



West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

Promoting and preserving bluegrass music in West Michigan

HAPPY NEW YEAR

This year your **WMBMA** Officers are: President Greg May, Vice President Dan Seif, Treasurer Mark Walker, Secretary Ruth Lakatos . The nine seated Board Members are Dave Conley Sr., Josie Conley, Dave Simmonds, Bert Jones, Jim Thompson, Louis Camphuis, Ed Bronson, Ronnie Bailey, and John Lakatos.

We're real excited as we plan and prepare for the upcoming festival season for **WMBMA**. Our Junegrass festival will be special as we are featuring all Michigan bands. You know them, you love them, some you've not heard for a very long time. They will be bringing their very best to you in Lowell to kick off our bluegrass festival summer.

We will be having a full slate of workshops on Saturday morning, the very entertaining Band Scramble, the 50/50 drawings, the silent auction, plenty of jamming, the jammers widow craft on Friday afternoon, the very popular Thursday evening potluck and jam, not to mention all the catching up with old friends and the making of new ones. All of this for the same price as last year. That's right! Unlike the rest of our world, the prices are not going up at **WMBMA** this year.

There will be much more information coming your way. The best way to keep up is to come to the Board meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month, at the Lake Michigan Sports Bar in Standale. The meeting starts at 1:00 and a jam follows. Keep checking on the website, too. We'll keep you up to date on what's happening in the Association.

One of the really big things happening right now is the going over of the Constitution and Bylaws of **WMBMA**. There is so much to update. As our world has been changing with technology and the like, there are many obsolete items that need to be addressed. To be a part of this overhaul you need to make it out to the meetings to work with us on this huge task.

You do need to be a member in good standing in order to participate in the changes, so be sure to update your membership if it has lapsed. That can be done at any meeting, or you can find the forms needed on the **WMBMA** website. The Membership runs from June 30th through June 29th of the following year.

Stay tuned, stay in touch, and get ready for a big year of Bluegrass Music.

People ask me what my favorite season is and I tell them,
"Bluegrass Festival Season' and 'Baseball Season' -ain't nothin' more fun!"

See you out with the crowds.

