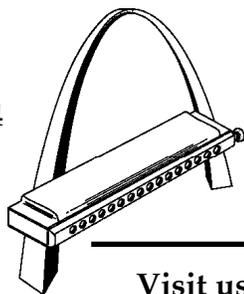


November—December 2004



# The GHC REEDER

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## NEWS & VIEWS *by Mary Ann Love*

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### Health Report:

Charlie reports that Jackie Pratte is still recovering and improving.

Jerry Bonfiglio was hospitalized for pneumonia. After returning home he had a bad reaction to the medication and had to return to the hospital, but now has turned the corner.

Bob Provart attends practice sessions when he is able, and jokes about "Trigger" (his walker). Bob always has a great attitude. We wish all our members and spouses best wishes and prayers for good health.

Tony Wilbraham communicated that he has had back surgery for a herniated disc but his prognosis is excellent.

### Sound the Trumpet (Harmonica?) for Henry:

In listing the contributions of GHC members who made special contributions to the 2004 SPAH Convention, we made a glaring omission. Henry Gerfen, our Sound Engineer Par Excellence, worked tirelessly and cheerfully with the Open Mic sound setup throughout the week. His behind-the-scenes efforts made a big difference for audience and performers alike. Thanks a million, Henry!

### Welcome New Members:

As a result of our gig for the Columbia (IL) Senior Citizens, we received an Associate Membership from:

Curtis Bachelier  
1623 N. Daleview Dr.  
Columbia, IL 62236  
(618) 281-5671

We welcome Curtis and hope that he is able to attend our meetings from time to time.

### Christmas is coming

Bring your book of Christmas music to practice so that we may sharpen up our tunes for the holiday gigs.

### Working Out:

Peg Davis read the following at the SPAH Ladies Breakfast. Several have asked for copies.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "WOW, WHAT A RIDE!"

We know that we should exercise every day so just do the following exercises.

Monday - Beat around the bush, Jump to conclusions, Climb the walls, Wade through the morning paper

Tuesday - Drag my heels, Push my luck, Make mountains out of mole hills; Hit the nail on the head

Wednesday - Bend over backwards, Jump on the band wagon, Run around in circles

Thursday - Advise the President on how to run the country, Toot my own horn, Pull out all the stops, Add fuel to the fire

Friday - Open a can of worms, Put my foot in my mouth, Start the ball rolling, Go over the edge

Saturday - Pick up the pieces

Sunday - Kneel in prayer, Bow my head in Thanksgiving, Uplift my hands in Praise, Hug someone and encourage them

WHEW! WHAT A WORKOUT!

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THE GHC REEDER is a bimonthly publication of the Gateway Harmonica Club, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the harmonica. The club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Rock Hill Baptist Church, 9125 Manchester, Brentwood, MO.

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Information about the club's activities is also available on the World Wide Web at:

[www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org](http://www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org)



Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of the GHC family who are celebrating birthdays in November and December:

<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
Arpad deKallos	11/12	Bill Mann	12/8
Karl Birch	11/18	Audria Gebhardt	12/9
Dan Welsch	11/24	Ed Cenatiempo	12/10
Martine Wirth	11/25	Rudy Michelin	12/11
Gale Morrison	11/26	Melba Lackey	12/13
Wendy Wilbraham	11/29	Shirley Perez	12/17
Paul Cochran	11/30	Gloria Cochran	12/22
		Vince Badalamenti	12/24
		Joe Fey	12/24
		Joe Uhl	12/25
		Tina Cassimatis	12/26
		Ernst Hackmann	12/27
		Peggy Davis	12/28
		Chris Pondo	12/29
		Elva Bottchen	12/31

If we have missed a member's or spouse's birthday, please let us know so we can correct our records. Thanks.

## NEWS & VIEWS *(from page 1)*

### Special Celebrations:

Congratulations to Joe & Sue Fey on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 10.

Congratulations to Frank & Peg Davis on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 8.

Congratulations to Frank & Sarah Muriel on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 28.

### Words To Live By:

As we travel upon the "level of time," let us act upon these special words.

*Remember my Sentimental Friend -*

*"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."*

The Wizard of Oz (to the Tin Man - when he presented his heart clock)

## WORDS OF WISDOM:

*Submitted by Frank Davis*

" WE ARE NOT WHAT WE THINK WE ARE", but, what we think, we are" *Norman Vincent Peale*

" WE GROW NEITHER BETTER OR WORSE as we get old, but more like ourselves" *May Lamberton Becker*

"TURN A SETBACK into a comeback" *Betty Brewer*

" PROCRASTINATE: Something you do when you don't" *Joe Heuer*

" IF YOU DON'T HAVE WRINKLES, you haven't laughed enough" *Phyllis Diller*

"RECALL IT as often as you wish. A happy memory never wears out." *Libbie Fudim*

## WE GET LETTERS . . .

10/14/04

Dear Harmonica Friends,

Just a note to say that I am slowly getting better and stronger every day. Soon I will start a cardiac rehab program at St. Anthony's Hospital that should speed up my recovery.

