



The REEDER

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NEWS & VIEWS by Mary Ann Love

GET WELL

Lillian Krueger is recovering at home from multiple surgeries. Peg Davis had good results from her latest tests. Bill Nesslein is recovering from a broken leg resulting from a biking accident. Bob Pangilinan recently had arthroscopic surgery on his knee. Well wishes to all!

VISITORS

Doreen Scurlock paid the club a visit on October 25 while she was in town. Doreen is always great company and we enjoyed her cheerful outlook and the song she played "What A Difference A Day Made."

Jim Hollis visited the club meeting on November 1.

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Bob Davis rejoined the club after a long absence. Welcome back, Bob!

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Elmer Anderson
 1001 "M" Street
 Barling, AR 72923
 (479) 484-5964

Elmer was a long-time friend of Dan Perez and has been an Associate Member of GHC for many years.

VIDEO HISTORY

Frank Muriel has donated video history of club performances since 1990 which includes SPAH conventions, variety shows, banquets, St. Louis Symphony, other special performances, etc. and these will become part of the club library. You may check these out and enjoy some of our past professional performers. Thanks, Frank, for video-taping and the donation.

GHC ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Dateline: *Tuesday, October 11, 2005 News-Herald, Litchfield, IL*

In Concert – St. Louis Gateway Harmonica Club will entertain at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Ivy dining room at Heritage Manor. One of the members, Bill Mann, resides at Heritage now and he wants everyone to hear them. Heritage officials are inviting the public to the concert.

The club entertains all over the St. Louis area and is in great demand. And so, while the members are coming to visit

Bill, the Litchfield area will be privileged to hear the concert.

A group photograph was included with the newspaper article that Bill Mann had hanging in his room.

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Nine members of the club did, indeed, perform at the Heritage Manor Home on a beautiful fall Friday afternoon. The area was jam-packed with residents and visitors and the audience extended down the hall aisle. Bill Mann (age 90) was his usual congenial self (all smiles) and played *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* to a resounding applause. Hopefully, the concert made some amends for erroneously reporting the news of Bill Mann's demise, which was greatly exaggerated!

CELEBRATION!

On Saturday evening, October 22, 2005, the Gateway Harmonica Club was invited to play for the 40th Anniversary celebration of Bob and Mary Pangilinan. As the couple entered the hall they were met with *Anniversary Song*. The band continued to play while the guests enjoyed dinner. Afterward, the band was invited to join the celebration and delicious meal.

Bob was truly surprised and delighted. His five children went to great lengths to make the occasion memorable with mounted photos and memory books and beautiful decor. The bride looked lovely and the groom had the largest smile ever. The family was especially warm and welcoming. They said many times how much the club meant to Bob. Their friends related many stories and incidents. It was a very happy day. Congratulations, Bob and Mary!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A get-together and party-time will follow the business meeting on December 6. This is a good opportunity for your spouse or *significant other* to become acquainted with the group. A main attraction is the wonderful snacks and treats furnished by the ladies. They also play games and share fun times while the meeting is in session. Everyone is friendly and will welcome the newcomers. Plan to join us. Any questions, contact Peg Davis 636-477-0354

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS NOTE

Remember to bring your holiday sheet music to practice as we will be rehearsing for upcoming events. – Fast approaching!

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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

Happy Birthday!!!

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

November

Arpad deKallos 11/12
Leo Kluesner 11/16
Dan Welsch 11/24
Martine Wirth 11/25
Gale Morrison 11/26
Wendy Wilbraham 11/29
Paul Cochran 11/30

December

Bill Mann 12/8
Audria Gebhardt 12/9
Ed Cenatiempo 12/10
Rudy Michelin 12/11
Melba Lackey 12/13
Shirley Perez 12/17
Gloria Cochran 12/22
Joe Fey 12/24
Mary Carol Kluesner 12/26
Tina Cassimatis 12/26
Ernst Hackmann 12/27
Peggy Davis 12/28
Chris Pondo 12/29
Elva Bottchen 12/31

NEWS AND VIEWS *(from page 1)*

NEW SONGS – NEW PROGRAM

Our directors have prepared eight new songs to learn. They are: *Liechtensteiner Polka, Baby Face, Carolina In The Morning, Johnny Angel, You Tell Me Your Dream, You Call Everybody Darling, Only You, and All The Things You Are*. Sheet Music is now available to pick up and practice. Join in and challenge yourself to expand your repertoire!

