

ACCORDION TALK

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

Announcements

•December 15- Sunday
12:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

• Summerfield
Clubhouse - 10650 SW
Summerfield Drive,
Tigard, OR 97224

•The club meets the third
Saturday of each month
unless noted. *No club
meeting in December

•Special Features

***** 2019*****

Dec - Toby Hanson & Joe
Szabo

Refreshments

•Marlene M. - THANK
YOU – for the yummy
snacks!

December - Party

Reminder

**RCAC SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15**

**THE SATURDAY, DECEMBER
21st, CLUB MEETING HAS
BEEN CANCELLED**

Please join us on **SUNDAY, December 15**. See page
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**RCAC SOCIAL EVENT
- 12/15/2019**

Where:

**SUMMERFIELD
CLUBHOUSE IN
TIGARD**

(Pictures - 2018 Social Event)



Stirrings of the Heart



My Friends

I'm wishing at this holiday time

**that I could but repay
A portion of the joy and gladness that the Rose City Accordion Club members have strewn along the way;
And could I have one wish this next year
this only would it be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to my accordion and me.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Accordion Events - 2020

**RCAC Accordion Camp -
June 7-11, 2020 -
Eagle Creek, OR**

**Leavenworth International -
June 18-21, 2020.
Leavenworth, WA**

President's Corner

Hello my fellow accordionists and friends:

Thank you to all of the club members that voted at the November Club meeting. Bobbie Ferrero, Vice President and Bev Spurgeon, President will be your leaders for 2020-2022. Wayne Tiusanen and Susan Schwab volunteered for the two open board positions. I, as your President, look forward to working with the 2020 Executive Board. The elected Board values and respects club members' contributions to the music world.

Club recently received exciting news - We were granted \$1250 to support the 2020 Accordion camp. Our RCAC 2nd Annual Holiday Season Social will be held on Sunday, December 15. I sure hope to see many of your faces and friends at the event. We will have some holiday fun.

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

bev0925@comcast.net

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Reminder - The club will provide the luncheon for the December Social. Just come and enjoy the entertainment and friendship.



November Club Meeting

The meeting began with the music circle, Fran Maddox conducting.

Vice President Bobbie Ferrero made the following announcements:

- 1) President Bev Spurgeon is currently in California and will return in early December.
- 2) Because of the cumbersome job of transporting 18 binders each month for music circle, fewer binders will be brought to meeting each month. Some members have created their own binders and others plan to do so. This change will be made on a trial basis.
- 3) Snacks will be downsized in the future, with just one or two items (i.e., cookies) along with punch. There are still a few spots left on the sign-up sheet to bring snacks for the 2020 meetings.
- 4) Members can still sign up for the holiday party on December 15. It will be a buffet rather than a potluck, so members are not required to bring a dish. There will be a \$5 donation at the door. This will replace the December club meeting.
- 5) Wayne Nelson (nominating committee) reported that the two-year terms of the club president and vice president are expiring December 31, 2019. Bev Spurgeon has been nominated for president and Bobbie Ferrero for vice president. No other nominations were received. Both members were unanimously re-elected for these respective offices for the two-year period beginning January 1, 2020.
- 6) Wayne Nelson also noted that the club needed to fill two board positions. Wayne Tiusanen and Sue Schwab indicated that they would be interested in serving in these positions; both were unanimously elected to the board.
- 7) Terry Rudd and Marjorie Curkendall visited the club – we hope to see them and hear them play
- 8) often in the future!



We appreciate those that come out every month to support our fellow accordionists and participate in the music circle. Music enriches one's life.