Thank you for your phone calls and cards. They are greatly appreciated. Sesto has kept me updated on the club's activities.

I heard SPAH was a success. I got to see you on T.V. Congrats to Joe Fey for his award.

You've been so nice that words can't say the many thanks this brings your way.

God Bless all of you.

*Joe Uhl*

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SPAH

The Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica

3 September 2004

Dear Joe,

I'm writing to you as representing the GHC. How can SPAH possibly thank you enough for the fantastic effort you all put in to make our combined convention such a success. We received more complimentary letters this year from attendees than I ever remember getting before.

A measure of the success of your local efforts is the way that everything local which was organized by you seemed to work without a hitch - so much so that a lot went unnoticed.

This has also been a milestone year for us in that the communications between GHC and SPAH were the best ever, by far, for a convention - it was a real joy working with you. However - be warned - this sort of success combined with the excellent venue means that you will be a prime target for us to try and come back again.

Inevitably, success comes from the organizing ability of a few people gaining the trust and confidence of a mass of people who then work with enthusiasm. I have to single out Joe, Frank and Peg for this and thank them for making what can be an onerous task a really pleasant journey.

To ALL the 'worker bees' - a huge thank you - When SPAH has done the final sums we hope to be a little more concrete in our thanks.

I know that the above is the feeling of the whole of the SPAH Board.

Now get back to making music!

Best wishes,

*Doug Tate*

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*(The following is a message posted to the SlideMeister newsgroup. Thanks to Mike LaRue for sending it to us.)*

From: "Jack Ely"

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 2004 00:07:45 -0700

Subject: Re: [SlideMeister] "the Amazing" Doug Tate's 70th

Hi All,

I have to tell this story of my good friend Douglas Tate. I guess it's a testimonial to his diverse life and interests - and his sense of humor. [Doug, I hope you don't mind]

1995ish - I had read with much interest many of Douglas' posts on Harp-L, becoming more and more intrigued with the man. Harmonica player extraordinaire - but... also... Fixer and customizer of harmonicas for the likes of Tommy Reilly and Larry Adler - eventually constructing a stainless steel harmonica for Larry and one for himself which he played for some 30 years - without re-tuning. -- But, also, builder of classical guitars, harpsichords, and God knows what other instruments. Let's see, motorized roller skates, and let's see - an expert sail boat skipper. He was on the design team of a major European computer company - helping design dot matrix and later on ink jet printers. I exchanged many e-mails with Douglas and considered him a close friend even before we met. In one email I half jokingly said "Douglas, you are my hero" - "In fact if you told me you had been a Spitfire Pilot you would be my ALL TIME HERO!"

He wrote back... "Jack, I don't know how to tell you this, but..." (I fell out of my chair). One time I asked for a copy of his tape he had mentioned on Harp-L and he saw that I got a copy through a mutual USA friend. He apologized that it was not very good, because it was done in one take. (one Tate?). Good grief, it was near perfect! I e-mailed him 5 minutes after hearing his tape and hired him for the Buckeye harmonica Festival, our first overseas artist. -- The rest is history.

Do I like the man? Eehhhh, I can tolerate him. :-)

*Jack Ely*

## HARMONICA BIOGRAPHY: ROBERT U. PANGILINAN

I was born on May 13, 1939 and grew up in Lumban, Laguna, Philippines. The Philippines is an archipelago of 7107 islands lying in the tropical western Pacific about 100 kilometers southeast of mainland Asia. The people in the country speak more than 60 dialects totally different from each other region. The town of Lumban is a little town with a population of 7000 when I was still living there. The chief products are coconuts, sugar, rice, vegetables, corn, beans, lumber and fish. I am the youngest of eight children; three brothers and four sisters.

I have sad and unpleasant memories of the Second World War when I was growing up. I have seen the ruins and destruction of many lives and properties. I hope and pray that such events do not happen again in the future.

