

Quarter Notes

Newsletter of the Plank Road Folk Music Society Spring 1992



Plank Road Springs Ahead!

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7 THE PLANK ROAD OPRY! Featuring The HAPLESS CREATURES, BRIAN DAGENHART, DONNA LEE & DAVE RITTENHOUSE, CHARLES LEWIS. 8 pm at Sokol Hall, 3907 Prairie, Brookfield. \$7/\$5 Plank Road members.

13 AN EVENING WITH SI KAHN. 8:30 pm. Fellowship Hall, Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. \$10/\$8. Advanced tickets available by calling 708/388-9422.

14 OLD TIME STRING BAND MUSIC with JANE KEEFER. 8 pm at the Jones' Family Music Studio, 36 E. Hickory, Lombard. Another in the Jones' excellent house concert series. Call for reservations 708/916-1356.

14 MANY PLANK ROAD SINGERS will be performing at the Lyons Township High School Model Railroad Show. Noon til 5 pm. The entertainment is FREE. Phone 708/482-8632.

16 PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING. 8 pm at Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove.

21 SING-A-ROUND. 2 pm at the Two Way Street. Coffee House. Everyone invited!

21 DOUG and WILLA PORTER in concert with special guest GEORGE MATTSON. 8 pm at Hollywood House, 8540 Washington, Brookfield. \$7/\$5 members.

APRIL

18 SING-A-ROUND. 2 pm at the Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove. Everyone Invited!

18 ART THIEME in concert. 8 pm at Hollywood House, 8540 Washington, Brookfield. \$7/\$5 members.

20 PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING. 8 pm Two Way Street Coffee House. 1047 Curtiss. downers Grove.

(more calendar listings on page 2)

Information 708/387-9312 or 708/964-0305

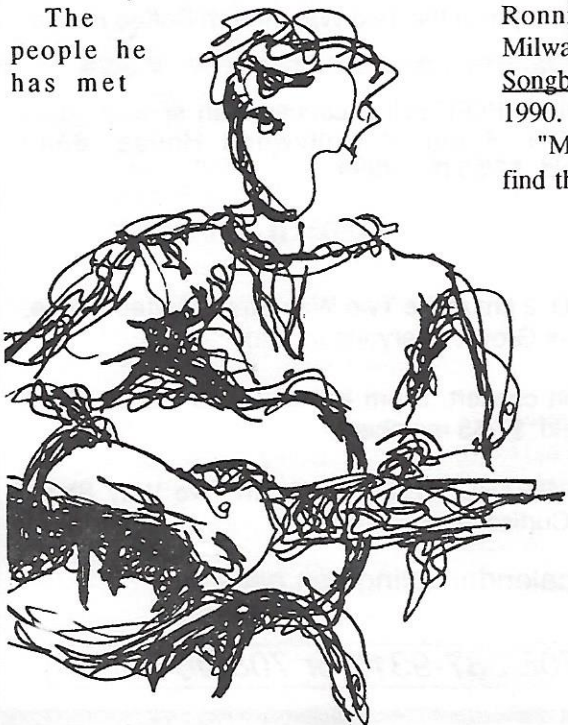


AN EVENING with SI KAHN MAR. 13 at FELLOWSHIP HALL

Affirmation and gentle wit are the hallmarks of the work of Si Kahn, a leading member of the current generation of activist folksingers and a nationally recognized author, lecturer and songwriter. The Plank Road Folk Music Society proudly presents "An Evening with Si Kahn" Saturday, March 13, at Fellowship Hall (in the 1st Congregational Church of Downers Grove), 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove at 8:30 pm.

It's now almost twenty five years since Kahn first began working as an organizer and musician in the South. His work in the Southern civil rights movement was the first step on a road that has led him through the coal camps and cotton mill towns of the South, the Brookside strike in Harlan county, Kentucky; the brown lung movement and the J.P. Stevens campaign in the Carolinas; and the critical work of organizing and coalition-building among black and white, women and men, and rural and urban areas in the South today.

