



The Reeder



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NEWS AND VIEWS – by Jay Hotze

The Gateway Harmonica Club lost a dear friend, talented musician and valuable member this past November. Mary Ann Love will always be remembered. She battled her illness with dignity. More than a dozen members and spouses attended the memorial service December 4, 2015, and the club was asked to play after the service.



*In loving memory of
Mary Ann Love (nee Slenker)*

*July 28, 1937
November 24, 2015*

Late husband Francis H. Love.

*Sons: Joseph Stuckey,
Dr. Mark Stuckey (Michelle),
Charles Stuckey.*

*Grand and Great Grandmother
Siblings: Clarence Slenker (deceased),
Robert Slenker (deceased) Leo Slenker
(Betty Lou), Sr. Elizabeth Slenker,
OP, Margaret White, Trudy Deering,
and Rita Couvion.*

*Attended St. Mark High School.
Lifetime member of Gateway
Harmonica Club.*

*Memorial service 12/4/15 10:30 a.m.
Assumption Church, O'Fallon, MO.*

*Memorial donations to BJC Hospice
Home Care 1935 Beltway Drive,
St. Louis, MO 63114*

DO THE DUES!

Dues for regular membership are \$15.00 annually (a real bargain) 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 CD's 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 for dues payable to The Gateway Harmonica Club and deliver or mail to:

Jessie Hirsch
47 Orchard Lane
Kirkwood, MO 63122

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

CHARITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of the funds earned by the club throughout the year has been sent in the amount of \$500 to each of the following charities:

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

The club has also made memorial donations during the past year in honor of 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 location. We are fortunate to enjoy this convenient meeting place.

We thank all those who have participated in the club's success: players at gigs, band leaders, equipment haulers and set-up people, salespersons, schedulers, website and article writers, officers, photographers, all members and

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

Mike Asbury	2
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FEBRUARY

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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!

NEW MEMBERS

GHC welcomes our newest member:

Jeanie Ojeda
 (Joined in November 2015)

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their supportive spouses and families. Between 12 and 20 members have played regularly at the 55 gigs that the club played in 2015. Rumor has it that this is a record for the club and those who participated on a consistent basis are thanked. Thanks also to the dedicated teachers at schools and club meetings.



Children in Church

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

- *The editor and officers reserve the right to edit texts received. Only substantial changes will be made in consultation with authors. The editors also reserve the right not to publish material submitted.*

GHC CHRISTMAS PARTY • DECEMBER 1, 2015



MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Thanks to President Bill Dulin for these photos. Your editor and spouse had a meeting conflict that night and could not make it but it appears that the party was just as enjoyable as always.

HOW I JOINED THE GATEWAY HARMONICA CLUB

In our ongoing effort to learn more about our members and the reason behind their joining the Gateway Harmonica Club, Bob Norton has provided the following (he joined the GHC about 8 years ago):

“When I was about 14 years old I brought a slide trombone home from school. I thought I could learn to play one. My Dad worked 3 different shifts and he told me he would never sleep with that noisy horn. I asked him if he would buy me a harmonica. I figured he would get me a diatonic, but he buys me a 64 Hohner chromatic. Then he told me when I do play, go out in the garage and practice and that’s what I did. We had a player piano and I would play the rolls and try to play along. At 17 years old I joined the Army, sold my 64, and didn’t play for 50 years.

My wife and I were visiting her sister in Delmar Gardens and I met Jerry Bonfiglio playing music there. He gave me the address of the Rock Church and I figured I hit it big and got to play with the Gateway Harmonica Club. This is one fine club with a lot of nice folks that enjoy music.”

To submit your story, please email your editor at jay@gcfrog.com or provide a written story on the old reliable paper and ink. Thanks, Bob. For having not played in 50 years you have demonstrated a real musical ability.



More Children in Church

After a service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, “Mom, I’ve decided to become a minister when I grow up.” “That’s okay with us, but what made you decide that?” “Well, I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen.”

UPDATE ON ROSE AND MIKE MASCHEK

by Ernie Roberts

While vacationing in Arkansas, Ernie and Marie stopped by Mountain Home to check on Mike and Rose Maschek. The last we had heard Mike was having some major problems with rheumatoid arthritis. We were pleasantly surprised when we found them both up and around and in good spirits. Mike said early in the summer when they moved to their apartment, he had some problems and he still has some back issues. However, he is much better now and able to get around some, although he has not driven for several months. He has cut back quite a bit on his performances around town also. One of the restaurants he played at with a group closed down. He said he has difficulty standing for very long, so that limits the time he can perform.

I am sure they would appreciate some cards and letters from their friends at GHC now and then.

Their address is:

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Maschek
300 Good Samaritan Drive, Apt 103
Mountain Home, AR 72653
phone is (870)508-0015







WEEKLY EVENTS

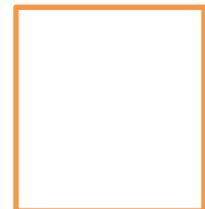
Tuesday evening meetings at The Rock Church, 9125 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63144:
6:00 PM – Blues Group, led by Ed Cenatiempo – Everyone welcome
7:00 PM – First Tuesday of month: Business Meeting – Everyone welcome
7:00 PM – All other Tuesdays: Band Rehearsal – Everyone welcome
8:00 PM – Open Mic – 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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JANUARY



FEBRUARY