UNIFORMS

The red vest and long sleeve white shirt is the uniform for attending gigs after November 1. If anyone needs a vest, we have found a reasonable source. There is also an opportunity to order the white short-sleeve summer polo shirt. See Buddy Hirsch for more information.

NEW CLUB IN SPRINGFIELD, MO

Excerpt from a note written by Mike Mascheck to Jim Melchers: "Did you know about the newly formed harmonica club in Springfield (MO) area? Ozark Mountain Harmonica Club. So far they only have a

guitar player for accompaniment. Sounds like their music is mostly diatonic country and blues. Maybe others would be interested in knowing about them. "

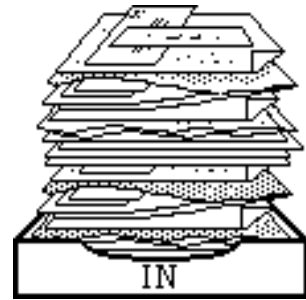
Email: VBlondies@aol.com Ginger Taylor

CHINESE HARMONICAS

The WH-12 Golden Butterfly Chinese chromatic harmonicas that we ordered several years ago are again available and Jim Melchers is taking orders. These are clones of the Hohner CX-12 at an estimated cost of \$20. They only come in the key of C and black color. They have a nice leatherish case. They are strictly as is, no warranty, but several have been playing them for 3 years now without any problem. Your patience may be required for delivery as the last shipment came over on a slow boat from China. However, we may opt for air freight charges this round. If you would like to be included in the order, please let Jim Melchers know **immediately**. Payment is required up front. Here is a link if you'd like to see a picture:

<http://www.wuxi-suzuki-musical.com/pro7.htm>

WE GET LETTERS . . .



Thank You Note Card from Bob & Mary Pangilinan

*A thoughtful deed done in a warm, loving way
tells more of care and kindness than any words
can say.*

“Thank you for Gateway Harmonica Club’s totally surprise presence at our surprise 40th Wedding Anniversary. It was and is a very memorable event in our life that Mary and I will cherish forever. I heard good comments about Gateway Harmonica Club that evening.”

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Bob and Mary Pangilinan

Thank You Note from Heritage Manor, Litchfield, IL

“A big thank you from Bill and all the rest of us at Heritage Manor. You made his day and all of ours too. We thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and our guests did also. I heard them talking afterwards. Bill can hardly hold back the tears as he brags on all of you. We do hope you can come again before Christmas if you have any dates open give us a call.”

Mae and Brenda (Heritage Manor)

GATEWAY HARMONICA CLUB OFFICERS – NOTICE OF ELECTION DECEMBER 6, 2005

The following have accepted nominations for the new 2-year term:

<u>President</u>	Ron Beer Mary Ann Love
<u>Vice President</u>	Jim Melchers Bill Dulin
<u>Secretary</u>	Christine Pondo Audria Gebhardt
<u>Treasurer</u>	Buddy Hirsch Jessie Hirsch

By-Laws of the Club state: Nominations for all four (4) elective offices will be made at the November meeting and published in writing at least two weeks prior to the December meeting. Floor nominations shall also be allowed at the December meeting.

Plan to attend on December 6 to cast your important vote. Other names were submitted but the nominees declined



mostly because of other commitments and obligations.

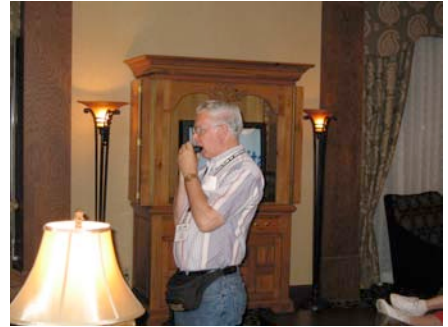
The end-of-year charitable contributions will also be voted and decided upon at this meeting. The nominations for this distribution are: 100 Neediest Cases, Cancer Fund, Diabetes & Kidney Foundations, Shriners Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children, Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation

and Rock Hill Baptist Church. Members have expressed a voice in the distributions and ballots will be available. \$1,500 has already been donated by GHC to the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Catholic Charities in urgent time of need following Hurricane Katrina. Therefore, our available funds are not as plentiful as some past years.

Buddy Hirsch reminds us that every time we play at a gig or send a memorial donation, we are giving of ourselves to charitable causes.

GHC AT SPAH 2005

Here are just a few of the hundreds of photos taken by Ernie Roberts and Bill Dulin at the 2005 SPAH Convention in Kansas City. What a great time we all had -- spending five days with our GHC friends and with our harmonica friends from around the country and around the globe. Thanks, Ernie and Bill, for capturing the memories!



