



*Our annual reports are online at [www.debencemusicworld.com](http://www.debencemusicworld.com). Details of past years spending are there, along with benchmarking to measure our performance.*

### **Member Appreciation Day**

On Saturday, September 14 we plan a membership appreciation afternoon. There will be a musical tour at 3:00, followed at 4:00 by a reception with a building tour, a presentation on our progress over the past 25 years, and review of our future plans. All members will be invited to participate

### **Year 2018 Financial Situation News:**

We had a good year financially in that in spite of Elevator and Juke Box problems we ended the year with about \$8,200 in the black. \$3,350 of that is grant money committed to programs and projects in 2019, the rest will go into maintenance, the Trust, or matching grant moneys.

We retained the Platinum level with GuideStar.

You can probably soon check out our Annual Reports on our website. Though we are having trouble getting the 2018 report online, it will eventually be available..

### **Serving our Community**

1) The third annual Snowflake Ball was held on Feb 8, with live music and about 60 in attendance. A fine time was had by all.

1) Our total attendance for the 2018 year was 3611, down some from 2017.

2) The Mini-Event program of free one hour presentations continued, sponsored by the Rees Trust, with 2018 attendance of 422.

3) We provided space for several local organization meetings, and free storage for materials owned by The Venango Chamber Orchestra, the Silver Cornet Band, & The Historic Franklin Preservation Association.

4) Our repair of antique music machines for the public was continued.

5) Our free school tours program continued in 2018, at 345 students, up 20% from 2017

6) We offer low cost rental space for events or meetings in the third floor ballroom or the open area in the basement, and had 19 groups take advantage of the offer in 2018.

7) On Saturday April 13, In cooperation with the Venango Museum in Oil City and the Venango County Historical Society we are participating in Venango County Museum Day and offering free admission.

### **Progress Within the Collections:**

1) We were given a beautiful British pre 1860 tall case clock with built in organ. Restoration to full operation is under way, though the organ is resisting our attention, and the clock has some problems left from past repair efforts.



2) 1909 Weber piano is continued.

3) 10 items suitable for display was a 1927 gramophone which was the least expensive of orthophonic gramophones. It has been moved to our first floor.

4) All repair and maintenance repair, boxing

and identification. We discovered we possess a one of a kind factory custom made Wurlitzer 150 music roll.

5) We finished the year with eight machines in the basement free tour area that play for a quarter a song. They played a total of 1220 songs in 2018.

6) The Seeburg juke box had been a problem during 2018, and after sizeable repair costs, and many hours by Ed Bottegai is now working, but still has some quirks to be resolved.

### **Progress on Improving the Building**

1) We obtained a grant to allow the installation of a new internal phone system. It gives us phones on all floors, and an intercom function as well. It has worked well from the start, and has greatly improved our internal communications. The conversion of our Verizon connections to accommodate this new system turned into a 3 week comedy of errors which also involved our security and elevator service companies before we were finished. The new system will save us about \$960 per year on our Verizon bill.

2) With help from a grant we plan to carpet the raised floor area in the Ballroom. This will

improve the appearance and is expected to improve the acoustics of the room as well.

3) There was a gap between our entrance and the city's sidewalk which was cleaned out and sealed.

### **Memorial or Honor Donations**

If you know anyone with a love of music machines you might consider honoring them in this way. The honoree gets a notice of your donation, you get a tax deduction, and we get some needed and appreciated funding. For a person interested in mechanical music a prepaid admission or a membership could make a great gift.

### **Our Opportunities**

The Trust needs to be properly funded, and our reserve fund is smaller than recommended.

We still need some manikins.

We invite those of you not now sustaining members to join us. Our ability to get grants depends in part on our membership support. A family membership only costs \$50 per year

Please consider filling in the appropriate blanks, and returning your fully tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your past interest and we look forward to hearing from you. You may use Visa or MasterCard if you prefer.

**Yes, I'd like to help you out with the building renovation and instrument restorations.**

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