

ACCORDION TALK

Milwaukie Public Safety Bldg. | 3200 SE Harrison St. | Milwaukie, OR

Announcements

- **November 17-
1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Music Circle
12:15p.m.-1:10 p.m.**
- **Music provided.**
- **The club meets the third
Saturday of each month unless
noted.**

Special Features

***** 2018*****

November - Duet

December - Holiday Program

Refreshments

- **A BIG THANK YOU – What
a pleasure to have yummy
cookies from Leonard K.**
- **Nov. Marlene Meissner**
- **Dec. - Potluck**



Featured Performers

Ann Heinrichs and Marlene Meissner

*When **Ann Heinrichs** turned 10 years old, her dad decided he would like her to play the accordion. She liked it and readily “caught on”. She enjoyed practicing hard in order to get that next new song. She took lessons at the Wiltsey studio in Salem for six years. During those years she had various teachers, but she remembers Lanny Dibbrin who advanced her the most in playing more difficult music. More recently Eileen Hagen has given her some great hints and George Rozwik critiqued her playing. She attended and played at the Rose City Accordion Club and has also played for numerous other occasions.*

During the summer before her sophomore year in high school she met her husband, Vern, when they were placed in the same accordion band to play in competition in Portland. Charles Magnante was a judge and also performed in the evenings.

While dating, Ann and Vern began playing duets. They soon found that he played best by ear and she played only by note. To solve this, they gave up using music and she learned to play by ear. The next summer they played together with his musical family, performing at various churches in Washington and Oregon. After they married they continue playing out for about 20 years. The accordions rested then for the next 20 years. Ann

Stirrings of the Heart



Autumn from the Four Seasons - Vivaldi

*Thru the trees comes
autumn with her serenade
Melodies the sweetest music
ever played
Leaves of red and gold
dance with the wind of the
bellows*

Accordion Events - 2019

**Houston Accordion
Orchestra Retreat -
January 17-20 Wyndham
Houston West Energy
Corridor, Houston, TX**

**Leavenworth Accordion
International Event -
June**

started playing again about 15 years ago, relearning the many songs she used to play and has been teaching in Salem. Marlene and Ann are

enjoying practicing and playing together since March.

Says Ann, "I have always loved the sound of the accordion and playing and teaching it has been my favorite past time."

Marlene Meissner, a native of Mount Angel, began playing the accordion at the age of nine. She took lessons from several music teachers at that time, and studied with the late Joe Baccellieri as an adult. When the Oktoberfest was launched when she was 17, she knew she had found her calling. She has played at every Mount Angel Oktoberfest since the second one in 1967 and led her six-piece band for 18 years. She has played at various parties, events and festivals over the years.

Marlene has been active in the club for many years and has attended every one of the Rose City Accordion Club's annual camps. In addition to Oktoberfest tunes, she also enjoys playing older dance tunes and semi-classics, especially arranged by Anthony Galla-Rini.

President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:

The accordion camp registration has been emailed. I believe a lot of folks that attend the camp will enjoy the new revised schedule and conductors. I also look forward to our Christmas potluck and special entertainment at the December meeting. This will be a wonderful event. Please mark your calendars to attend the December 15 meeting. Pot Luck sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

Please consider donating to our adult scholarship or out of town performers fund. The donations will help to offset the costs to offer a camp workshop and promote goodwill to our fellow accordionists.

*Please send or email me your suggestions on how to:
Promote and improve the Rose City Accordion Club.*

Thank you

Bev Spurgeon, RCAC President

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In December Mark and Helena Greathouse will be performing their show "Memories of Czech Christmas" in several public libraries. Hope to see you there! Calendar tab on their website

www.greathouseofmusic.com

***SAVE THE DATE - Accordion Camp, Silver Falls,
June 2-7, 2019***

October Meeting Notes

The afternoon began with the music circle.

