



# Quarter Notes

Spring 2007

## Going Down The Old Plank Road

### From the PRFMS President:

As we look ahead to 2007, I want to take time to thank our board members and officers from the past years for their continuing commitment and dedication to Plank Road Folk Music Society, many of whom have been involved in leadership and board positions



since our beginning approximately 25 years ago. I am excited to be starting 2007 with a new PRFMS board, and the entire board is excited about the overwhelming support and positive response from each of you, our membership, to our recent survey and our request for volunteers.

We started the year at the Annual Log Cabin Meeting which was attended by more than 70 people. Everyone enjoyed an evening of socializing with friends, great refreshments, and of course, the song circle. Thanks to George Mattson for being our song circle leader. On the business side, we introduced the 2007 PRFMS board

and welcomed Vicki Ingle as both a new board member and officer. We talked about the need to engage our membership to assure that we have volunteers for events as well as members for future board positions. This is the only way to keep Plank Road Folk Music Society as an active and participatory organization into the future. We also talked about the need to currently focus on what we do best - encouraging participation in music events in the Western Suburbs - while we review the results of the membership survey (see article to right).

Thus this Quarter Note publication is a bit abbreviated as we go through this transition to better understand what each of you wants from PRFMS and how we can more effectively meet these needs. Thanks for your support during this time. You will be getting information soon about the survey results, opportunities for you to help, and other changes designed to increase the value and opportunities of the PRFMS organization to our members.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or input, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, (clmjoyal@aol.com) or to talk to the board members at one of the events. We are looking forward to a great 2007!

—Cheryl Joyal

## PRFMS January 2007 Membership Survey-

### Preliminary Results

What an outstanding response to the survey! We will be sharing more detailed results of the survey with you in the next few months but thought you'd like to know that....



- Over 60 surveys were returned out of approximately 135 memberships (170 total members)... this is almost 40% !! (note that statistically most surveys get less than 20% response - isn't it nice to know that we are more participatory as folk aficionados than the general public).

- 33 people put their name on the volunteer list for future events.

- We had 6 people indicate interest in board positions, and have added our first new board member, Charley Smart, as our Membership Chair.

### Here are the things you had to say about what you liked best about PRFMS

*"We appreciate everything PRFMS has done over the years - especially the willingness to share music and acceptance of all who wish to participate"*

*"I like the warm sense of community in this group"*

*"The opportunity for jams...is a wonderful gift that enriches everyone's life"*

*"I'm just a listener and moral support guy, trying mostly to encourage your fine group to keep up the good work!"*

*"Community....Thanks for keeping this going and going and going"*

*"Networking of people and events that enrich your life and love of live music"*

*"the opportunity to meet some of the nicest people on earth"*

**If you have not yet completed your survey please send it in no later than April 15th as we want a final compilation of results soon.**





Go to [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org) for full details!

**Regularly Scheduled Plank Road Folk Music Society and Two Way Street Coffee House Events...**

- Sing-A-Rounds**  
1st & 3rd Saturday each month - 2-4:00pm  
Two Way Street Coffee House
- Concerts**  
630-969-9720 | [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)  
1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove
- Quarterly Barn Dance Parties**  
Saturday, March 24, 2007 - 8:00pm  
Two Way Street Coffee House
- Barn Dance Band Practice**  
2nd Saturday - September thru May - 2-4:00pm  
Jones Family Music School, Lombard  
630-916-1356 | [www.jonesfamilymusic.com](http://www.jonesfamilymusic.com)

**Bluegrass Jam**  
4th Saturday each month - 2-4:00pm  
Two Way Street Coffee House

**Workshops**  
An "unplugged" open mike for high school and college age students on the last Thursday of each month - 7:00pm  
Two Way Street Coffee House

**Last Thursday: It's OUR Turn!**

**Community Events and more...**

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## The Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Two Way Street Coffee House invite you to Join us at our

### Old Time Barn Dance Party on March 24th

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dancing for the entire family! Here is your opportunity to dance the night away and/or play with the Plank Road All Volunteer String/Barn Dance Band. Caller Marianne Mohrhusen will walk and talk you through all the dances at our No Experience Necessary Dance, with Cathy Jones leading the music from the band.

If you play an instrument, you're welcome to sit in with the band. As our Barn Dance Band leader, Cathy Jones, puts it: *"We have several different levels of participants in the barn dance band - from those who just come to play at the dance, to those who attend the monthly "practices" on the 4th Saturday of the month (always encouraged to help you become familiar with the tunes), to those who are part of the weekly Barn Dance Dynamics class at the Jones Family Music School. However, the band is always open to anyone who wants to participate on any of these levels - we are still the Plank Road All Volunteer String/Barn Dance Band, after all!"*

Tables will be set up around the edge of the room for visiting with friends and enjoying music between dances. Refreshments available. Our dances are informal, with no costumes needed. In fact, you don't even have to bring a partner! All ages are welcome!

Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30pm)—Admission \$4.00  
Old Time Dance Parties are held at the Two Way Street Coffee House  
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove  
(Across from the Public Library)

For more information call (630) 357-6905 or (630) 889-9121

Visit our website: [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org)



## 2007 PRFMS Board

- Cheryl Joyal—President
- Vicki Ingle—Vice President
- Marianne Mohrhusen—Past President
- Dave Reynolds—Secretary
- Troy LeValley—Treasurer
- Charley Smart—Membership Chair
- Joel Brossard—Board Member, Volunteer Coordinator
- Dave Humphreys—Board Member, Two Way Street Coffee House Liaison
- Jeanne Halama—Board Member
- Cathy Jones—Board Member, Barn Dances
- Chris Kuhn—Board Member
- Jennifer Shilt—Board Member, Graphics
- Carol Sommer—Board Member
- Scott Witt—Board Member, Webmaster

### Looking ahead:

#### Downers Grove Heritage Festival

June 22 - 24, 2007  
(June 23 - Two Way Street Coffee House Folk Music Stage)

#### Fox Valley Folk Festival

September 2 - 3, 2007



# PRFMS Membership & Order Form



**PRFMS Simplified Membership Renewal Process:** If your membership expires before 9/30/2007 and you haven't yet done so, we would appreciate it if you would send in your membership dues ASAP. While we realize this is an early renewal for some, it will help us simplify the membership process and will allow us to have a better planning budget with funds coming in on annual basis. Please use the form below to renew (or sign up as a new member) today.

- \$10 for 1 year/Individual  
 \$20 for 1 year/Family  
 Donation to PRFMS

Membership	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

**I'd like to help with:**

- Events (ticket sales, concessions, set-up, take down, hosting, etc.)  
 Workshops, community performances, Sing-A-Rounds  
 Publicity, photos/archives, finance, special projects

**I prefer to get my Quarter Notes by:**

- Postal mail  
 Email attachment  
 Never mind, I'll download it from the website

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out the order form and send to the address below.  
Please make checks payable to:

**Plank Road Folk Music Society**  
**P.O. Box 386, Downers Grove, IL 60515**



## Folk Resources Next Door

**Plank Road Folk Music Society** PO Box 386, Downers Grove, IL 60515. (630) 889-9121 or (708) 442-0823 Web: [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org)

**Two Way Street Coffee House** 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. (630) 969-9720 Web: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)

**Jones Family Music School** Lombard. (630) 916-1356 Web: [www.jonesfamilymusic.com](http://www.jonesfamilymusic.com)

**Maple Street Chapel** Main & Maple, Lombard, 60148. (630) 629-2630 or (630) 964-4871 Web: [www.tccafe.com/msc](http://www.tccafe.com/msc)

**Acoustic Renaissance Concerts** Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. (708) 802-0236 Web: [www.acousticren.com](http://www.acousticren.com)

**Folk Lore Center & Acorn Coffee Bar** 29W140 Butterfield Rd, POB 762, Warrenville, IL 60555. (630) 393-1247  
Web: [www.folk-lorecenter.com](http://www.folk-lorecenter.com)

**Woodstock Folk Music/Festival** (815) 338-4245 Web: [www.woodstockfolkmusic.com](http://www.woodstockfolkmusic.com)

**Fox Valley Folklore Society** 755 N Evanslawn Ave, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 897-3655 Web: [www.FoxValleyFolk.com](http://www.FoxValleyFolk.com)

**Warrenville Folk Music Society** POB 248, Warrenville IL 60555. (630) 717-8495 E-mail: [Warrenvillefolk@aol.com](mailto:Warrenvillefolk@aol.com)

**Lake County Folk Club** Box 847, Mundelein, IL 60060. (847) 949-5355 Web: <http://thelakecountyfolkclub.org>

**HANDS (Hammers & Noters Dulcimer Society)** Box 181, Morris, IL 60450. (708) 331-6875 Web: [www.gwdf.org](http://www.gwdf.org)

**South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society** P.O. Box 455, Park Forest, IL 60466. (708) 756-3857

**WDCB, Public Radio from College of DuPage** For a program guide, call (630) 942-4200

Tune in to "Folk Festival" with George Brown Tuesdays 7 to 9 pm and "Strictly Bluegrass" with Larry Robinson Wednesdays 7 to 9 pm