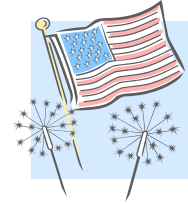




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NEWS AND VIEWS

by Mary Ann Love

FRANK MURIEL

We learned from Sarah Muriel that Frank passed away in his sleep early June 7. Frank was club president 1990 – 1991. Frank has donated his body to St. Louis University for medical research. A private memorial service was held for family. Frank was a Korean War veteran. A memorial donation was sent by the club to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Members were invited to share special short memories of Frank in this issue.

- *Memoirs from Jessie Hirsch* - Frank was a great contributor to the club. He had a love of jazz and could play a very soulful harmonica. We are grateful for his CD's which was his gift to us. We are saddened by his passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family during this difficult time.
- *Memoirs from Ralph Barber* - Playing behind Frank at our open mic sessions was always a daunting position to be in for a neophyte harmonica player. And it seemed to occur more often, I think, than it actually did. But on the upside, he did inspire us newbies to strive for our personal best if only to minimize the embarrassment factor. The only other option, after all, was to find somewhere to hide. And afterwards, always a kind word of encouragement and perhaps a subtle, non-critical suggestion on how to improve. Just imagine how wonderful it will be when Frank convinces those musicians up there to make the change from string harps to reed harps.
- *Memoirs from Bill Dulin* - Seven years ago I attended my first GHC meeting. I sat next to Audria and Frank was seated next to her. He was her friend and became a friend of mine. We always had a good time and often he would cause us to laugh with his crazy improvisations. He was a wizard with the harmonica and no one could match his violin sound. I learned a lot from Frank. He was always encouraging me and never criticized. I will miss him. Bill
- *Memoirs from Tony Wilbram* - I was saddened to learn of Frank's passing. I will always cherish the memories of the times I played a duet with Frank at open-mike. It was always a special time for me. We usually decided on Danny Boy (or Londonderry Air) - and Frank always made the song's rendering sound very professional - which, of course, it was!
- *Memoirs from Audria Gebhardt* - Frank was my friend and buddy who sat next to me at GHC for the last 13 years. Frank's joy and pleasure of music was evident in his beautiful tone and playing. I learned a lot from Frank and he was very supportive of my playing, especially Latin music, which we both enjoyed. His ready smile, laughter and beautiful harmonica playing endeared him to many. I'll never forget the many times he talked about how proud he was of his son Frankie's musical ability, especially when Frankie was asked to play in Las Vegas. Frank befriended many and will be missed by GHC.

WALLY DESHON

Wallace J. DeShon Sr., deceased on May 5, 2010. Mr. DeShon was a U.S. Navy Veteran and retired from National Steel as a Locomotive Engineer and was a member of International Chemical Workers Union Local 50, the American Legion and Gateway Harmonica Club.

Wally traveled to the club meetings from Glen Carbon, IL and was good buddies with Jerry Bonfiglio. Wally was full of fun and mischief and we will miss him.

MEMORIAL FOR THE MARKIVEES

A memorial service and get together was held in Carroll and Jean's honor on June 27 at Grace Presbyterian Church in St. Charles and was hosted by their children. Son, David, a very accomplished musician who has studied music all his life, played *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* on a hi-tech keyboard. Thanks to club members who played several songs on harmonicas.

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

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Happy Birthday!!!

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



JULY

Dorothy Welsch 7/5
 Debbie Campbell 7/16
 Mike Patzius 7/21
 Tom Sutterfield 7/24
 Mary Heininger 7/24
 Buddy Hirsch 7/25
 Tony Wilbraham 7/26
 Samuel Hardy 7/27
 Bernice Norton 7/27
 Mary Ann love 7/28
 Jessie Hirsch 7/31

AUGUST

Bob Norton 8/3
 Bud Anders 8/4
 Betty Ford 8/13
 Bob Davis 8/13
 Rich Krueger 8/15
 Jackie Pratte 8/18
 Bob Sandefur 8/20
 Ria Meagher 8/20
 Sue Fey 8/25
 Sheela Joy Chittina 8/27
 Jack Cook 8/30

A Special Birthday greeting is extended to Helené Pratte Blake (mother of Charles Pratte) who celebrated her 108th birthday on June 23 with family and friends.

Editor's Note: Please notify us if your or your spouse's birthday is missing or incorrect. We welcome publication of any members special highlight dates!

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Gateway Harmonica Club was listed as one of the preferred memorial donation choices.

HEALTH MATTERS

Woody Woodring is making good progress following a knee replacement.

Thelma Dombi is recovering from a recent eye surgery.