The people he has met



and worked with during the last twenty five years- their words and songs, stories and jokes- are the stuff out of which Kahn's songs of have been woven.

Kahn continues to work as Executive Director of Grassroots Leadership, a team of organizers which provides people, communities and organizations in the South with the organizing and strategy assistance they need to confront challenges in in the areas of health care, housing, the environment, discrimination, civil rights, justice and peace.

He has released 8 albums of original songs and a double album of traditional civil rights, women's, and labor songs recorded jointly with Jane Sapp and Pete Seeger. He has authored two widely used books on training organizers published by McGraw-Hill and NASW Press. Two musicals which Kahn has scored are slated for production in 1992. "Some Sweet Day" was showcased by the National Association of Music Theater Producers at New York City's John Houseman Theater, and "Mother Jones" (starring former Weaver Ronnie Gilbert), will premier at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. The Si Kahn Songbook was published by Hal Leonard in 1990.

"My hope is that these songs will help us find the strength in ourselves that we need

to keep on keeping on.

Unfortunately, music is not enough to change the world. It takes people working together to reach the goals that we've set for ourselves," says Kahn.

"Over the past ten years, we've helped put together all of these different types of organizations from the ground up, more than a dozen new organizations in all.

"We don't just organize and run either; as they grow, we're

Calendar Listings Cont'd.

MAY

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18 PLANK ROAD BOARD MEETING. 8 pm. Two Way Street Coffeeshouse.

close at hand and available to keep working with them as they want and need us."

Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for Plank Road members) and are available at the door. Advanced tickets are available by phoning 708/388-9422 or by filling out the order form on page 4. For more information phone 708/964-0305.

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money order to:
Plank Road Folk
Music Society.
See page 4 for
details.
(Sorry-general
seating only)*

HOLLYWOOD HOUSE CONCERTS MARCH 21 & APRIL 18

The Plank Road "Hollywood House" series will continue with two spring concerts to be held at Brookfield's historic Hollywood House, 8540 Washington.

March 21st, 8 pm brings the New England (they just moved!) bluegrass & country duet of **Doug & Willa Porter** along with special guest **George Mattson** to the Plank Road.

Recognized for their unique approach to acoustic music, and noted for their distinctive style, the Porters perform a wide range of bluegrass, folk and original songs and tunes as well as country standards. Doug has earned a reputation as a top-notch flat picker, while Willa's songwriting and fiddle playing are the dominant forces that flow throughout their music. They'll be performing selections from their Tuquoise Records release, "Windows."

Opening the show will be song collector and vocalist **George Mattson**. George has frequently appeared at the Old Town School of Folk Music's "Mr. Coffeehouse," and has literally several thousand songs in his active repertoire. He sings country, folk, pop tunes, show tunes and obscure songs and is an adept interpreter and song stylist. Tickets are \$7/\$5 for members. For information phone 708/964-0305 or 708/387-9312.

On Saturday, April 18, 8 pm, our old friend **Art Thieme** will return to the Plank Road for a concert at Hollywood House, 8540 Washington Brookfield.

Over the past two years, Thieme's performing and touring schedule had been limited by back surgery. As his health has returned, Thieme is "back on the road" delighting audiences with his warmth, folklore, jokelore and his incredible songs.

Plank Road president **Paul Klonowski** says, "It's great to see Art back out on the road performing. He's been one of our favorites for the past ten years, and we're certainly proud to have him as part of our '91-'92 series. Folks won't want to miss this!" Tickets are \$7/\$5 for members. For more information phone 708/964-0305.

To get to Hollywood House, take 1st Avenue (north from Ogden, south from I-290) to Forest/Ridgewood/Washington (that's the stoplight between Ogden & 31st). Head west. After 1 stop sign look on your right, just past the football stadium. It's that easy!

