

The Reeder



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NEWS AND VIEWS -by Mary Ann Love

NOMINATIONS:

Election of officers of the Gateway Harmonica Club will be held at the December 6, 2011 business meeting. Nominations are as follows:

President:	Frank Davis
Vice President:	Bill Dulin
	Herb Huebner
Treasurer:	Buddy Hirsch
Corresponding & Recording	
Secretary:	Mary Ann Love

Officers are eligible to serve two consecutive terms (of two years each). The incumbent President, Vice President, and Treasurer have now fulfilled their two terms and are not eligible to serve in the same position. They may be nominated for a different position.

The incumbent Secretary has served one term and is eligible for another as Secretary.

Nominations are still open and other names may be accepted from the floor at the December meeting before the vote is cast.

If not possible to be at the election meeting, you may cast your vote by mail for one of the above, or another as a write-in, but that must be received prior to December 6. Send to: Mary Ann Love, 1162 Villa Flora Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366 or e-mail malove123@msn.com.

CHARITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of the charity funds earned by the club throughout the year will be discussed at the December meeting.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Remember to bring your Christmas music to practice. The season is fast approaching!

MEMBERS HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Dulin is recovering from double by-pass surgery.

Bill Davis is recovering from surgery to put spacers into his vertebrae and also facing rotator cup surgery. Get Well Wishes go to **Shirley Perez**, honorary member, who had her broken leg from a fall, and is now in recovery from breast cancer.

Jackie Pratte is having facial reconstruction following surgery.

Bill Nesslein and **Rosemary** were able to return to club lately. Great to see them!

The Gateway Harmonica Club extends our sincere sympathy to **Jerry and Sandy Bonfiglio** on the passing of their daughter, Sonia, on September 9 after a long illness.

We have received word of the passing of **Sarah Muriel** in September.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The club Christmas party will be held on December 6 following the business meeting. Please bring a food item to share if you wish, and plan to enjoy the party. The gift exchange has been dropped. Spouses, family and friends are all invited.

SEASONAL CHANGE OF UNIFORMS

The winter uniform at gigs is now in effect – long sleeve white dress shirts and red vests, black pants. If you need a vest, please contact an officer of the club.

VISITORS

On September 27 **John and Joan Murphy** from Aurora, Colorado joined the club practice and John played several numbers at open mic.

Anthony Padilla is here from California visiting his grandfather, Sal Miano, and enjoys the blues sessions.

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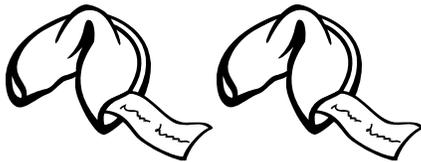
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If you are patient in one moment of anger, it will save 100 days of grief. – Chinese Proverb



From Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, 1602:

Duke Orsino: "If music be the food of love, play on."

Music plays an important part in many of Shakespeare's plays and is often used to carry the plot. It's reasonable to surmise that he did believe it to be 'the food of love'.

Happy Birthday!!!

NOVEMBER

Marlin Woodring	11/11
Arpad deKallos	11/12
Leo Kluesner	11/16
Stan Musial	11/21
Faye Anders	11/25
Wendy Wilbraham	11/29

DECEMBER

Audria Gebhardt	12/9
Rosemary Hardy	12/9
Ed Cenatiempo	12/10
Rudy Michelin	12/11
Melba Lackey	12/13
Shirley Perez	12/17
Joe Fey	12/24
Mary Carol Kluesner	12/26
Ernie Hackmann	12/27
Christine Pondo	12/29
Elva Bottchen	12/31



Happy Birthday & Congratulations to all!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER ★

Stan Baldwin has become our newest member. He plays the diatonic harp well and has a strong and pleasing singing voice. Please make Stan welcome!

A SMILE IS YOUR PERSONAL WELCOME MAT.



Christine Pondo presented a recital at the Steinway Gallery on October 8, 2011. Chris began the program by relating that her four grandparents were all born in Poland and she is very proud of her heritage. She played and sang many selections from her mother’s Polish songbook. Chris was attired in traditional festive dress and wore several hats to accompany specific pieces: a military cap embellished with “The Road To Freedom” (in Polish language) to signify unification and solidarity against the Russian invasion; a large red babushka scarf tied in the customary manner of modest women; and a flowery wreath with ribbon streamers when she played a song about a young girl who yearned to be the bride of a man who did not love her.