We wish them and all our shut-in members and friends good health, friendship, and happiness.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Andrew Reagan

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 St. Louis, MO 63133
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SHORT TAKES

Scott Paulding from Denver visited club practice on June 22 and played several lively tunes.

PICNIC REVIEW:

A Club Picnic & Barbeque was enjoyed by about 30 members and guests on June 5 at the Shady Springs Park in St. Charles. The day was warm but a welcome breeze and fans gave periodic relief. Joe Fey showed off an



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early hidden talent and entertained with his ukulele and a humorous ditty titled “My Logger Love.” Sam Hardy was in excellent voice singing the verse and chorus of “Sunny Side of the Street.” The club played as a band as well as numerous solos, duets, and other ensembles with various accompaniments. It was a musically fun and relaxing time.



A special tribute was made to Guy Vaccaro who was celebrating his 87th birthday with cake, cards and balloons. “Happy Birthday” and “For He’s A Jolly Good Fellow” were played and sung. Guy has been the equipment hauler and set-up man for several years and the club is very grateful for his and Pauline Guelbert’s dependable help.



Thanks to all who attended and support the club.

RICHARD HAYMAN 90TH BIRTHDAY

Two weeks after graduating from high school in Boston, Richard Hayman was playing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the Borrah Minnevitck Harmonica Rascals and he has never stopped playing, composing, arranging and is now Conductor of the Florida Sunshine Pops.

On June 27, Powell Hall was filled to capacity for a St. Louis Symphony pops concert with Richard Hayman celebrating his ninetieth birthday (he said it was three months ago) and his fiftieth wedding anniversary to Mary Ellen who was in the audience.

For the first act he wore a royal purple satin jacket and turban with big feather and opened with a medley of “Strike Up the Band” and “South Rampart Street Parade.” Comedy tricks included kazoo’s in the horn section, bass violinists spinning their beautiful instruments around, a few violinists waving colorful flags and a drummer showering the orchestra with confetti from his fake drum!

Dick sang a comedy vaudeville song “The Maharajah of Magador” and played “The Rose” for his wife while a stage-hand carried a bouquet of roses to her front row seat.

In the second act Dick wore a gold lame jacket over his red, white and blue sequined vest and Cardinals ball cap. After selections from “Mary Poppins,” Susan Slaughter played “La Virgen de la Macarena,” a fast and wonderful Spanish bullfight composition with the SLSO (St. Louis Symphony Orchestra). This year Susan retired after forty years as their principal trumpet player and she is a best friend of Richard. There were many wonderful pops pieces played and it ended with the St. Louis Metro Singers on stage, each carrying a colorful balloon, forty women and 25 men singing “Hey Look Me Over,” “Happy Birthday,” “Ruby,” and “May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You.”

Event attended and reviewed by Christine Pondo.

Editors Note: Richard Hayman is a long-time honorary member of the Gateway Harmonica Club and we also wish to extend our congratulations on his 90th Birthday as well as 50 year Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations, Richard! It has been our pleasure and delight to have your acquaintance and friendship over the years.

SPAH 2010 CONVENTION

(BLOOMINGTON, Minn., May 20 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/) --

Twin City Harmonica Society Hosts International Harmonica Extravaganza

A record number of harmonica players, including some of the "best in the world", will meet at the Ramada Inn-Mall of America as the Society holds its 47th Anniversary Convention in Bloomington, MN

During the convention the program features exhibitions, stores, workshops, daily open mics, nightly shows, kids program, a ladies breakfast, Presidents breakfast, tours, vendor booths, Saturday banquet and headliner show, jamming and much more.

This year's featured American artists appearing at SPAH 2010 include Howard Levy, a pioneer of modern day harmonica playing techniques; Joe

Filisko, a world renowned innovator in harmonica construction and a master traditional blues player; Andy Just, a west coast rock n' blues wizard; Clint Hoover, local Minnesota legend that "does it all" on many styles of music; Dick Gardner, another Minnesota native who was a member of the "Harmonicats", the harmonica group that stormed the popular music charts. International headliners include Susan Sauter, a classical sensation from Germany; Bart Leczycki, a blues/jazz phenom from Poland and Thiago Cerveira, a multi-instrumentalist from Brazil. Many more notable players will be added before show time.

WORDS OF HUMOR

Submitted by Rev. Arpad de Kallos

Presidential Wisdom:

"God must have meant us to laugh. Else He would not have made so many mules, parrots, monkeys, and human beings." – *Abraham Lincoln*.

