The REEDER

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NEWS & VIEWS by Mary Ann Love

Gateway Harmonica Club Banquet Saturday, March 1 1, 2006 - 6:00 PM Garavelli's Restaurant 6600 Chippewa

Please call Jessie or Buddy Hirsch for your reservation: 314-821-8651

All are welcome – --A good opportunity to bring your family and friends to see the club perform and entertain. Cost \$20 per person. Payment may be made at the door, but reservations <u>must</u> be called in to make adequate preparations and set up. No reduced price for children – No food may be taken out – No alcohol to be brought in to the building. Special diet and vegetarian plates available by advance notice. Handicap Accessible. Call today - Sorry for the short notice, but we have discussed this at the meetings, made phone calls, sent e-mails and otherwise have tried to communicate this information to members. The bi-monthly newsletter publication date was not friendly to this announcement – So *Sorry! But you must act quickly!*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Bob Norton 5361 Casa Royale St. Louis, MO 63129 314-894-3381 Spouse: Bernice

Mark Levy 5 Huntleigh Collinsville, IL 62234 618-346-8727 Spouse: Elizabeth

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE:

Norman Raeber 9336 Hazelridge Dr. St. Louis, MO 63126 314-842-2367

GET WELL

Guy Vaccaro has been through successful eye surgery. Frank Muriel recovered from a fall when he twisted his knee and it became inflamed. Henry and Jean Gerfen have been ill with laryngitis and bronchitis. Bob Davis is recovering from heart and respiratory health problems. Ralph Barber is down in the back. . . Well wishes to all!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Jessie Hirsch Pauline Guelbert Tony Wilbraham

PRAYER CONCERN

Please keep Bob Pangilinan's fellow countrymen in your hearts and prayers as the victims of the mudslides in the Philippines. Bob said the tragedy occurred in a different part of the country from where his family was settled, but no matter, our heartfelt sympathies are with our human brethren.

CD'S ADDED TO LIBRARY:

Frank Muriel has donated some of his CD collection to the GHC library. These include artists such as Toots Thielmans, George Fields, and other famous artists. You may check these out of the club library for your listening enjoyment. Frank has also donated a large supply of his sheet music and publications to be shared. These selections include many jazz arrangements. Thanks for your generosity, Frank!

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE – PINCH HITTER

Rich Krueger had no sooner expressed a wish to return something to the club than he was asked to play chord at a Salvation Army event when no other chord player was available. With one day's notice and never having practiced that part with the players, Rich came through (like the pro he really is) and we had a successful gig. We appreciate the interest Rich shows in club matters and thanks also to all the other faithful and loyal unsung heroes who step up and play at the gigs and sometimes travel quite the distance!

VISITORS

Doreen Scurlock visited the club meeting on February 28, 2006 from the Buckeye State of Ohio. Other visitors included a guest of Bob Pangilinan, Joseph Hampel.

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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.

Inquiries about membership should be directed to:

Buddy Hirsch, Treasurer 47 Orchard Lane Kirkwood, MO 63122 (314) 821–8651 e-mail: <u>BuddyHarmonica@aol.com</u>

For information about club activities and performances, contact:

Mary Ann Love, President 1162 Villa Flora Dr. O'Fallon, MO 63366–4443 (636)-379–7707 e-mail: <u>maryannlove@charter.net</u>

All other correspondence should be directed to:

Chris Pondo Recording & Corresponding Secretary 1166 Waldorf Dr. St. Louis, MO 63137 (314) 868–9557

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 March and April.

<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>
Sesto Stieven	3/2	Henry Gerfen
Elizabeth		Marie Roberts
Ampleman	3/6	Ralph Barber
Norman Raeber	3/8	Elizabeth Atkison
Simon Abcouwer		
Bob Provart	3/15	
Judy Beer	3/25	
Leta Provart	3/28	

PICNIC JUNE 17

Plan to attend GHC picnic on June 17, 2006 at Shady Springs Park in St. Peters. We have had several picnics there and it is a lovely private setting with great accommodations including pavilion and barbeque pits.

Free. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks along with family and friends. Everyone is welcome. We always have a good time and play our harmonicas to our hearts' content. Anyone who wants to play additional instruments – this is your opportunity. Starts at 12 noon. Come for awhile or all day.



Directions: Take Hwy. 70 West to Cave Springs Exit 225, continue west on I-70 No. Outer Service Road until you pass Baue Funeral Home and turn right after U-Haul on Shady Springs Rd. Continue several blocks until you reach the park. See you there!!

Remember to bring your harmonica!!

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. - Old Farmer's Wisdom

From what we get, we can make a living: what we give, however, makes a life. - Arthur Ashe, tennis champion

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." - Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

DUES ARE DUE

Not too late to catch up on your dues. Reminder, if you do not pay, you will no longer be counted in the membership and will not receive this very interesting newsletter! (Editor)

WE GET LETTERS . .