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The current Plank Road Board of Directors: **Paul Klonowski**, president; **Cathy Jones**, secretary; **Charles Lewis**, treasurer; **Marianne Mohrhusen**, membership; **Jerry Burke**; **Dave Humphrey**; **Dave Reynold**; **Rick Rodriguez** and **Jeff Sands**.

...10th Anniversary T-shirts will be available all year long! You may pick one up (all sizes) at any of our concerts for \$10. Or we'll send you one in the mail (add \$1 postage)...

...We're very happy to report that **Ann Jones** is feeling much better these days, and is back working as a music instructor at the **Jones Family Music Studio**. She along with her husband Tom and daughter Cathy are currently offering group and private instruction in guitar, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, mandolin and singing. Give them a call at 708/916-1356...

...As we go to print, some folks are investigating the feasibility of a folk music car-pool hot line. If this sounds like a good idea to you, or would like to help, call Mark at 312/282-7648....

...Hearty Congratulations to **Craig DuSold** and **Sarah Kiersterad** who were married on the stage at the Two Way Street Coffee House on Valentine's Day. Craig & Sarah regularly attend the Plank Road Sing-A-Rounds, and Craig is one of the original Two Way Street performers! Best wishes to both...

...Plank Road favorite **Mark Dvorak** is back in the studio working on a new Depot recording. His album (which will be released in CD & cassette) will be called "Use It Up, Wear It Out" and will feature a collection of great songs from his repertoire. Many of the area's finest musicians and singers are scheduled to appear on the album including **Jim DeWan**, **Marianne Mohrhusen**, **Dave Humphreys**, **Catherine Hall**, **Ted Parrish** and others. Look for a June 1 release...

...Our friends at the Warrenville Folk Music Society are busily planning their 4th Annual Folk Festival to be held on July 11 & 12th. The festival will feature master classes, workshops, dancing and of course a great concert line-up. They're still trying to decide whether to hold the event in Cerny Park (where it has been the last 3 yrs.) or to hold it downtown Warrenville. If you've got some ideas on the subject, phone the Warrenville Folk Music Society at 708/717-8495. This year, the Plank Road Folk Music Society will be volunteering as an organization to help out in various areas of planning and working the festival. If you'd like to join in, please contact Paul Klonowski at 815/728-0187.

...See ya next time!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We're bringing you this issue of The Quarter Notes a little earlier than usual as we wanted to be sure that you knew about our spring calendar. We've taken on an ambitious schedule, but we think you'll be delighted with the concerts and activities that are available to you as a Plank Road member.

Of course, we're very excited about bringing Si Kahn in on March 13th. And we hope you'll come out to Hollywood House as Doug & Willa Porter make their Plank Road debut on March 21st.

We've not heard Art Thieme's great songs, tall tales (and bad puns) for a long while and we felt an evening with Art would be an extra special grand finale to our 10th Anniversary Season.

I want to thank our board of directors, who have done a super job making our 10th year together a memorable and exciting time. And I want to thank you, our members, for your continued support. I would also like to urge you to spread the word about the Plank Road Folk Music Society. Invite your friends to one of our shows. Consider dropping in on a board meeting. They're pretty relaxed affairs, and we'd like to get to know YOU better. Give a Plank Road membership as a gift. They are inexpensive, and the discount on concert tickets is substantial. And the music always great! See you soon!

Paul Klonowski

JOIN THE TRADITION TODAY!

YES! I'd like to become a member of the **Plank Road Folk Music Society!** Send me the Quarter Notes in the mail 4 times a year so I can find out about all of the great Plank Road activities--AND enjoy discounts on the best in folk & acoustic music concert presentations!

name _____

address _____

town _____ state _____ zip _____

type of membership:

- Individual (\$5 annual)
- Family (\$9 annual--includes couples)
- Contributing (\$25 or more--free t-shirt)
- Yes! I'm a new member!

	how many	price@	total
MEMBERSHIP AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$5/\$9/\$25	
PLANK ROAD T-SHIRT S M L XL		\$10.00	
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