

# ACCORDION TALK

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

## Announcements

- April 20 -  
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Music Circle
- The club meets the third  
Saturday of each month  
unless noted.

## Special Features

\*\*\*\*\* 2019\*\*\*\*\*

April - Eldon Tichenor

May - Education

June - Open

July - John Martin

## Refreshments

•FRAN THANK YOU – for  
the yummy snacks!

April - Jeanette B

May - John M

June - Kim N

July - Bev S

## Eldon Tichenor

Music has always been a big part of Eldon's life. Raised in Topeka, Kansas, he took his first piano lesson at the age of 4 and transitioned to the accordion at age 8. In 1949, he began private study with George Rozwick.

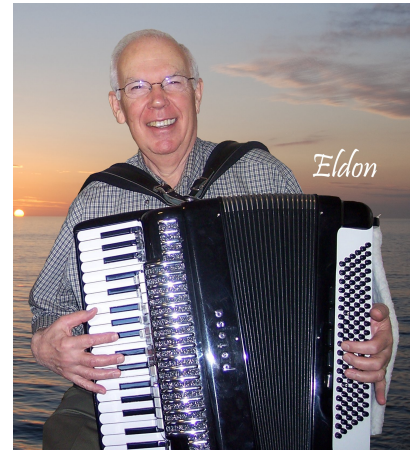
Eldon was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies at contests in

Kansas, Oklahoma, Ohio and Colorado and was named World Accordion Champion at the International Music League competition in Bowling Green, Ohio.

He began teaching the accordion when he was still in High School and after completing service in the Marine Corps, continued teaching for the next several years. Eldon met his wife Sharon while both were teaching accordion in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Sharon had just graduated from the University of Houston where she studied with Bill Palmer and Bill Hughes. Sharon and Eldon moved to Salem, OR in 1967 where they operated an accordion school. He also spent 5 years as a lounge entertainer with many nights seated behind a piano bar.

In 1970, Eldon began flying private aircraft as a hobby. He developed a great interest in aviation and became a flight instructor and charter pilot. A commercial and instrument pilot with flight instructor ratings, he has accumulated more than 3,000 flying hours in various aircraft. His aviation connection led to volunteer work with the Rose Festival Airshow and a 22 year association with the Portland Rose Festival. He served as Rose Festival President in 2002.

About 15 years ago, he re-connected with his accordion teacher and great friend, George. That friendship re-kindled Eldon's interest in the accordion. He now accepts many playing opportunities and enjoys them very much.



Please join us on Saturday, April 20 to hear Eldon perform.

## Stirrings of the Heart

**Debbie Tiusanen**  
1949 - 2019



Memorial Service - April 13  
Saturday - 1100  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
16000 Henrici Road  
Oregon City 97045

## Accordion Events - 2019

**World Accordion Day**  
May 6

**RCAC Accordion Camp**  
June 2-7, Silver Falls, OR

**Leavenworth International**  
June 20-23, Leavenworth,  
WA

**Cotati Accordion Festival**  
August 17-18 - Cotati, CA

**Las Vegas International  
Accordion Convention**  
October 14-19- Las Vegas,  
NV

## President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:

Welcome to Spring and renewed pledges of practicing your accordion daily. Very happy to announce that the Rose City Accordion Camp is full. This year's camp will be very exciting for those that will attend as several new concepts will be presented. Skills that will enhance playing as a duet etc. will be emphasized.

The next board meeting will be April 22. If you would like to attend please email me for details.

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 -



In February Caryl and Tom Dowell entertained a jam at their home near Tucson. This gathering was totally impromptu. Those smiling faces belong to Caryl, Bobbie Ferrero; (back) Cathy Cowley, Coreen Burgholm, Colleen Helmersen and Ken Presthus (rhythm section).

## ***March Club Meeting***

The afternoon began with the music circle, with Wayne Nelson joining the group on the bass accordion. Conductor Fran Maddox introduced two new numbers, which the group practiced in addition to the other songs that members have been learning in recent months.

President Bev Spurgeon open the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The group sang Happy Birthday to Taffy Steffen.

Marlene Meissner mentioned that Bob Trojak had called from the east coast and had recently met some other accordion players.

It was fun hearing so many new and old Irish tunes from everyone. Doug Stickler, our featured performer, ended the meeting with a great selection of Irish tunes - jigs and reels.

Thank you to those that come out every month to support your fellow accordionists and participate in the music circle. Music enriches one's life.



*Kim Nurmi - Captain Henry O'Kain/Downby the Sally Garden & Road to Lisdown*

*Taffy Steffen - It's a Great Day for the Irish, Carolan's Welcome & Did Your Mother Come From Ireland?*

*Susan Schwab - Danny Boy & Irish Melodies*

*Leonard Kosatka - Somewhere my Love & Polka Romagnola*

*Lynn Haldeman - Rakes of Mallow & Garry Owen*

*Marlene Meissner - Madelon & I'm Looking Over a 4-Leaf Clover*

*John Mohney - Fascination & EZ Walkin'*

*Fran Maddox - Cajun Spice & Leavenworth Polka*

*Steve Gordon - Libertango*

*Kathy Grambsch - "French Pieces"*

*Bob Noel - If I knock the "L" out of Kelly & In the Mood*

*Wayne Nelson - Irish Melody & Madam en Paris*





Stas Svenglevski (center-conductor) and Megumi Hada (second row-second right) organized an accordion event in Houston TX January 2019. RCAC members present were Lisa Roeder, Bobbie Ferrero, Kathy Grambsch and many familiar faces from the RCAC accordion camp. The first three days were spent rehearsing eleven pieces of music. In the evenings we all were entertained with open mic music from the attendees. Saturday evening the concert was held with the Balalaika orchestra from Houston playing a few songs with the accordions. The event was met with great enthusiasm and enjoyment leading Megumi and Stas to announce that they will hold another such event in January 2021.

Article By Bobbie Ferrero

### *Loving Memory - Dedicated Long Time RCAC Member*

#### **Deborah Lynn (Hanemann) Tiusanen**

Born June 4, 1949 in Jersey City, NJ. Family moved to Oakland, NJ, where she attended school K-12.

Graduated from Paterson State College. Married to **Wayne Tiusanen** (Past RCAC President) on August 23, 1969, also of Oakland.

Debbie learned piano at a very early age. During her third year of high school she played "Rhapsody in Blue" with the Paterson, NJ symphony which her piano teacher conducted. When she graduated high school, her teacher suggested that she apply to Juilliard School in NYC.



Debbie loved teaching. The majority of teaching was in the resource room for Colton Middle and High Schools. She also taught piano lessons in the home. Debbie played several instruments; piano, accordion, violin and cello. She was an active member of the Rose City Accordion Club. She also loved to garden and play board games.

She died on March 9, 2019 and is survived by her husband, Wayne and two daughters, several grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. She will be interred at River View Cemetery in Portland, OR.



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Let's Play  
Songs that have a name of a flower in the title  
and/or  
French music

April Meeting

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

**Current Officers**

**Board Members**

President - Bev Spurgeon

Vice President - Bobbie Ferrero

Wayne Nelson

Secretary - Marlene Meissner

Mark Greathouse

Bob Wachter

Treasurer - Fran Maddox

B. Ferrero - Camp Director

Delette Huffman - Camp

Website - Steve Knapke

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