



# HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS

November 2023

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## Notes from the Prez



Scott Paulding  
MHHC President

### THE NEWS

“Thanks for the Memories” ... of course this was Bob Hope’s regular thanksgiving theme music. Let’s keep thanking all of our club members for their friendship, their music and the wonderful musical ideas that they always share. Thanks for these memories ...looking forward to lots more!

Information regarding our **December 10<sup>th</sup> holiday party** at Grant Avenue will be forthcoming in the next newsletter and we’re all looking forward to that event. During that get-together, we’ll also hold our annual elections for club board members. **Remember**, that for anyone interested in any of the board positions, **please step up** and let us know.

Scott



### MEETINGS

November 12, 2023 1:30 p.m.

Club Meeting  
Historic Grant Avenue  
2016 S. Grant Street, Denver

Happy Thanksgiving



November 26, 2023 1:30 p.m.

Club Meeting  
Historic Grant Avenue  
2016 S. Grant Street, Denver

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## Open Mic - 10/8/2023

Lee Taylor, Tim Winkelman, Ken Moyer, Roger Bale, Gayla Michelin	"September in the Rain", "Perfidia"
Barry Staver	"Besame Mucho"
Lloyd Williams	"Down in the Valley"
Ed Martin	"Hey Good Lookin"
Scott Paulding	"Just Because"
Roger Bale	"We've Only Just Begun"
Shawn Massa	"Parisian Walkways", "From the West"
Lee Taylor, Ken Moyer Roger Bale, Gayla Michelin	"Tennessee Waltz", "Beer Barrel Polka"
Myron Wilson	"America the Beautiful", "Habanera"
Dave Neilsen	"As Time Goes By"
Paul Davies	"Memories of You"
Wayne Diffie	"The Wind in the Willows"
Wayne and Paul	"Wild Mountain Thyme"
Les Reitman	"Box of Rain"
Lou Acosta	"Misty"
Barry Staver	"Besame Mucho"
Lloyd Williams	"Down in the Valley"
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## Open-Mic Performances 10/22/23

Roger Bale, Gayla Michelin, Ken Moyer, Lee Taylor, Tim Winkelman	"Maria Elana", "American Patrol"
Lee Taylor	"Ruby"

Lloyd Williams	“Oh Tannenbaum”
Ken Moyer	“Washington Square”
Gayla Michelin	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desire”
Richard Keller	“Autumn Leaves”
Ed Martin	“El Paso”
Les Reitman	“Imagine”
Lou Acosta	“The Great Pretender”, “Alone at Last”
Scott Paulding	“Shenandoah Breakdown”
Freddie Alexander	“Don’t Think Twice, It’s Alright”
Shawn Massa	“What a Wonderful World”, “St. James Infirmary”
Roger Bale	“Traumerei”
Dick Page	...led the group on his base harp with “Mary Had a Little Lamb” and “Oh Susannah”

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### Club Memories regarding Joan Brecheisen

Here’s an overdue tribute to a long-time former member of our club, **Joan Brecheisen**. She was a member of our club for almost twenty years and attended almost every meeting until she passed away in 2017 in her 90’s. Joan was a joyous, happy personality, and one very interesting thing about her was, **she didn’t play the harmonica at all**. I say **not at all**, but the last three years prior to her passing, while she was recovering from a broken hip in rehab, one of our members, Elna Cain, gave her some beginner harmonica lessons. She surprised herself with how easy it was to play basic tunes!

After that, while she would occasionally perform some of the songs she had learned, she mostly continued doing what she had always done previously. **She sang!** Joan knew the lyrics to so many songs played during open-mic. I always enjoyed hearing her enthusiastic vocal additions to the music. She generally sang quietly, so it was usually unobtrusive and pleasant. She gave me a poem that she wrote a long time ago. It should have previously been in the newsletter, but I regret I misplaced it until recently. That’s the appreciation I can best show!

**“Oh, Why Do You Play the Harmonica?”**

Harmonica club... oh do you play?

I have to admit, here's what I say.

I just listen, and clap when I know,

That's the appreciation I can best show!

It's the grandest group, all ages are there,

From school kids to those of us with silvery hair.

Why don't you join us for fun some day?

In spite of yourself, you might even play!

I just listen, and clap when I know,

**Thanks Joan... See all of you at the next meeting!**