



# ***HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS***

**January 2023**

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## ***Notes from the Prez***



*Scott Paulding  
MHHC President*

## **THE NEWS**

Welcome to the future. It's called 2023 and we have another wonderful year to look forward to! Our last Christmas meeting, to which many folks attended, was really fun. We heard a lot of great holiday music and a cool variety of other tunes. Thanks to all of you who helped make this gathering so successful.

Oh yeah- don't forget that **DUES ARE DUE!** You can't put a price on the fun, the music, the camaraderie and the educational opportunities that these funds provide and it's only a measly \$24 a year. Please **see Ed Martin**, our treasurer. **Thanks.**

For those who were not at the party, Barb Keller had a fall after the party. She is recovering and would appreciate cards from members of the club.



## **MEETINGS**

**January 8, 2023  
1:30 p.m.**

**Club Meeting  
Historic Grant Avenue  
216 S. Grant Street, Denver**

**January 22, 2023  
1:30 p.m.**

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## Holiday Potluck Open-Mic 12/11/22

Scott Paulding

"My Grandfather's Clock", "The Entertainer"

Ken Moyer

"Old Toy Trains"



Shawn Massa

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful", "Noel", "Joy to the World"

Richard Keller

"Oh Holy Night"

Les Reitman

"You Send Me"

Ed Martin

"Blue Spanish Eyes"

Wayne Diffie

"Eleanor of Usan", "Wassailing Song"

Forest Ernst

"Skip to My Lou", "Joy to the World"

Lloyd Williams

"Oh Holy Night"

Roger Bale

"The Christmas Song"

Dave & Paul Davies

"My Sweet Lorraine"

Gayla Michelin

"Oh Holy Night"

Tim Winkelman

"The First Noel"

Bill Kawamura

"The Holy City", "Oh Danny Boy"

Bill K. and Paul Davies

"Rudolph"

Freddie Alexander, Chris Wallace,

"Folsom Prison Blues", "Put a Good Buzz On"

Lee Taylor, Roger Bale, Gayla,

"The Christmas Waltz", "The Christmas Polka",

Michelin, Ken Moyer and

"I'll Be Home for Christmas"

Tim Winkelman



December 11, 2022  
Christmas Party



Les Reitman



Forest Ernst



Richard Keller

More pictures will be included  
in the February issue.

## Harmonica Musings and Such:

I've got a couple of **New Year Resolutions** that I'd like to work on. **One-** I'm going to try to go out and play in more "jam" situations. I seldom play with actual humans but there are some low key/low pressure groups that can be found. Playing with others forces me to listen to the direction and timing of the music. Along with this I'll look up familiar you tube songs and try to incorporate my playing appropriately. "Appropriately" mostly means, don't play too much or too loud (both of which I tend to do). Sometimes just quiet background chords are all that's needed.

**The second** very fun thing on my list for improvement is exploring different rhythm ideas by listening to different artists playing the same song. Once I've figured out how to play the standard way for a given melody, I ask my phone to show me different jazz versions of that song on you tube. You can find very simple jazz enhancements (that are easily reproduced) and sometimes advanced crazy stuff. Look up even simple songs like "Mary Had a Little Lamb" or "Oh Susannah" jazz versions on you tube and try to get some new ideas.

**Do you have any personal harmonica resolutions for 2023?** Let me know and we'll print them up in the newsletter. **Also- club members:** if you ever have musings, thoughts, poetry, jokes, advice or anything you believe could be placed in the newsletter, **please submit your ideas!**