Seen on a T-Shirt:

"When life becomes more than you can stand, kneel." - *Pastor Dale Schoening, Renwick, IA*

Church sign near Troy, AL:

"Aspire to inspire before you expire." - *Charles Garrett, Fort Gaines, GA*

Bible Study Humor:

Lot's Wife – The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

A Nun asked her 2nd grade class to write notes to God. Here are some they handed in:

- Dear God: I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool.
- Dear God: Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. That's what my Mom did for me and my brother.

- Dear God: If You watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shows.
- Dear God: I bet it is very hard to love everyone in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them.
- Dear God: Are You really invisible or is it just a trick?
- Dear God: Is it true my father won't get into heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?
- Dear God: Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?
- Dear God: I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the church. Is that OK?
- Dear God: Did You really mean "do unto others as they do unto you"? Because if You did, then I'm going to get my brother good.
- Dear God: Thank You for the baby brother, but I think you got confused because what I prayed for was a puppy.
- Dear God: Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.
- Dear God: I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over.
- Dear God: Of all the people who worked for You, I like Noah and David the best.
- Dear God: My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. He is just kidding, isn't he?
- Dear God: We read Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday school they said You did it. So, I bet he stole Your idea.

We Get Letters . . .

To: Gateway Harmonica Club
 From: Lutheran Convalescent Home
 Webster Groves, MO

Thanks to all of you – wives included – for the great entertainment, and your volunteering for benevolent and charitable causes.

Carole Spree
 Program Chairman

To: Gateway Harmonica Club
 From: Belleville Hospital

Thank you and your entire organization for your performance at our Pulmonary Rehab Picnic.

We appreciate all you do: Keep up the good work.

Shirley Schultz, ART, AEC
 Pulmonary Rehab Coordinator

*“Many Thanks
 With sincere gratitude for your kindness”*

I wanted to thank you all again for your music at my father’s memorial on June 27th.

I am so grateful you all were there as part of the family.

Pam Teimorzadeh
(daughter of Carroll and Jean Markivee)

The Gateway Harmonica Club wishes to acknowledge a \$100 contribution from the Markivee family and a \$50 contribution from Dr. Cesar and Marie Gomez in memory of Carroll and Jean Markivee.

To: Gateway Harmonica Club, Inc.

Dear Friends,

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your recent contribution on 5/18/10 of \$50.00 to the American Diabetes Association in the name of Wallace (Wally) DeShon, given by Gateway Harmonica Club. No goods or services were provided by the Association in return for this contribution. It is truly a privilege to have your support. A card announcing your thoughtful gesture has been forwarded to Mr. Wallace J. DeShon, Jr.

Your donation to the Memorial and Honor Program is already hard at work helping us provide information

about diabetes, delivering important services to people with diabetes, assisting dedicated scientists, and researchers who are working to find ways to prevent the onset of diabetes, and hopefully, find a cure.

On behalf of the millions of friends and families affected by diabetes, I thank you again for your thoughtful and caring gift. Only through the voluntary generosity of individuals like you can we continue our quest to conquer diabetes in our lifetime!

Sincerely,

Paula M. Williams, Manager
 Customer Service Team
 Memorial and Honor Program
 American Diabetes Association

To: Gateway Harmonica Club, Inc.

Thank you all so much for the donation to the American Diabetes Association in my Dad’s name. Hopefully together we can put an end to this terrible disease. Dad really loved playing with all of you. It was one of his favorite things. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Wallace DeShon Jr.

To: Gateway Harmonica Club, Inc.

On behalf of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), thank you for your thoughtful contribution of \$50.00 in memory of Daniel Welsch. An acknowledgement has been sent on your behalf to Dorothy Welsch. Your gift enables the NKF to provide programs and services to the 26 million people with chronic kidney disease and those that await a life-saving organ.

As a major voluntary health organization, the NKF seeks to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation. We will use your contribution to support our patient and professional education, patient services, research and advocacy programs, which assist millions of Americans each year. Thank you on behalf of those we serve who are affected by kidney disease.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Engel
 Division President

THE WISDOM OF WILL ROGERS

Submitted by Bill Dulin.

Will Rogers was quite the cowboy, with all the wisdom of simple, honest folk. His words still ring with common sense today. He died in a 1935 plane crash with his best friend, Wylie Post. He was probably the greatest political sage this country ever has known. Simple but brilliant and full of truths! Enjoy!

- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman . . . Neither works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
- There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
- After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter

came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

- 1st Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- 2nd The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- 3rd Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.
- 4th When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- 5th You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- 6th I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- 7th One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- 8th One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
- 9th Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- 10th Long ago, when men beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

Finally - If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

**21st Annual YELLOW PINE HARMONICA CONTEST -
AUGUST 6th 7th, 8th, 2010**

*** Food Vendors *** Craft Vendors *** Auction, Raffles & Drawings ***

Harmonica Contest judged by professional judges!