President Bev Spurgeon welcomed members to the meeting and she shared the following news with members:

- 1) *She has been busy getting her 99-year-old uncle settled into her residence.*
- 2) *Kim Nurmi is returning to the club after an extended absence.*
- 3) *The December meeting will be a potluck with special guest entertainer Gabe Hall-Rodriguez, who was a conductor at camp.*
- 4) *Taffy Steffen was welcomed to the meeting and has joined the club. Taffy has relocated to Portland from the Sacramento area and has attended camp for many years. Welcome, Taffy!*



Marlene Meissner reported that Sue Schwab is recovering from two hip surgeries. She had the first one on August 22 and fell shortly afterward, necessitating a second surgery in September. She reports that she misses the music and the camaraderie and is anxious to return at the November meeting.

Leta Bunnell won the monthly drawing winner for the \$5 Starbucks certificate. These drawings will be held through the month of December, with the winner being selected from all members who wear their name badges to the meeting.

John Martin shared information about the Las Vegas Accordion Convention, which he attended earlier in October. He also reminded members of the Northwest Accordion Society's fall social in Forest Grove on Sunday, October 28.

Thank you so much for those that continue to show your support of the accordion and fellow musicians each month.

Song List

Robert Myers - Danny Boy Medley & Ramona
Leonard Kosatka - TBA
Wayne Nelson - One Night of Love & Red Sails in the Sunset
Wayne Nelson & Marlene Meisner - Liars Polka
Wayne Tiusanen - Traces & Hopelessly Devoted to You
Les Szigethy - Rock n Roll Medley Participation
Kim Nurmi - Toccata in D Minor & Nightmare Before Christmas
Delette Huffman & Fran Maddox - Josapin Daphls & Let's Play the Polka
Larry Brandt - Vargouviana & Scheherazade
John Martin - Besame Mucho
Leta Bunnell - Let There be Peace & This Land is Your Land
Taffy Steffen - Pauline & Red Roses, Red Lips & Red Wine

Announcements and Info



Bob Noel played for a birthday party recently. A family of 9 siblings dressed up in dirndls and lederhosen for the celebration. Bob provided German and polka music. Lots of fun! After the photo shot they all danced to the Chicken Dance song. Thank you Bob for sharing this fun event.

One of our members recently moved to the East coast. Bob Trojak reported that he and his wife Lucille made it safely back to Massachusetts. They expect to be moving into their new home on or about November 1. Since the home is very small, Bob will be creating his own “man cave” – a separate shed with heating and air conditioning. This, of course, will be his music room. Bob reports that there are no accordion clubs in the area. He hopes to start a club, or perhaps jam sessions that are open to all instruments. He still has some music contacts from many years ago and is reaching out to them in hope of generating interest. There are many assisted living centers and nursing homes in the area, so he hopes to be able to schedule some gigs. Bob misses the club and his many friends in Oregon. In addition, he is finding Massachusetts drivers to be a real challenge!

October 28th, Wayne Nelson, Marlene Meissner and Karen Cordell played the Liar Polka at the Autumnfest event in Forest Grove. Doris Osgood said it was the perfect choice. It was reported that the event was lots of fun.

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Would You Like to Win

a \$5 Starbuck's Card?

Wear your club badge to the next 2 meetings. Each month we will draw one lucky badge holder for a Starbuck's Card. *Be a Winner!*

RCAC Contacts / Business Information - <http://www.rosecityaccordionclub.org/>

Current Officers

President - Bev Spurgeon
Vice President - Bobbie Ferrero
Secretary - Marlene Meissner - Camp
Treasurer - Fran Maddox - Camp

Board Members

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Rose City Accordion Club is open to all accordion players, from beginners to professionals, their friends and families, and the public. Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Milwaukie Public Safety Bldg., SE 32nd and SE Harrison, Milwaukie, OR unless noted otherwise.

Ad Policy: Any current member can place a business card or four-line ad in the newsletter free of charge for three months. After 3 months, the fee is \$5 for two additional months. 2x3.5 ad \$5, 1/4 page ad \$10, 1/2 page ad \$20 and full page ad \$35.

Annual Dues are \$25 - Please send check to the RCAC Treasurer Fran Maddox: Rose City Accordion Club, 3429 SE 162nd Ave. Portland, OR 97236-1912