



The Reeder



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NEWS AND VIEWS - by Mary Ann Love

ELECTION RESULTS:

Election of officers of the Gateway Harmonica Club for the term of 2012-2013 took place at the GHC business meeting on December 6, 2011 with results as follows:

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

Your cooperation and support of these officers is encouraged and appreciated.

CHARITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of the charity funds earned by the club throughout the year has been sent in the amount of \$300 each to:

Shriners' Childrens Hospital
 Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children
 St. Louis 100 Neediest Cases
 Salvation Army
 The Rock Church (meeting venue)

The club has also made memorial donations during the past year for several members who have passed on. In addition, the club offers a quarterly donation to the Rock Church, where we are privileged to hold our weekly meetings. This facility offers the space, comfort and central locality and we are fortunate to enjoy this convenient meeting place.

At this time we would like to recognize all those who help to make the club a success: players at gigs, band leaders, equipment haulers and set-up people, salespersons, schedulers, website and article writers, photographers, all members, their supportive spouses and families, and all who contribute in any way.

We regret to inform club members of the passing of **Leo Kluesner** from congestive heart failure on December 19. Leo loved the harmonica and the club. Services were private.

DUES ARE DUE!

Dues for regular membership are \$15.00 annually and become delinquent on March 1. Dues cover the cost of printing of sheet music and the newsletter plus postage. Other club expenses are covered by earning income from gigs, sales of CDs, and harmonica necklaces, etc. Some members expend much of their time and energy to promote and ensure continued success of the club. Please do your part by renewing your membership.

Make your checks payable to The Gateway Harmonica Club and deliver or mail to:

Buddy Hirsch
 47 Orchard Lane
 Kirkwood, MO 3122

To our supporting members who are out of town or out of commission for any reason, please jot a note with your check – we love to hear from everyone.

MEMBERS HEALTH CONCERNS

Ed Heininger is now able to get around using a walker and is recovering from his hip surgery.

Mike LaRue is in a program to prepare for gastric bypass surgery. We wish Mike every success! Best wishes to **Doreen Scurlock** (our Ohio member) who has received sad news of breast cancer.

SHELDON HALL

Our club has been invited to perform as hometown musicians on March 27, a Tuesday evening. On that date the club will play at the Sheldon Hall instead of at the usual Rock Church facility. The program will include two 45-minute sessions with a 15-minute intermission. The tickets cost \$10 each and our club will earn half the ticket sales. We will prepare a variety of types of songs: blues groups, some solo numbers, and some of our usual performance agendas. We will be concentrating on this program during the next several months of practice. Please join in. It is quite an honor to perform at the Sheldon!

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

www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org

People will forget what you said: People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.

Come Blow Your Horn



**Share any good happenings with your GHC family!
 We need good news!**

GREAT GRANDDADDY!

Charlie Pratte was proud to announce he is now a great-grandfather with the birth of Connor Matthew.

Bill Dulin has been appointed SPAH Coordinator for the SPAH convention to be held in St. Louis in August 2013.

If you have any questions or suggestions about this event, please contact Bill at imafosi@att.net

Happy Birthday!!

JANUARY

Mike Asbury	1/2
Teresa Steiven	1/4
Ed Heining	1/8
Fred Stover	1/8
Pauline Guelbert	1/10
Judia Goodson	1/19
Johanna Sutterfield	1/28

FEBRUARY

Amanda Warren	2/8
Ernie Roberts	2/21
Kaleena Hutchins	2/22
Sandy Bonfiglio	2/27
Gloria Winston	2/28



Happy Birthday & Congratulations to all!

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!

In past years we have printed short bios of GHC members and it was a very popular feature. These were consolidated and published in the 2007 (20th) Anniversary booklet. Since that time, we have added new members and would welcome hearing about their lives, accomplishments and other interests. Tell as much or little as you care to share. If you would like help or direction, please contact Mary Ann Love.

*Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
 Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*

The Entertainer



On November 18, I did a one man harmonica show that lasted for an hour and a half at the John Wood College in Quincy, IL. I felt that I held the audience's interest the entire time.

The girl in the picture, Grace, sang John Lennon's composition "Imagine," while I played along with a karaoke accompaniment. Grace is the president of the music club at John Wood.

I played every style of music that I could think of: Classical, Folk, Ragtime, Ethnic, Opera, Jazz, Blues, Contemporary, Sexy, Gospel, Religious, Beatles, and Country for a total of seventeen songs in all, along with CD accompaniment.

