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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2020 is already starting to shape up into an exciting year for WMBMA. We have some great festival plans that John will be telling you about later in this letter.

If you are looking to renew your membership or sign up a friend or family member, you can do that at any one of our monthly Meeting/Jams or go to the website [www.wmbma.org](http://www.wmbma.org) and download the form, fill it out and mail a check made out to WMBMA to Ruth Lakatos 5889 E. Buchanan Rd. Hesperia, Michigan 49421.

If you are looking to become a WMBMA sponsor for the 2020 Festival Season or continue your sponsorship support that form can also be found on the website.

If you're having difficulty in finding either of the forms on the website, just send me a message at [jrmusic212@gmail.com](mailto:jrmusic212@gmail.com) and I will send you what you need. Be sure to include your address so I can promptly respond to your request.

We are excited that Louise Kamphuis is back up and running after her surgery and will be chairing our Silent Auction for us again this year. Carol and Christie Bolter have been shopping since Junegrass for the fun gift baskets that you bid on every year. Keep your eyes open for any items that you would like to donate for the auction. Your items can also be dropped off at any of the monthly Meeting/Jams.

I've been practicing my cookie baking for the bake sale and I'm pretty sure you'll find something that you'll like. Bring along some of your favorites to put in the bake sale, too. I'm sure yours will be different than mine and just as good or better. Bluegrassers like their sweets as we all know.

Don't forget about the Thursday Night potluck. Now there's always some good eatin' there, too. Plan to come out early in the week and stay 'til Sunday. We have some great entertainment lined up and always room for more jammin' at the camp sites.

Hello WMBMA members!

Winter is here and festival season is still coming.... It just has to change seasons. Warm weather and hot bluegrass! Now there is a perfect combo!

Just as a reminder to the WMBMA members, our festival is no longer being held in June. Junegrass is no more. Our festival is now being held on September 18-19 2020. Fallfest is back! The Kent County Fairground in Lowell, Mich is the place with camping, food, friends, fun and great bluegrass music. This year we will feature the Crowfoot Family Band, the WMBMA Board Band, The Band Bridge, Rhythm Ramblers, One Accord Bluegrass Gospel, and Pinecastle Records recording artist Kim Robbins and 40 Years Late. Let's see...did I forget anything? Oh Yes! How about the always popular Thursday evening potluck dinner! How about the Open Mic hour on Friday evening? The Band Scramble and Silent Auction on Saturday along with workshops! Wow, mark your calendars now and get your tickets early. You won't want to miss a minute of this and we want to see you all there!

Monthly meetings at Lake Michigan Sports Bar in Standale, Mich, third Saturday of each month. Lots of jamming after the meeting with the most friendly group of folks around. Bring your instruments and some songs to share. Food and drinks available and loads of fun!

Tell your friends about WMBMA and please bring them along to the meeting/jam and get them to attend the festival with you. Like I always say, Everyone likes bluegrass music! Some folks just don't know it yet!

See you all soon and keep warm! Summer's a-comin'!.!

John Lakatos