



March, 2018

Greetings to all Friends of GLAMA and Supporters:

The 2018 Cooper's Glen Music Festival is in the history books, and the GLAMA Board of Directors is pleased to report that the festival was, most importantly, an overall musical success, and a financial success also.

This result was possible due to a fine fusion of generous community support and participation, including: volunteer time and commitment; foundation grants; corporate sponsorships; ad placements; in-kind and cash donations from individuals and businesses; and a healthy attendance.

***Your support and participation has been noted with great appreciation and applause!***

To share that gratitude and applause--and your input, thoughts and ideas--you are invited to attend

**The GLAMA Annual Spring Gathering  
Saturday, April 21, 2018  
at  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 W. Lovell, Kalamazoo, MI**

**Here is the schedule:**

- 4 - 5 p.m.**                    **Annual Meeting:** informal volunteer/donor appreciation; financial report; open discussion about GLAMA activities, including \*board/committee membership, venues, structure, and possible modifications and changes to Cooper's Glen.
- 5:30 – 6 p.m.**                **Potluck** (Please bring a dish to pass.)
- 6:30- 9 p.m.**                **Open Mic** (Please bring your voice, an instrument, a song.)

\* More GLAMA Board and Committee Members are needed to play important roles in the organization. This meeting will be a great opportunity for exchanging information about board/committee service. If you have any combination of the following, please consider volunteering: enthusiasm; an interest in serving as an acoustic music advocate; a particular, relevant expertise; some time

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### **A note about the former GLAMA Membership**

Many of us have been loyal, dues-paying, card-carrying GLAMA members over the years. This commitment has been valued and important to GLAMA's mission and development. However, managing the multiple aspects of a formal membership program (data base management, communications, mailing, etc.) became counter-productive over time, especially for an all-volunteer organization. Considering this reality, the GLAMA Board voted to discontinue the formal membership and change the system.

As of now and in the future, everyone who takes the time to sign up for our email list--that's YOU-- is considered to be valued general member. We're all a part of this group, this network of individuals interested in supporting blues, bluegrass, honky-tonk, folk, Celtic, Cajun, swing, old-time, singer-songwriter and other genres of acoustic music. Together, we are drawn to festivals, concerts and participation in jams, sings, and learning workshops.

GLAMA will continue to communicate with this growing network, and, once a year, will send out an email requesting financial support from the group....from you. Those who respond and participate as individual donors will be acknowledged for a tax deductible donation as a ***Friend of GLAMA***. That contribution can be made online at [www.greatlakesacoustic.org/support-glama/](http://www.greatlakesacoustic.org/support-glama/). In fact, a contribution can be made there any time--safely, securely and conveniently through PayPal.

Thanks so much for reading this far and for your interest in and support of GLAMA!