I attended and completed my elementary education in Lumban, Laguna. We did not have school buses in the Philippines. I walked back and forth to school. When I was in the second grade I started taking trumpet lessons. I remember a number of times after it had rained; my Dad carried me on his back to my trumpet lessons, because the streets were muddy. Dad said that I should not miss my lessons. Since grade school and until I left the Philippines in 1964, music had always been a big part of my life. The first harmonica I saw was when I was in grade school. I asked the owner if I could hold the harmonica for a few minutes and he said "Yes." Looking at it on my hand I told myself that someday I would have my very own harmonica and learn to play different songs. Today it is a dream come true.

In continuing my education, I attended Pedro Guevarra High School in Sta. Cruz, Laguna, during the freshman through junior years and then transferred to and graduated from Manuel Roxas High School in Manila in 1956. While in high school I was a member of the High School Band.

I attended Far Eastern University in Manila. I pursued courses in Science and Biology. I earned an Associate Degree in Allied Medical Science and was accepted at the Far Eastern University Medical School. During my second year in Medical School I was accepted at the School of Medical Technology at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in 1963.

During my studies at Far Eastern University I was a member of the University Band and again played the trumpet. When I came to the United States, music was put on hold. I concentrated my time and attention on my career in Medical Technology and finished a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration at Lindenwood University. I

went on to specialize at the School of Blood Banking at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois in 1967. I am a certified Medical Technologist and a certified Blood Banker.

After completing my Blood Bank training I went back to Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis as Head of Blood Bank until 1976. I started a Laboratory Supply company named RUPCO Scientific which I operated until 1984. I realized that as a small company I was not able to compete with the large corporations. I closed that business and started the Microscope and Binocular Repair Service covering a 150 mile radius of St. Louis. I worked at St. Luke's Hospital as Evening Clinical Laboratory Supervisor until I retired in August, 2001. I did my repair service in the mornings and worked at St. Luke's Hospital in the evenings. I still have my Microscope and Binocular Repair Service.

I married Mary Drebenedt, who has been my hard-working and devoted wife for 39 years and mother of our five grown children. We have nine grandchildren. Mary and I have been BLESSED in so many ways by our GOOD LORD. We are proud and happy to live in this wonderful country. Mary is also a certified Medical Technologist working at St. Luke's Urgent Care Center (4 locations). She just stepped down as Manager of Clinical Laboratories and plans to retire in December, 2004.

On October 23, 2004 I was chosen by Fil-Am Society of Greater St. Louis as President for the year 2005. Fil-Am is an organization of Pilipino families in St. Louis and the surrounding vicinities. (\*\*Pilipino is correct spelling in this instance.)

I have been in the U.S. since 1964. The first 31 years were spent trying to establish my career, starting two businesses, and raising five children. In 1996 I decided to get back to my musical interests. I bought my first diatonic harmonica but had no idea how to play the instrument. I went to *Fazio's Frets and Friends* and asked them if they knew anyone who could teach me and they referred me to the Gateway Harmonica Club. I called Joe Fey and he told me when and where the club met every Tuesday. I enrolled in the diatonic class and later bought my first chromatic harmonica. I am grateful to the club and particularly would like to thank Frank Davis, Joe Fey, Dan Perez and others who were very helpful and encouraging in my instructions.

Being on the last chapter of my life, I want to give something back to the community by giving a Harmonica Charity Concert benefiting a few charitable organizations my wife and I would like to support. I am planning to give

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# GHC EVENTS CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday evening meetings at Rock Hill Baptist Church, 9125 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63144:

- 6:30 PM - Blues Group, led by Louise Cook — Everyone welcome
- 7:00 PM - First Tuesday of month: Business Meeting — Everyone welcome
- All other Tuesdays: Band Rehearsal — Everyone welcome
- 8:15 PM - Open Mic — Everyone welcome

