

ACCORDION TALK

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

Announcements

- **October 20-**
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*****

- October - Mark Greathouse**
- November - Marlene & Ann**
- December - Holiday Program**

Refreshments

- **A BIG THANK YOU – John Mahoney for the yummy snacks**
- **Oct. - Leonard Kostka**
- **Nov. Marlene Meissner**
- **Dec. - Potluck**

Mark Greathouse

Many of us started playing accordion early in life. Mark was no exception when his dad gave him an accordion on his 5th birthday. Some of you probably remember those early recitals in the 1950's! He never put the accordion aside, although



college, marriage and work life basically put advancement in music on hold for decades. Only after retirement in 1999 did Mark take up piano lessons for a few years, noticing, however, that the little kids could play circles around him. He concluded they probably always would. That is when two new directions opened up for him: starting the Greathouse of Music duo with his wife Helena, and moving into composition. Since 2003, Mark and Helena have performed locally. They have also performed in Brazil, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Germany. They recently toured China. Mark has also been a prolific writer of melodic songs, many of which have been recorded on CDs, both piano and accordion, now available through their website www.greathouseofmusic.com as well as on Amazon, iTunes and Barnes and Noble. Please join us October 20 to listen to Mark's original and classic accordion music.

Stirrings of the Heart

April 18, 1939, Carnegie Hall Accordion Concert featuring Charles Magnante's quartet was the biggest single event to occur in the world of the accordion

***Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*
Magnante's Arrangements**

Did you know?

Magnante was an avid big game hunter — he wrote articles about his hunting trips which were published by hunting magazines

Accordion Events - 2018/19

**Las Vegas International Accordion Convention
October 15-18 - Las Vegas, NV**

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

Would You Like to Win a \$5 Starbucks' Card?

Wear your club badge to the next 5 meetings. Each month we will draw one lucky badge holder for a Starbucks Card. *Be a Winner!*

President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:
Thank you for the wonderful birthday card, song and sheet music for Sailor. We will have a potluck and special entertainment for our December meeting. Rumor has it that Gabe will be there. Please mark your calendars to attend the December 15 meeting. More information will be in the next couple of newsletters. 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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Announcements -

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

Let's vote at the November Meeting on the following issue:

1. Continue to have club meetings every month of the year.

OR

2. Have club meetings from August through May of each year.

September Meeting Notes

The afternoon began with the music circle.

President Bev Spurgeon welcomed members to the meeting, which was moved from the third Saturday to the fourth Saturday due to the Mount Angel Oktoberfest. She shared the following news with members:



- 1) Bob Myers lost his son due to a tragic accident. A card is available for members to sign.
- 2) Bob Trojak is moving to Massachusetts. He will remain as a board member through the end of the year.
- 3) The Youth Scholarship committee, consisting of Wayne Nelson, Debbie Tiusanen and Mark Greathouse, held a meeting and selected a winner. The announcement will be made next month.
- 4) Gina Worman, daughter of late member Ed Worman, shared her appreciation for the tribute paid to her father at the August club picnic.
- 5) Some suggestions have been received regarding the possibility of holding club meetings less frequently than every month and Bev would like to receive additional input from more members.
- 6) The camp committee is continuing to meet and exciting plans are in the works for 2019.

Les Szigethy shared memories of his and his wife's 50th anniversary trip to Germany and told about their musical experiences with during trip.

Marlene Meissner reported that the new venue at Oktoberfest, held the previous weekend, was a great success, as was the entire festival. She thanked members for sharing their time and volunteering to play at the festival, both in the Prostgarten and in the new Hopfengarten.

Delette Huffman advised members that Bev's birthday is September 25, and she brought a card for people to sign. A rousing "happy birthday" song was sung to Bev.

Leonard Kosatka won the monthly drawing 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.

Jill Patten shared some information that she learned when she researched the early history of the accordion as a performance instrument. In particular, she focused on the Deiro brothers, Pietro and Guido, and their influence on the accordion world as we know it today. She invited others to research some of the other accordion "greats" and share that information with members. Thank you, Jill, for taking time to research and share this very interesting information on the instrument we all love.

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

September Song List:

Wayne Tiusanen - *Sweetheart & Summertime in Venice*

Leonard Kosatka - *The Poor People of Paris & Baum Musette*

Jill Patten - *Ai De La & Jalouse*

John Mohney - *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring & Long Line Skinner Blues*

Les Szigethy - *Medley of Name That Tune*

Wayne Nelson - *Swanne River/Humoreske & Lisa*

Marlene Meissner - *Wunderbar & München Hetz and Gaudi*

Delette Huffman - *Blue Danube & My Lovely Mother was a Vienna Girl*

Bob Wachter - *Beim Kronenwirt & Jenny Lind*

Leta Bunnell - *Sailor & In the Old Dutch Garden*

Bev Spurgeon - *He Will Set Your Fields On Fire & Muurari*





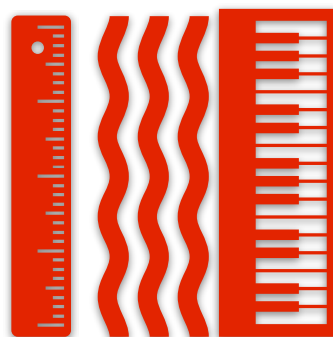
Oktoberfest Notes: THANK YOU RCAC MEMBERS

"A big thank you to Rose City Accordion Club members and friends who provided over 60 hours of wonderful accordion music at the 53rd annual Mount Angel Oktoberfest. This year we had the chance to entertain in two venues. The new Hopfengarten was highly popular, and the Prostgarten continued to have lots of visitors as well. Club members and friends who provided entertainment included the following; Katherine Allen, Jeannette Bauman, Jeannie Berg, Steve Berg, Coreen Bergholm, Paul Bria, Leta Bunnell, Dick Carlson, Todd Carlson, Velma Conte, Karen Cordell, Carlyl Powell, Bobbie Ferrero, Kathy Grambsch, Colleen Halvorsen, Jim Hayworth, Ann Heinrichs, Delette Huffman, Steve Knapke, Fran Maddox, Marlene Meissner, John Mohny, Pamela Jean Myers, Dick Myking, Bob Noel, Doris Osgood, Ken Presthus, Lisa Roeder, Bev Spurgeon, Joe Szabo, Wayne Tiusanen, Bob Wachter and Liz Wisler. Special thanks also to Bob Wachter for making his amplifier available to those players who needed an extra boost. I heard many positive comments, including input from a fellow (probably in his 30s), who told me how much he enjoyed hearing accordion music by itself, rather than in a band with other instruments.

Again, thanks to everyone for helping our club fulfill its mission to promote the accordion and share it with the world.



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October Music Challenge

Play a song written by one of the Deiro Brothers

Guido or Pietro

There are three songs of Guido downloadable on this website:

<http://www.henrydoktorski.com/books/melbaydeiro>

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

Website - Steve Knapke

Board Members

Debbie Tiusanen

Mark Greathouse

B. Ferrero - Camp Director

Wayne Nelson

Bob Wachter

Delette Huffman - Camp

Newsletter - Bev Spurgeon - bevo925@comcast.net

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