To:Gateway Harmonica ClubFrom:Rock Hill Baptist Church

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your quarterly donation of \$450.00 to our church, along with the additional \$400.00 as an end-of-the-year gift for 2005. We thank you for your generosity. May God bless your organization in 2006.

Sincerely, Lois Eggers, Office Manager

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December 30, 2005

To:Gateway Harmonica ClubFrom:100 Neediest Cases (St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Thank you for your groups generous gift of \$200.00 contributed to our 100 Neediest Cases 2005 campaign. Not one penny of your donation was spent on administrative costs thanks to our co-sponsors United Way of Greater St. Louis and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cash donations like yours made it possible for us to distribute more than ever before, \$1.3 million to 10,604 needy families in the Greater St. Louis area last year.

(Here several thank you notes from individuals were included.)

The 100 Neediest Cases is special for many reasons, including our all-volunteer staff that works hard to implement this worthy program. But the foremost reason is you. Thank you for sending your charitable dollars to us. Together we are making a positive impact on needy families right in our own community.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Wayne, Director

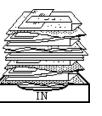
December 15, 2005

To:Gateway Harmonica ClubFrom:Salvation Army

I don't know where The Salvation Army would be without friends like you. More importantly, I don't know where needy people in our community would turn if not for your compassion and generosity. You are truly a light in their dark world.

The Christmas season is a time when we normally receive a great deal of generous support. Yet, it is also a time when our services are needed more than ever, placing a severe demand on our cash resources.

With 2005 drawing to a close, I am concerned because in order to keep "doing the most good" we must end the year in a strong financial position – ready to respond to the many requests for help that will come our way in 2006. To do that, we must depend on caring friends like you to provide hot meals, shelter and clothing, medical help and emergency aid.



You have already given so generously to The Salvation Army, and I am deeply grateful. In fact, you are one of our most faithful supporters. The reality is that the needs of homeless, hurting and hungry souls in St. Louis will continue long after the holidays are over. And as long

as there are people in crisis, we can never relax our work. Thank you and God bless!

Major Lonneal Richardson St. Louis City Commander

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October 13, 2005

To: Gateway Harmonica Club From: Salvation Army

I want to personally thank you for your gift of \$500.00 Your gift will help thousands of families affected by Hurricane Katrina. We, at The Salvation Army, are grateful for your compassion toward our southern neighbors.

Katrina is considered the most catastrophic hurricane in U.S. history. The Salvation Army prepared for the arrival of Katrina and is now serving in the devastated areas providing food, water, spiritual and emotional guidance. We are also providing varied levels of support to those who are making St. Louis their temporary, and in some cases permanent, home.

You know from news accounts and other related stories that many individuals and families are facing the traumatic effects of this hurricane on a daily basis. Because of your compassion and caring, you chose to partner with us to provide help and hope for thousands now and in many days to come.

Ministering to the hearts of those in the midst of disaster and despair is the work of The Salvation Army. It is the sharing of God's love wherever the need seems most severe, and it knows no barrier.

Again, I thank you for helping The Salvation Army as we go about our business, "Doing The Most Good." May God bless you!

Robert E. Thomson, Major, Divisional Commander

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December 15, 2005

To: Gateway Harmonica Club From: Shriners Hospitals

For 80 years, we've been providing outstanding orthopedic care, completely free of charge, because of generous friends nationwide like you. We feel very fortunate that you share in our concern for treating and rehabilitating children with special orthopedic needs.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, staff and patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children-St. Louis, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous contri-

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bution of \$100.00. Be assured that your donation will make a big difference in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

John O'Shaughnessy Administrator

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December 27, 2005

To: Gateway Harmonica Club From: Shriners Hospitals

Our records indicate that the total amount contributed to our account entitles you to a "Gold Book Certificate," enclosed with this letter, and a place in our annual "Gold Book," located in the hospital lobby.

You may rest assured that the generosity of those who have contributed to the hospital for this tribute have been acknowledged, and that these gifts will be used to the fullest advantage in providing the best medical services possible for those children entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,

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Laura A. Allen Donations Specialist

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September 16, 2005

To: Gateway Harmonica Club From: Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Saint Louis

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina that has caused catastrophic destruction along the Gulf coast.

Your gift, combined with gifts from other St. Louis donors, will help United States citizens decimated by this destruction. 100% of the money donated will be used to aid the people most affected by this horrendous tragedy.

We are in daily contact with our Catholic Charities St. Louis Hurricane Response Team, which is working with local authorities to provide food, clothing, shelter, and transportation throughout our area for the 6,000 evacuees who are currently calling St. Louis "home."