## GIGS AND OTHER EVENTS

- 11/1 (Mon) 12:30 PM — :Gig canceled:
- 11/7 (Sun) 1:30 PM — St. Louis Science Center Volunteers: Marriott St Louis Airport Hotel (I-70 At Lambert Intl. Airport (314-423-9700); Players are invited for brunch)
- 11/12 (Fri) 7:00 PM — Friendship Village of West County: 15201 Olive Blvd (Go West on Highway 40 and get off on Chesterfield Parkway. Turn right and go to Olive Blvd. Turn right. Stay on Olive Blvd. for about 1-1/2 miles. Turn left at Appalachian Trails)
- 11/14 (Sun) 7:00 PM — Tri County Cancer Support Group: First Baptist Church of Lake St Louis, 2230 Lake Saint Louis Boulevard (runs from Hwy 40 to I-70), Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367
- 11/19 (Fri) 4:00 PM — In Betweeners: Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1570 Chambers Rd. (take Highway I-270 East to the West Florissant exit; go South and turn left on Chambers Rd.)
- 12/11 (Sat) 3:00 PM — Meridian Village: 101 Evergreen, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 (Take I 270 across the Mississippi River to highway 157. Exit at Edwardsville. Go about one mile to Meridian Rd.)
- 12/14 (Tue) 12:30 PM — Bellefontaine Neighbors Seniors: Bellefontaine Neighbors Civic Center at 9669 Bellefontaine Rd. St Louis , MO 63137 (Take I-270 East; cross over Highway 367 (the road to Alton); take the next right onto Bellefontaine Rd.; go South about 4 miles and you will cross Chambers Rd. The Civic Center is a mile further)
- 1/2 (Sun) 7:00 PM — Bethesda Orchards: 21 North Old Orchard Ave--Webster Groves, MO 63119 (From I-270 going South--Get off on I-44 and go East about 1-1/2 miles. Get off at Big Bend Ave. Go to the light and turn right on Big Bend. You will stay on Big Bend for about three miles. After you pass Webster University, you will pass about two stop lights. At the second stop light ( I believe ) you will see N. Old Orchard Ave. Turn left and follow the signs.
- 1/21 (Fri) 2:00 PM — Parc Provence: 605 Couer De Ville Dr.-- Creve Couer, MO 63146 (between Ladue Rd. and Olive St. Rd. on the West outer road of I-270
- 1/23 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Garden Villas South: 13457 Tesson Ferry (Hwy 21)--on Highway I-270 going South, get off to your right onto Tesson Ferry. Go right. At top of incline at stop sign go right (East) to the address.
- 2/14 (Mon) 12:45 PM — Living Information for Today--LI FT: Home Town Buffet, 12228 ST. Charles Rock Rd. (Go East from I-270 to 12228 St Charles Rock Rd. It is located next to Kohl's Department store, in the Plaza De Paul) Due to small space, limited to 8 players.
- 3/4 (Fri) 7:00 PM — Aim Community Band Concert rehearsal:
- 3/6 (Sun) 3:00 PM — AIM Community Band Concert, AIM Community Band Concert: Kirkwood High School Auditorium, 801 West Essex Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122 (West on Essex from Lindbergh/Kirkwood Road past Geyer Road)
- 3/17 (Thu) 6:30 PM — Hazelwood Baptist Church 50+ Club: 6161 Howdershell Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042 (traveling North on I-270, exit at McDonnell Blvd; turn left on McDonnell, which turns into Howdershell Rd.)
- 3/24 (Thu) 12:45 PM — Living Information for Today--LI FT: Salad Bowl--3949 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63074
- 3/31 (Thu) 2:00 PM — St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley: Student Center Multipurpose Room, 3400 Pershall Rd., Florissant, MO 63135
- 4/1 (Fri) 7:00 PM — Pres Club: 1st Presbyterian Church, 100 East Adams Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122 (on the corner of Adams Ave. and Kirkwood Rd.)
- 5/11 (Wed) 1:30 PM — Weber Road Branch, St. Louis County Library: 4444 Weber Rd., Affton MO. 63123 (From I-270, go East on Gravois Rd. for about 3 miles; turn right on Weber Rd.)
- 5/15 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Garden Villas South: 13457 Tesson Ferry (Hwy 21)--on Highway I-270 going South, get off to your right onto Tesson Ferry. Go right. At top of incline at stop sign go right (East) to the address.

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- 8/11 (Thu) 2:30 PM — Garden Villas South: 13457 Tesson Ferry (Hwy 21)--on Highway I -270 going South, get off to your right onto Tesson Ferry. Go right. At top of incline at stop sign go right (East) to the address.
- 10/27 (Thu) 7:30 PM — St. Bernadette 50+ Club: 68 Sherman Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125 (Take I -270 South--Get off at Telegraph Rd. -- Go left toward the City--Turn right on Sherman Rd--Go about 2 miles to 68 Sherman Rd. and the Church)
- 11/13 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Garden Villas South: 13457 Tesson Ferry (Hwy 21)--on Highway I -270 going South, get off to your right onto Tesson Ferry. Go right. At top of incline at stop sign go right (East) to the address.

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my first harmonica charity concert in May, 2005.

God bless America! This nation is the most generous and compassionate country in the world.

*Editors Note: Bob did not include his interest in the guitar. He has also branched out in learning that instrument as well, and we have noticed his progress when he sometimes accompanies himself playing the guitar and harp simultaneously. It is heartening to hear how he appreciates our country and our club. Thanks, Bob, and God bless you!*