Chris played various harmonica tunes but showcased her expertise on the grand Steinway playing Chopin mazurkas, nocturnes, and waltzes with nimble, agile and dancing fingers while exercising proper expression. Family, choir and church members, friends from the Polish American Culture, Gateway Harmonica Club and other guests were duly impressed by Chris’ performances and requested an encore (Chopin’s *Minute Waltz*) before bestowing bouquets of appreciation. All were awed at the effort and time expended to deliver this outstanding concert! Congratulations, Chris!

All are invited to share their noteworthy experiences or other subject matters of general interest.

SPAH 2013 (Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica)

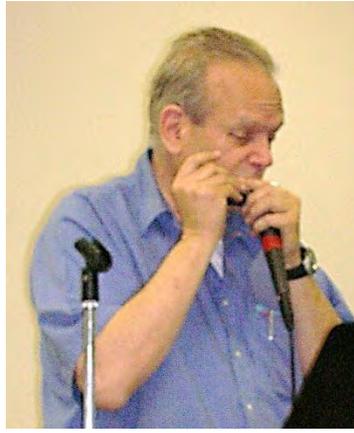
It has been announced that the 50th Anniversary SPAH convention will be held in St. Louis in August 2013. Preliminary procedures are in the works to choose the appropriate venues by the SPAH committees. Our involvement at this time is that we have been asked to be thinking about a ‘theme.’ Some themes from past years include ‘Meet Me In St. Louis’ and ‘It’s A Wonderful World.’ Your suggestions are welcome. A call for volunteers in many areas will follow as plans develop. A planning meeting with the SPAH committee will be held the evening of December 5 ~ time and location TBD. All GHC members are invited and encouraged to participate.



Jakey Goopy!

Harmony~

Herb



Shenandoah Valley Elementary Fall Festival 9/24

FUN TIME AT OPEN MIC



Chris Pondo (Eagle Rock)



Rich Krueger (Playing 20's Tunes)



Stan on Concertina

Chris Pondo sings and dances 'Ballin' the Jack!'

„Ballin' the Jack' was the name of a popular song and dance in 1913, which goes like this:

*"First you put your two knees close up tight
Then you sway them to the left, then you sway them
to the right
Step around the floor kind of nice and light
Then you twist around and twist around with all
your might,
Stretch your loving arms straight out into space,
Then you do the Eagle Rock with style and grace.
Swing your foot way 'round then bring it back.
Now that's what I call Ballin' the Jack."*

Chris has joined another musical group called the Gibson Girls, a singing and dancing group that entertains at nursing homes and other functions. All of the ladies wear a red dress. Chris' dress has shimmy shake fringe and is reminiscent of the swingin' 30's era.

If you have a chance, look at the photos in this issue on the website. They are in beautiful color.

Rich Krueger playing Dardanella

Dardanella is a popular song published in 1919 by Fred Fisher. Band conductor Ben Selvin led into the 1920s with his hit instrumental version of *Dardanella*. The song held the No. 1 spot on the U.S. charts for 13 weeks, and sold a seemingly incredible five million copies.

The name in the song is based on the Dardanelles, one of the Turkish straits that separates European Turkey from Asian Turkey. The name can be traced back (via Dardania) to the mythological figure Dardanus, son of Zeus and Electra.

Rich also played "The Entertainer," a 1902 popular ragtime piece by Scott Joplin.

One of the classics of ragtime, it returned to top international prominence as part of the ragtime revival in the 1970s, when it was used as the theme music for the 1973 Oscar-winning film *The Sting*.

Rich can be seen on You Tube playing *The Entertainer* and also *Moonlight Sonata*.

