next five PRFMS singaround dates are: Sun., Nov. 23rd- Old Quarter coffeehouse; Sat., Dec. 13th- Two Way Street coffeehouse; Sun., Jan 18th (after general meeting)- Old Quarter; Sat., Feb. 21st- Two Way Street; Sun., March 15th- Old Quarter. Singarounds start with a beginner's jam at 1:30 for which songbooks are available. Refreshments are available and admission is \$1.

#### Happy Holidays

The Plank Road Christmas party will be held at the Old Quarter coffeehouse on Sat., Dec. 20th. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. for caroling in the neighborhood. Entertainment for the evening includes storyteller Caroline Thomas-Davidoff. Admission is just \$3 and kids under twelve are free, so bring yourselves, your families, and, of course, your instruments.

#### What's New?

The Something Else Coffee House makes its home on the campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. Something Else features traditional and original music on acoustic instruments performed by Lewis students, faculty, and community artists. Admission is free, the atmosphere is warm and the Refreshments are interesting. The coffee house opens at 9:00 p.m. and continues until midnight. Something Else is open the following Thursdays this fall: November 20 (featuring Lee Murdock), and Dec. 4.

Beginning in January, Something Else will be open every Thursday that school is in session, alternating the folk music format with fine-arts films. The schedule for the spring semester reads: Jan. 22 (folk music); Jan. 29 (film); Feb. 5 (music); Feb. 12 (film); Feb. 19 (music); Feb. 26 (film); March 5 (music); March 19 (music); March 26 (film); April 2 (music); April 9 (film); April 23 (music).

#### Keep a Look-out Dept.

Saturday, March 21st is the tentative date for a planned folk music conference featuring groups and speakers from all over Illinois. The conference will be held right here in the suburbs at the Old Quarter coffeehouse in Brookfield. Watch for more information in the next newsletter or at the Old Quarter.

#### Don't Forget

- Watch for discounts for PRFMS members on selected Old Quarter concerts.

- PRFMS T-shirts are still available in adult sizes (s, m, l, xl) and new children's sizes (s, m, l). Shirts are \$7 for non-members and \$6 for members. They are available at both the Old Quarter and the Two Way Street. If you would like to order by mail please send your check including \$1 for postage to our post office box. (Don't forget to specify size.)

Remember, our mailing address remains:

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Brookfield, IL  
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- Plank Road is co-sponsoring monthly children's concerts at the Old Quarter. Check the schedule for particular times and performers and treat your kids (or someone else's) to an afternoon of music and fun.

- Weekly Wednesday night singarounds are held at Michelangelo's (329 E. Indian Trail, Aurora). Call Julie at 897-3655 for info.

- The David Adler Cultural center in Libertyville presents concerts and open stages on Friday nights. Call 367-0707 for details.

- Open stage is held every Monday night at the No Exit Cafe and Gallery (6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago). Call 743-3355 for info.

- The Two Way Street coffeehouse is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday night, with entertainment on Fridays.

- The Old Quarter coffeehouse presents concerts every Friday and Saturday night.

#### Do You Have Something to Say?

Do you have an announcement, observation, or item of news that you think would be of interest to other Plank Road members? If so, please call Lisa at 485-6073 or mail contributions to our P. O. Box. All items for the next issue must be received by Feb. 15.

That's All Folks!!