



*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.*

### **Financial Situation News:**

It looks like we will end the year with our operating budget at a little above a break even state.

The financial surprise this year was a combination of items. The elevator gave us trouble to the extent of \$2300 we had not planned on. The only bright side of that was because we had switched service suppliers it only cost half what it would have with the previous one.

Our Seeburg Juke Box has cost us \$1400 for repairs to the electronics.

A good thing that cost extra was the banner year for our school tours which ran \$800 over budget.

Our future telephone costs will be at least \$75 per month less due to the new phone system/

We expect grants for the 2019 school tours, and the mini events which will allow these programs to continue.

Thanks to several donors our trust has grown to \$32,000. We are not taking any income from the trust, as all the income is directed back into the trust to allow it to grow. We could use your help with a one time donation for this cause.

We have retained the platinum level with GuideStar.

[OIL REGION MUSIC PRESERVATION MUSEUM \(DeBence Antique Music World\)](http://www.oilregionmusicpreservationmuseum.com) is a GuideStar Exchange Member

**Serving our Community**

Our total attendance for the 2016 year was close to our all time record so we really do not expect to exceed it this year. Right now we are running ahead of our three year rolling average

The Mini-Event program of free one hour presentations continued, sponsored by the Rees Trust, with 2018 attendance down slightly because of bad weather and competition from a city sponsored *music in the park* event which blew away one of our events

Our repair of antique music machines for the public was continued. The biggest job done was an 1883 Clough and Warren reed organ for the Williamsport Chapel in Ohio.

Our free school tours program continued in 2018, sponsored by The Samuel and Edith Justus fund

Use of the third floor ballroom or the open area in the basement, by various groups has continued.

In Feb. of 2018 we hosted our first Snowflake Ball which was a dance with live music in our ballroom. It was enjoyed by many, so we intend to try it again in 2019. If you don't get a better offer for the evening of February 2, 2019 then we invite you to our second Snowflake Ball. We also need some sponsors to help pay for the live music.

In cooperation with The Oil City museum, and the Franklin Historical society we held the first Free Museum Day which was a big success. We also participated in the Smithsonian free admission day, and the Blue Star armed services program.

**Progress With the Collection:**

- 1) A great deal of time was spent getting the Seeburg Juke Box running properly again
- 2) The Weber piano is well along in the process of converting it to an O roll nickelodeon.
- 3) We produced and made available a DVD with short music clips for the major work done in the past years.
- 4) We received and restored to playing condition a 1927 Victrola VV1-90 which was the least expensive of the new line of orthophonic machine introduced in 1927



### **Progress on Updating the Building**

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

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elevator service companies before we were finished.

The small roof leak in the ballroom has finally been sealed

### **Memorial or Honor Donations**

Since the last newsletter we have received donations in memory or honor of six persons. 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 would 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 on which to display band uniforms, and a new dehumidifier.

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.

We have several Holiday CDs of songs on our machines which might make good Christmas presents. You can buy them from our website, or by mailing us an order.

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