The show was billed as "The Versatile Harmonica, You'll Love it."

– by **Richard Krueger**

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

SPA^H 2013 (Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica)

On December 5 the SPAH committee was in town to tour and consult with selected convention and hotel personnel and invited all members of GHC to meet with them at the Renaissance Hotel near the airport in the evening. Over a dozen of our club members attended and met with Tom Stryker, Winslow Yerxa, and Elizabeth and L.J. Atkison. The hotel for the convention has not yet been officially named. The meetings went well and our members enjoyed a jam session with the SPAH committee. A call for volunteers in many areas will follow as plans develop. All GHC members are invited and encouraged to participate in this international event in August 2013.



Winslow Yerxa, E. Atkison



Frank Davis, Tom Stryker, Elizabeth Atkison



L.J. Atkison, Jim Melchers, Bill Davis



M.A. Love, F. Davis, Stryker



Mike LaRue, Ernie Roberts, Audria Gebhardt
Bill Dulin, L.J. Atkison



Jessie & Buddy Hirsch, Herb Huebner



Pauline Guelbert, Sharon Davis



Guy Vaccaro at age 20 serving in Hawaii as a Seabee. Seabees are members of the U.S. Navy **C**onstruction **B**attalions. The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, and accomplishing a myriad of other construction projects in a wide variety of military theaters dating back to World War II. Guy quipped “I’m going to show the native girls How To Do It!”

On November 21st, several members of the Gateway Harmonica Club met at the Sunrise Senior Living center to have a jam session with Guy Vaccaro. For years, Guy was a major contributor to the club. He attended every gig, hauled, stored and repaired equipment, as well as played the Chromatic Harmonica.

Upon hearing that we were going to be visiting, Guy came prepared in full dress uniform, harmonica in hand, and a smile that lit up the room.

The jam session started with Guy’s favorite song, *Eh Compari/Funiculi Funicula*. Guy joined in and never missed a beat. The room was set aside for us to jam with Guy exclusively but as we started playing, the room filled to capacity with smiling faces urging us on to more, more, & then some more.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we promised that we would return after the New Year. It turned out to be a very successful gig. Thanks to Bill Dulin, Charlie Pratte, Sal Miano, Jim Melchers, and Buddy & Jessie Hirsch.

Photos by Bill Dulin
Reviewed by Jessie Hirsch



Dear G.H.C. Members, 11-25-2011
Please extend my deepest appreciation to all the Gateway Harmonica club members for performing at Guy’s Assistant Living Home on Monday, Nov. 21, 2011 What a Wonderful Show you all put on! It meant so very much to Guy, his daughter and myself to have our Great Organization represented!
Guy truly loves this harmonica Group and Club.
Thank you so very much.
Sincerely, Pauline Guelbert for: Eh Compari “Guy” V.







Playing the Washboard

PARTING SHOT

As my term as president ends I would like to express my thanks to all of the club members. There have been a lot of changes in the last four years but we have been able to get through the difficulties and keep this club going. There will be more challenges in the future and we will overcome them too. With the 50th anniversary of the SPAH convention coming to St. Louis in August 2013 we will all need to pitch in to make it a success. We are one of the best clubs in the United States, if not the best, and I have confidence we will continue to be.

- World’s Easiest Quiz**
1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
 2. Which country makes Panama hats?
 3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
 5. What is a camel’s hair brush made of?
 6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
 7. What was King George VI’s first name?
 8. What color is a purple finch?
 9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
 10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

As the Convention Coordinator and your newly elected Vice President I will continue to strive to keep it the best.



by Bill Dulin

Answers to Trivia Challenge

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| 1. 116 years | 6. Dogs |
| 2. Ecuador | 7. Albert |
| 3. Sheep and Horses | 8. Crimson |
| 4. November | 9. New Zealand |
| 5. Squirrel fur | 11. Orange |

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NO WONDER OUR KIDS GET CONFUSED!

LETTERS

Winnie and I moved to Smithton, IL in August. I enjoy the Reeder very much – looking forward to next issue.
Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Bob Davis
20 Eddie Dr.
Smithton, IL 62285

2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Club members and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas party and get-together following the business meeting on December 6. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thank you to all those who organized, decorated, set up, served and tidied the room.

See Photos on pages 5 and 6

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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