SPAH 2005 - KANSAS CITY, MO

by Audria Gebhardt

This year's SPAH in Kansas City, MO was a wonderful, fun and joyful harmonica experience for me. I just could not spread myself thin enough to take in all the areas of my harmonica interest. There were harmonica events from 8:00 a.m. starting with Judy Smith teaching the HERmonicas (an all women's harmonica band) until approximately 1:30 a.m. the next morning when the nightly Blues Jam ended. I am one of those split personality harmonica players in that I like both the chromatic and the diatonic. I felt like I had not put in as much time learning the diatonic as I had the chromatic, so I wanted to learn as much as I could from the excellent Blues players in attendance. I particularly like Madcat Ruth and Dennis Gruenling. Jon Gindick (who has written several books on how to play the harmonica) made a surprise appearance at SPAH. Jon wrote one of first books I read on how to play the Blues. I went to the Joe Filisko Blues Teach-In every afternoon in the Ballroom. There were six to eight tables in the Ballroom, and each table was headed by one of the performing Blues professionals. Each table had a different class on everything from tuning and repairing to playing the diatonic. I usually sat at the Beginner's table. Every night at 10:30 p.m., I attended the Blues Jam and thoroughly enjoyed some of the best Blues music. Besides the outstanding professionals, there were

some excellent amateurs in attendance. The Blues Jam is a large circle of individuals who want to participate and an audience outside of the circle of those there to listen. There is a guitar player providing accompaniment of 12 bar music. Each Blues player plays for one 12-bar set and then the next person in the circle will play. There were two women in the Blues circle (hopefully, there will be more next year).

When I was not at a Blues event, I would be playing in the lobby with Tony and Phil Sardo (from California). Anyone who attended SPAH last year in St. Louis, probably remembers the Sardo Brothers who lead an all afternoon/evening play-along and anyone was welcome to join in and play. I also played at a few chromatic open

mics including one with a group of GHC members. I sat in at a jazz open mic (I did not play, however, it was great listening). There was always something to do from classes, meeting new harmonica players in the hallways to checking out music and harmonicas at the Suzuki store, Harp Depot or the Hohner room. I bought a bushman Blues harp as well as two Herring blues harps.

The time seemed to go by so fast, but I have lots of good memories of wonderful music and memorable people. Next year, SPAH will be in Denver and I hope to attend.





DENNIS GRUENLING AND RICHARD SLEIGH TEACHING AND PERFORMING TOUR

Dennis Gruenling...will be on the road teaching & performing with fellow harp master **Richard Sleigh**, making their way to the **Jon Gindick Harmonica Jam Camp** in Dallas, TX January 27-29, 2006.

For more information on the awesome **Jon Gindick Harmonica Jam Camps**, go to:

www.harmonicajamcamp.com

Dennis & Richard will be making several stops along the way, doing one-night "Jam Classes" at the following locations:

- Virginia Beach, VA Jan 22
- Roanoke, VA Jan 23
- Atlanta, GA Jan 24
- Springfield, IL Jan 30
- Buffalo, NY - Feb 1

For more information on these Jam Classes go to:

www.dennisgruenling.com/jamclass.htm

Topics for ALL levels to be covered at the Jam Classes will be

- Why tongue-blocking was used by just about every harp master
- Understanding scales and positions
- Understanding basic harmonica tuning, adjustment and maintenance
- How to train yourself to relax into great reliable rhythm & better swing
- How to practice wisely and make the most out of your routine
- Amplified technique and playing with a band/at a jam
- and many more...

FREE CD of new Dennis & Richard recordings to all who attend

DISCOUNTS for Gindick Jam Camp alumni, and for early registration

Limited room is available at these locations, so sign up

Autumn Music

By Christine Pondo

Play an autumn melody
Apples sparkling bright,
Cardinals in the tree tops
Singing with delight.

Play a tune for chipmunks
And trills of meadowlarks,
Busy squirrels a-chattering
Their tails all question marks.

Play a song for school days
With new books to peruse,
Games and sports and practice
Amid the beautiful hues.

Play a hymn for homes
For families and friends,
Play for autumn's harmony
And all the love God sends.