Of course, as each day unfolds during this unprecedented hurricane season, we anticipate more assistance will be needed. Some people will relocate temporarily or permanently in Saint Louis. The Catholic school systems will provide open doors for education. Our Catholic Charities Housing Resource Center will find shelter and basic needs. Our Catholic Charities Federation will help find employment for those who can work. Our Catholic Counseling Services will be available around the clock to provide professional care.

Contributions like your gift confirm the generosity of the people of St. Louis. On behalf of Catholic Charities, we thank you for reaching out to help these survivors. They many never know your name but your kindness, at a time like this, will help to lessen their suffering.

May God bless you and your families throughout the year.

Dan Shasserre

Vice President Development and Communications

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December 15, 2005

To:Gateway Harmonica ClubFrom:Make-A-Wish Foundation

"I wish I didn't have this medical condition."

"I wish they'd find a way to make me well, again."

"I wish for something—like a swimming pool, or a trip to Disney World, or maybe a chance to meet my hero—that will give me a break from all the medical treatments, show me how much people care; and give me hope for the future."

While the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis could not grant this child's first two wishes, with the support for 2005-06 Stories of Light Community Campaign contributors, we will fulfill the third wish!

Pursuant to IRS Income Tax Regulations, your contribution of \$50.00 to this campaign is deductible, and no goods or services were provided by the Make-A With Foundation

A-Wish Foundation.

Thank you for placing our Wish Children at the top of your list during this past holiday season. You have made a difference in the life of a critically-ill child at the time he/she needed it most.

Sincerely,

Sandra G. Lehrer President & CEO

December 15, 2005

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To: Gateway Harmonica Club

From: Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Foundation

The entire Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital family joins me in thanking you for your recent gift of \$100.00. For your records a receipt is enclosed.

This has been a very eventful year for Cardinal Glennon. Construction is well under way on a 3-story addition that will allow the replacement of our surgery department and neonatal intensive care unit. The new NICU will have 60 beds and will break ground in hospital design, as all the patient care rooms will be private. Our surgical suites will also be relocated to the new wing. It will hold 10 rooms, nearly twice as large as the current rooms and an endoscopy imaging center will be placed next door. When completed in late 2007, Glennon will have moved one step closer to our goal of being America's most child and family friendly hospital.

Despite these changes, one thing remains constant at Glennon and that is our mission of providing compassionate care to all children regardless of their family circumstances. This year alone we will touch the lives of over 250,000 children. None of our accomplishments would be possible without the generosity of friends such as you. Thank you for adding your strength to ours. You can be assured of our intent to be worthy of your continued generosity.

From all of us at Glennon, best wishes for the coming holidays.

Sincerely,

Jim Orsund Executive Vice President

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Acknowledgement letters were received from every charity receiving donations from the club, but some were misplaced and cannot be reprinted here. Those charities include Red Cross (Katrina), and Kidney Foundation.

The total for all charitable contributions for the year 2005 was \$4550.00.

Thanks to all who make these donations possible and who make our club a success.

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To GHC Reeder:

Roger Trobridge of the NHL (UK) has shown me a copy of the January - February edition of the GHC Reeder and I am writing to thank you from myself and also on behalf of Douglas's family - especially his daughters, for the kind tributes to Douglas that you have published in your magazine.

We will continue to update Douglas's website with newly published information, music and links, so if you check back every so often, I am sure you will find something new. <u>http://www.douglastate.com</u>

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Barbara Tate

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? (SENIOR CITIZEN VERSION)

Rich Krueger got such a kick from the following that he recorded the tune and played along and then sang the words. Many asked for a copy so it is reprinted here. Enjoy!

If Elvis had lived longer, he would have just celebrated his 70th birthday and possibly would have re-written, "Are You Lonesome Tonight," Here's how it might have turned out.

Are you lonesome tonight? Does your tummy feel tight? Did you bring your mylanta and tums?

Does your memory stray, To that bright sunny day, When you had all your teeth and your gums?

> Is your hairline receding? Your eyes growing dim? Hysterectomy for her, And it's prostate for him.

Does your back give you pain? Do your knees predict rain? Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight? Is your blood pressure up? Good cholesterol down? Are you eating your low fat cuisine?

All that oat bran and fruit, Metamucil to boot. Helps you run like A well oiled machine.

If it's football or baseball, He sure knows the score. Yes, he knows where it's at But forgets what it's for.

So your gallbladder's gone, But your gout lingers on, Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight? When you're hungry, he's not, When you're cold, he is hot, Then you start that old thermostat war.

When you turn out the light, He goes left, you go right, Then you get his great symphonic snore.

He was once so romantic, So witty and smart; How'd he turn out to be such A cranky old fart?

So don't take any bets, It's as good as it gets, Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis has left the building!



Buckeye Harmonica Festival -2006 University Plaza Hotel, April 6-8 Columbus, OH

(For Rooms call (614) 267-7461)

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> www.buckeyeharmonica.org or call BSHC (614) 607-5222

STUFF AND NONSENSE

What happened to the kitten that got caught in a Xerox machine?