'Tis the Season Trivia Challenge

1. What item was used for Frosty the Snowman's nose?
 - a) Button
 - b) Coal
 - c) Coin
 - d) Corncob
2. What company is credited with being the first to use Santa Claus in an ad?
 - a) Quaker Oats
 - b) Wheaties
 - c) Cracker Jack
 - d) Coca-Cola
3. What horror-movie icon provided the narration for the famous TV version of How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
 - a) Vincent Price
 - b) Lon Chaney Jr.
 - c) Boris Karloff
 - d) Bela Lugosi
4. In 1979, the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C., was unlit except for one ornament. Why?
 - a) Oil embargo energy crisis
 - b) American hostages in Iran
 - c) Terrorism threats
 - d) A squirrel damaged the wiring
5. What animals are specified in the New Testament as being present at the birth of Jesus?
 - a) Oxen and lambs
 - b) Cows and oxen
 - c) Sheep and camels
 - d) None
6. What dream team starred in the 1942 movie Holiday Inn, which gave the world the Irving Berlin classic "White Christmas?"
 - a) Bob Hope and Jerry Lewis
 - b) Bob Hope and Bing Crosby
 - c) Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire
 - d) Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers
7. The poinsettia, a plant long associated with Christmas, is native to what country?
 - a) Mexico
 - b) Portugal
 - c) Canada
 - d) Israel
8. In what movie is Santa Claus put on trial to determine if he's insane – and the U.S. Postal Service saves the day?
 - a) Miracle on 34th Street
 - b) Scooged
 - c) Babes in Toyland
 - d) The Nightmare Before Christmas
9. Who is credited with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees?
 - a) Thomas Jefferson's wife
 - b) Benjamin Franklin's niece
 - c) Thomas Edison's assistant
 - d) Nikola Tesla
10. What did Mary do to show her approval of the Little Drummer Boy's playing?
 - a) Smiled at him
 - b) Kept time
 - c) Nodded
 - d) Asked him to play again
11. What Christmas character was created for a department store advertising campaign?
 - a) Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
 - b) Saint Nicholas
 - c) The Grinch
 - d) Nester the Long-Eared Christmas Donkey
12. In what activity are the characters involved at the beginning if a Charlie Brown Christmas?
 - a) Sledding
 - b) Snowball fight
 - c) Ice skating
 - d) Caroling
13. What are the names of the policeman and the cab driver in It's A Wonderful Life?
 - a) Bert and Ernie
 - b) Felix and Oscar
 - c) George and Gino
 - d) Frankie and Johnny
14. What first lady wrote a Christmas story about a little girl names Marta for a magazine?
 - a) Bess Truman
 - b) Eleanor Roosevelt
 - c) Barbara Bush
 - d) Rosalynn Carter
15. In the Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol, what is the name of the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge?

- a) The Ghost of Christmas Past
- b) Beetlejuice

- c) Jacob Marley
- d) Bob Marley

*As the holiday seasons are fast approaching, let us reflect on our many blessings and friendships.
The Gateway Harmonica Club wishes all its members Seasons Greetings & Happy Holidays!*

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

--Scott Wesemann

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing.

We're slaves to the everyday overload
We rush our prayers before the food gets cold.
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for.

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head.
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
whose lives touch me more than they'll ever know.
Thankful that You've blessed me beyond measure.
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest
treasure.

That You, dear Lord, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for your unending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've
provided, And bless each and every person invited.



CHRISTMAS HOLLY

- Submitted by Chris Pondo

Be merry all, be merry all,
With holly dress the festive hall.
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,
To welcome merry Christmas.

Its green eaves shine to reflect a glow,
From candles burning bright.
The berries so red, bring glee it is said.
When snow makes the fields so white.

Then sing to the holly, the Christmas holly,
That hangs over peasant and King.
While we laugh and carouse
Neath its glittering boughs
And imagine what the New Year will bring.

Strike the harp, play the flute,
The holly reigns absolute.
Now let us also resolute
To share a Merry Christmas!



Answers to Trivia Challenge

1. a) Button
2. d) Coca-Cola
3. c) Boris Karloff
4. b) American hostages in Iran
5. d) None
6. c) Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire
7. a) Mexico
8. a) Miracle on 34th Street
9. c) Thomas Edison's assistant
10. c) Nodded
11. a) Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
12. c) Ice skating
13. a) Bert and Ernie
14. b) Eleanor Roosevelt
15. c) Jacob Marley

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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