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

- 11/2/2005 (Wed) — (thru Sat 11/5) Toots Thielemans at Jazz at the Bistro:
- 11/3/2005 (Thu) 11:00 AM — Friendship Club: Salem United Methodist Church, 1200 South Lindbergh (Lindbergh and Highway 40: North on Lindbergh: cross Clayton Rd.; pass the first turn on right; which is into Schnuck's grocery store; take next right into the church area. If going South on Lindbergh, turn left at the light at Clayton Rd. and head North.
- 11/13/2005 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Garden Villas South: 13457 Tesson Ferry (Hwy 21)--South on Highway I-270 to Tesson Ferry; right at top of incline; at stop sign go right (West) to the address.
- 11/18/2005 (Fri) 1:00 PM — The Fountains: 15826 Clayton Rd.--Ellisville, MO 63011; From Clayton Rd. and Hwy 141 go West about 5 miles past Baxter Rd. and Kehrs Mill Rd to The Fountains.
- 12/3/2005 (Sat) 11:00 AM — Pevely Flea Market: From I-270 take I-55 South past Arnold and get off at exit 180 at Pevely. At the end of the ramp turn left. Proceed past two stop lights. At the third light you should be at Hwy 61/67. Turn right and you are there.
- 12/8/2005 (Thu) 2:00 PM — Florissant Valley Community College: 3400 Pershall Road (west on Pershall from West Florissant Rd. at I-270 -- Performing in Student Center -- Multipurpose room)
- 12/16/2005 (Fri) 8:00 PM — St. Albans Senior Golf: St. Albans Country Club--Go west on Manchester Rd. pass Clarkson Rd and pass Highway 109. Continue until you reach Highway T. At that point turn right and go about 2 miles. You will see the Club.
- 12/19/2005 (Mon) 6:00 PM — Parkside Meadows: 59 Randolph Dr. St Charles MO 63301
- 1/8/2006 (Sun) 2:15 PM — Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield: 14855 North Outer Rd.--- Chesterfield, MO 63017 (west on I-270 to Chesterfield Parkway; at top of hill, stay in righthand lane; turn right onto North Outer 40, then right into Delmar Gardens driveway.)
- 2/26/2006 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Delmar Gardens Meramec Valley: #1 Arbor Terrace, Fenton, MO 63026 -- Take hwy 30 West (Gravois Rd.). Cross Hwy 141 and continue to the first stop light. That is Summit--turn right on Summit and take the immediate left on the Outer Rd. Go 1/4 mile on your right and you are there.
- 3/15/2006 (Wed) 8:00 PM — The Claymont Assosiation Inc.: Ballwin Golf Course--333 Holloway Rd. --Ballwin MO. 63011: From Hwy.141 go West a couple of miles. Turn right on Holloway Rd. You should find the entrance about a mile on the left. We will be playing in the Ball Room.
- 4/19/2006 (Wed) 1:30 PM — Weber Road Branch, St. Louis County Library: From hwy I-270, go East on Hwy 21 (Gravois Rd.), pass Sappington, pass Tesson Ferry Rd. and Weber Rd. is about a mile farther on your right. Turn right and go another mile or so. The library is on your right.
- 5/5/2006 (Fri) 2:30 PM — Delmar Gardens Meramec Valley
- 5/7/2006 (Sun) 12:30 PM — Seniors' Celebration: Parkway Baptist Church--12465 Olive St. Blvd.--On the corner of Olive and Ross. From I-270, go West a quarter of a mile pass TGIF restaurant to the next stop light. The Church should be on the right
- 5/26/2006 (Fri) 2:00 PM — Meramec Bluff Senior Living: I-44 West to Fenton exit to Hwy 141 North; go a very short distance to the light at Vance Rd.; left on Vance Rd. about 1-1/2 miles to Meramec Bluff Rd.; left to top of hill and park in Chapel area.
- 6/4/2006 (Sun) 2:15 PM — Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield
- 10/22/2006 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Delmar Gardens Meramec Valley
- 11/12/2006 (Sun) 2:15 PM — Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield

TZENA, TZENA, TZENA

At gigs the club often performs this familiar and upbeat folk tune and audiences love it. The director will usually announce that we sing with this tune and play the harmonica at the same time. Quite an accomplishment! What we sing is “Hey!” after the last note. One day at a church function, this announcement met with an audience member who came forward with their choir version to the song.

I WILL SING UNTO THE LORD

(Horse and Rider) Ex. 15:1,2

I will sing unto the Lord
For he has triumphed gloriously
The horse and rider thrown into the sea
(repeat)

The Lord my God, my strength, my song
Is now become my victory
(repeat)

The Lord is God and I will praise Him
My father's God and I will exalt Him
(repeat)