It became a copy cat.

Why did the farmer cross a chicken with a centipede?

He wanted a bird with a hundred drum-sticks.

How does a rapper's telephone ring? Bling-bling

Why did the dummy put a fir tree in his living room? He wanted to spruce up the place.

What's a ghoul's favorite snack? *Finger sandwiches*.

What do you get when you burn wood that's been eaten by termites? *Holey smoke.*

What do you call an Oreo that has computer chips in it? A smart cookie.

What's the main difference between a duck and George Washington? One has a bill on his face, the other has his face on a bill

IRISH QUIZ:

- Q. What's Irish and stays out all night?
- A. Patty O'Furniture
- Q. Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?
- A. Real rocks are too heavy.
- Q. What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?
- A. A rash of good luck

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hey,

There is going to be some great harpin' in Alabama. Pass it on!

Birmingham's Heart of the South Harmonica Music Festival May 11–13, 2006

Current Information at: http://birminghamharmonica.com

sponsored by SHARPS - Shelby Harmonica Players Society J. Addison Hitchcock ~ Director

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

3/5 (Sun) 2:30 PM — Alexian Brothers: 4005 Ripa--South County, MO 63125 -- I-55 to Reavis Barracks Rd.; east to Union; left about 1/2 mile to Ripa; right to 4005.

3/11 (Sat) 6:00 PM — GHC Banquet: Garavelli's

- 3/15 (Wed) 6:45 PM The Claymont Association 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.
- 3/23 (Thu) 2:15 PM Park Provence: 605 Coeur de Ville, Creve Coeur, MO 63141: From I-270 exit West on Ladue; turn right (North) on the service road (Coeur de Ville); follow to 605 on right.
- 3/30 (Thu) 2:30 PM Friendship Village South County: 12509 Village Circle Drive, St. Louis, MO 63127--From I-270 exit west on Gravois (Hwy 30). Move quickly to left center lane and at stop light turn left onto Old Gravois Hwy. Follow about 1/4 mile to entrance to Friendship Village. Turn left into the Village and follow to Health Center at 12509.

4/6 (Thu) — Buckeye Harmonica Festival, Columbus, OH: (thru Sat 4/8)

- 4/10 (Mon) 1:30 PM St. Louis Altenheim: 5408 South Broadway, St. Louis
- 4/15 (Sat) 12:45 PM Military Officers Association of America Airport Marriott, just south of hwy I-70 across from Lambert Airport (314) 423-9700
- 4/19 (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.
- 4/27 (Thu) 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship Of Redeemer: From I-270, east on Hwy 40 east to Kingshighway exit; south (left) to 6450 (on left very near Gravois).
- 5/5 (Fri) 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.
- 5/7 (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
- 5/18 (Thu) 2:45 PM Tesson Heights Senior Living Community: 12335 West Bend Blvd, Sunset Hills, MO 63128 --From I-270, west on Tesson Ferry to the next stop light; right onto West Bend Blvd. and follow to 12335
- 5/26 (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 (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.)
- 6/10 (Sat) 2:00 PM Garden Villas Town & Country: Hwy. 40 West to Hwy. 141 south; cross under Hwy 40, turn left on South Outer Rd. and follow to 13590.
- 6/25 (Sun) 2:00 PM Delmar Gardens North: 4401 Parker Rd., Florissant MO 63033: From I-270 at New Halls Ferry Rd., go left (North) about 1 mile to Parker; right on Parker to Delmar Gardens North on left.
- 7/2 (Sun) 2:30 PM Garden Villas South: 3457 Tesson Ferry Rd.: I-270 South to Tesson Ferry Rd.; west about 3 miles to Butler Hill Rd.: follow signs to entrance

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- 7/28 (Fri) 2:00 PM Garden Villas of Chesterfield: 14901 North Outer 40, St. Louis, MO 63017: West on I-64/US 40 to Chesterfield Parkway; right (North) to North Outer 40; right (East) and almost immediately turn left into Garden Villas. (For your info, this is next door to Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield where we will play on January 8.)
- 10/22 (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.
- 11/9 (Thu) 6:00 PM Grace Church XYZ Seniors: From I-270 go east on St. Charles Rock Rd.; right on Mc Kelvey about 1 mile, crossing I-70 and I-270 and turning onto Creve Coeur Mill Rd. to 2695. Parking 100 yards from the entrance.
- 11/12 (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.)
- 12/8 (Fri) 12:45 PM Shepherd's Center of Webster Groves/ Kirkwood: 1333 West Lockwood --St. Louis, MO 63122: From I-270, exit Big Bend Blvd. going East past about 3 stop lights to Berry Rd.; left under I-44 across rail tracks and past Westborough Country Club; left at the next light into driveway on right.





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