

## President's Corner

Happy New Year to you all! 2011 was a busy year for SMTMD, with 10 contra dances, 4 great concerts, and 4 open mics. Looking at our calendar for 2012, it's going to be just as busy with our first contra on January 14 with Ann Fallon as the caller, and our first open mic on January 27th. Bob Augustine continues to line up wonderful talent for our concerts, and he's got some acts coming this February and April that you just won't want to miss.

We said goodbye to Mike Smith, our outgoing President and Lois Stephenson, outgoing Hospitality Chair (and former Member at Large), and thanked them for all their hard work for SMTMD.

It's membership renewal time! In case you missed the earlier announcements, our membership year now runs from January 1 through December 31. This simplifies our book-keeping (and yours too!) since now everyone will have the same easy-to-remember renewal date. Please fill out a renewal form so we can be sure our information is up-to-date,

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## The Klines Perform at Homespun Coffhouse on February 24

Michael and Carrie Nobel Kline operate Talking Across the Lines: Worldwide Conversations, LLC, a folklife documentary consulting and production firm. Together with students and community interns they seek to give voice to a wide range of views on historical and current events. Talking Across the Lines documents people of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds through broadcast quality audio recordings and still photography. The Klines record stirring oral testimonials with [folk artists](#).

## New Board and Officers Elected

At the annual meeting in November, we welcomed the new Board of Directors:  
 President - Greg Penk  
 Vice President - Vacant - but YOUR name could go here!!!  
 Secretary - Phyllis McCauley  
 Treasurer - Debs Szymkowiak  
 Member at Large - Alan Newhouse  
 Membership Chair - Joan Paribello  
 Hospitality Chair - Ron Stephenson

Talking Across the Lines shares intimate stories and musical performances through engaging [tapes, books and CDs](#) which carry listeners into private and sacred spaces. Conducting broad-based [community oral history and folklife projects](#), the Klines weave quilts of truths gathered from varied sources. They document stories of resiliency recorded with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people and have produced a play, [Revelations](#), showcasing inspirational narratives from LGBT West Virginians.

Michael and Carrie Kline have worked extensively in West Virginia and Ohio where they produced recordings on the [Underground Railroad](#) and [local heritage music](#), with [Cherokees](#) in North Carolina, in Pennsylvania and in [Southern Maryland's Chesapeake region](#) where they produced a fast-paced documentary, [Born and Raised in Tobacco Fields](#), and a two volume series of CDs featuring [African American sacred music](#).

Michael and Carrie are themselves a [musical duo](#), performing tight, high mountain harmonies of traditional Appalachian and contemporary songs on guitar and voice. They have released a recording of their own music, [Eyes of a Painter](#), with

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and either mail us a check or bring your dues to our next event.

We're always looking for volunteers in general - folks to set up, put away, take \$ at the door, bring goodies (which we'll reimburse!), make coffee, serve as VP... there's an opportunity to fit every volunteer... AND volunteers get free admission - and our undying appreciation!

Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you in January.

--Greg Penk

## *The Klines (From Page 1)*

gifted friends lending performances on voice, fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bass. The Klines [lead workshops and teach](#) in college and community settings and have offered [trainings](#) in community listening projects. They possess a diverse array of [academic and life experience](#).

Contact Michael and Carrie Kline at [kline@folktalk.org](mailto:kline@folktalk.org); 114 Boundary Avenue, Elkins, WV 26241; [www.folktalk.org](http://www.folktalk.org)

Michael and Carrie Kline have been studying and chronicling the history and culture of Appalachia for thirty years. Michael, with a Ph.D. in Public Folklore from Boston University, and Carrie, with a Master's Degree in American Studies from SUNY/Buffalo, have cumulatively written twenty articles for Goldenseal Magazine since 1978, when Michael served on Goldenseal's editorial staff at the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. Michael's efforts to document 20th Century West Virginia life were supported in the early 1970s with receipt of a Ford Fellowship Award, and with a grant from the West Virginia Humanities in 1980. He has served on the Citizen's Advisory Board of the West Virginia Humanities Council and has far ranging contacts throughout the State with historians, Appalachian Studies scholars, artists and musicians. He has conducted extensive oral interviews with farmers, home makers and workers in most of the State's industries and communities.

They are 1999 winners of the Media Arts Fellowship Award from the West Virginia Division of Culture & History, Charleston, West Virginia. Carrie received the Spring, 2001 Rockefeller Fellowship through Marshall University's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Huntington, WVa..



## *And Don't Forget...*

### *Homespun Coffee House and Open Mics*

The HomeSpun Coffee House hosts open mics open to all, and concerts by known performers generally on the fourth Friday of the month at the Christ Church Hall on Zack Fowler Road in Chaptico, MD. The open mics and concerts generally alternate months. November and December schedules are different due to the holidays. Check the calendar of page 3 of the Newsletter to November and December dates.

Doors open at 7 pm and music starts at 7:30. Open Mic admission is \$5 for members and guests. Performers get in free. Concerts are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Open mic performers usually do three songs each and can be solo or group acts. Generally limited to traditional instruments, but we're flexible. Full sound system is provided for vocals and instruments.

### *Contra Dances*

Contra dances, American folk dances with European roots, are held on the 2nd Saturday at 7 pm, at Christ Church Hall in Chaptico beginning in July. Admission is \$6, \$8 for non-members.. Dancers of all levels welcome. No experience necessary to join in the fun!

Call Bob Augustine at 301 475-5522 for additional info.

### *Aqua Squares - Modern American Square Dancing*

The Aqua Squares dance every Friday from 7:00 until 9:30 pm at the Southern Community Center in Lusby, MD. Dance 'til you drop! Learn basic and mainstream moves and make new friends.

Call John or Karen at 410 394-1647 for more information.

### *Bushwood Mill Jams*

Old time jams are back at the Bushwood Mill, across the road from the Bushwood Post Office on Bushwood Road.

Generally held monthly on the 2nd Friday at 7 pm and the last Sunday at 4 pm. No charge to listen or play.

Call Lucy Peterkin at 301 769-4762 for more info.

# Open Mic

## January 27

If you have two or three tunes to perform, be sure to contact John or Karen Garner at 410 394-1647, or email to [carthagena@wildblue.net](mailto:carthagena@wildblue.net).



### In Concert Feb. 24

Carrie and Mike Kline will Play at the SMTMD Homespun Coffeehouse on Friday, February 24. Show begins at 7:30 an Christ Church Hall in Chaptico.

### Contra Callers

January 14 - Ann Fallon  
February 11 - Greg Frock  
March 10 - Eva Murray

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Newsletter items.

Send your item, announcement, article, classified ad, or anything else, to me about two weeks before the first day of odd-numbered months and I can get it in.

You can contact me at 301 904-4452 or at [drguyther@cs.com](mailto:drguyther@cs.com)

-- Robin Guyther

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check our web site:  
[www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org)

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Submit calendar and newsletter  
items to [drguyther@cs.com](mailto:drguyther@cs.com)

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**Allegro Music offers discounts to SMTMD members. Visit their store in the Hickory Hills Center.**

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