**The Harp Beats (George Miklas & Phil Caltabellotta)
will be judging the harmonica contest**

Enter as many categories as you want for only one entry fee.

Call, email, or visit the website to sign up

Deb Filler, 208/466-5951 fillerd2@g.com OR

Lynn Imel, 208/633-4635 limel@ruralnetwork.net

Yellow Pine Harmonica Festival: www.harmonicacontest.com

REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS DATED JULY 2000:*Presented by Jessie Hirsch, Treasurer***ARTICLE 4 – DUES**

Now Reads: Dues for regular membership renewal shall be payable on the first day of January of each year and become delinquent on March 1. Delinquent members will be notified of their delinquency in the March issue of the newsletter. Members will be reinstated upon payment of one full year's dues.

Change To: Dues for regular membership renewal shall be payable on the first day of January of each year and become delinquent on March 1. Members will be reinstated upon payment of one full year's dues.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBER RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

In 2008 during a meeting at the GHC I was under the impression that we would no longer have Associate Members as it cost more than the dues to print/mail the

Reeder. If I was wrong in deleting it from the by-laws, (by the way we have no associate members) I'm sorry but I have not accepted any Associate Membership Dues for the past 2+ years.

ALSO, presented at a regular meeting of GHC on May 6, 2008, members voted on eliminating the Registration Fee of \$5.00.

ALSO, presented at the same time, we agreed to ELIMINATE Section 11 Humanitarian Aid. Statement of Purpose: We usually vote to donate money to charities throughout the year and especially in December.

ARTICLE 8: _ MEETINGS: LAST PARAGRAPH:

As of this writing meetings are held at The Rock Baptist Church. . . change to The Rock Church.

ARTICLE 5: - FUNDS

In the event of selling used equipment, all sales will be sold "as is" and will be final.

"There's no half-singing in the shower, you're either a rock star or an opera diva."

— Josh Groban

MUSICIAN'S DICTIONARY...*Submitted by Michael LaRue*

AGENT: a character who resents performers getting 90% of his salary.

ARRANGER: a guy who writes to support a drinking habit.

BALLET: an art form for people with eating disorders

BANDSTAND: the area furthest away from an electrical outlet

BIG BAND: nowadays, an aggregation consisting of two musicians.

CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME: God's way of telling you that you've practiced too much....

CONTRACTOR: a man whose funeral nobody goes to.

DOWNBEAT: the magazine that would have you believe that all jazz musicians are working.

ELECTRIC PIANO: the instrument that enables its player to pay for the hernia he sustained lifting it.

HOTEL PIANIST: a guy who looks good in a tux.

JAZZ FESTIVAL: an event attended by folks who think Coltrane is a car on the B&O railroad.

LYRIC: that part of a tune known only by singers and homosexuals.

NEW AGE : a musical substitute for Valium.

NEW YEARS EVE: the night of the year when contractors are forced to hire musicians they despise.

PERCUSSIONIST: a drummer who can't swing.

PERFECT PITCH: the ability to pinpoint any note and still play out of tune.

PRODIGY: a kid who has as much chance at a normal childhood as the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series.

SIDEMAN: the appellation that guarantees a musician will never be rich.

STAFF MUSICIAN: harder to locate than a cavity in the Osmond family.

STEADY ENGAGEMENT: look up in Webster's Dictionary under the word "obsolete."

UNION REP: a guy who thinks big bands are coming back.

YANNI: a man blessed with great hair for music.

GHC GIGS, CLASSES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

6:00 PM - Blues Group, led by Louise Cook and Ed Cenatiempo — Everyone welcome

7:00 PM - First Tuesday of month: Business Meeting — Everyone welcome

All other Tuesdays: Band Rehearsal — Everyone welcome

8:00 PM - Open Mic — Everyone welcome

PERFORMANCES, CLASSES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

A list of the club's upcoming performances, classes and special events is distributed each month at the business meeting. For the most up-to-date calendar of all GHC performances, classes and special events, go to www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org/calendar, which takes you to our **online calendar**. You can view the calendar in Week, Month or Agenda (list) format by clicking on the tab of your choice. To move the display backward or forward in any view, click ◀ or ▶ in the upper left-hand corner of the calendar.

Gigs and special events are shown in RED, classes in BLUE. To the right of the tabs, there is a small ▼ symbol that you can click to open a drop-down checklist if you wish to display only a specific category or categories by checking selected boxes .



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