Recorded by Marlene Meissner, RCAC Secretary

Song List -

Velma Conte - Aargonaise & Summertime
Kathy Grambsch - In Deep Thoughts & Jesus Bambino
Delette Huffman - Oregon Waltz & Whispering Hope
John Mohny - LaVielle & Jambalaya
Valri Chiappetta - Autumn in Rome
Wayne Tiusanen - Misty
Marlene Meissner - Weltenbummler & Ave Maria
Leonard Kosatka - Twilight Time & Adela
Bob Myers - St. Louis Blue
Wayne Nelson - America the Beautiful
Greg Gordon - Tantalizing
Sue Schwab - My Blue Heaven
Les Szigethy - Theme from the Good, Bad and the Ugly
Marjorie Curkendall - Belle Visa

Larry McCullough - Featured Performer

Larry gave great background information about the songs relating to his personal experiences with them. One story was about a man whose life was saved by Larry's music. Very touching! Thank you Larry for sharing your wonderful talent with us.

Larry's song list:

Accordion Boogie, Poinciana, Blue Moon, Dixieland Medley, Songs by Tijuana Brass - Tijuana Taxi and Spanish Flea



RCAC December Social Event
December 15 - Sunday
12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.



Please email or phone by **12/6** to RSVP
Bev Spurgeon, President
bevo925@comcast.net / 503-799-4511

Doors Open at 12 Noon
\$5 Donation
Buffet Luncheon Served 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Entertainment - 12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Toby Hanson - Classical / Folk / Traditional
Joe Szabo - Strolling Accordionist
Slide Show

Please Note: The event will be held this year at the
Summerfield Clubhouse
10650 SW Summerfield Drive, Tigard, OR 97224

(Off of Durham Rd and SW 98th Ave.)

Lively accordion music!

Holiday cheer and good company!

Let's have some fun!

2020 Rose City Accordion Club's 23rd Annual Accordion Camp Registration

**June 7-12, 2020 (Sunday-Friday)
Collins Retreat Center Eagle Creek, Oregon
Website: collins.gocamping.org**

**Conductors: Beverley Fess and Gabe Hall-Rodrigues
Workshop Instructors: Courtney Von Drehle and Alicia Baker**

Enrollment is limited! Please reserve early. A non-refundable \$100 deposit will hold your place. To register, complete this form and send with a **check payable to: Rose City Accordion Club.**

**Rose City Accordion Club, c/o Fran Maddox
3429 SE 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97236-1912**

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Preferred roommate _____
List dietary needs _____

Accordion skill level (circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Please check the information you would like listed in the camp roster.

Name _____ Address _____ Email _____ Telephone _____ Do not share information _____

Registration Packet Information

Accordionist: Lodging (all double occupancy), meals, instruction.....\$850____
Non-Accordionist: Lodging, meals & concerts..... \$650____
Accordionist: Meals and instruction only\$600____
Non-accordionist: Meals & concert only.....\$350____

**Balance due by February 1, 2020
Cancellations: 50% refund after March 1, 2020**

Featured RCAC Club Member - **WAYNE TIUSANEN**



How many people do you know who has carried an organ (plus speakers) around in their station wagon for gigs? Well, you know one now. Wayne Tiusanen formed a band in 6th grade with three of his buddies – two guitars, one drummer and the organist. They entertained through their freshman year. Then Wayne was approached by some older players to join their dance band again playing the organ. He played with the ‘Townsmen’ for fourteen years. Two of the musicians were town policemen, thus the band name. Guess you could say that Wayne was in good hands through his teen age years!!

His musical life did not start with the organ. At the age of six in New Jersey, he started playing a 12-bass accordion. Unlike most beginners, Wayne first played Finnish folk songs brought over by his

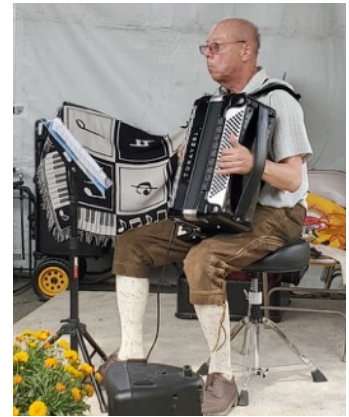
grandmother. He enjoyed his accordion teacher there but after Wayne and family moved to Oakland, NJ during grade school he became disenchanted with his new accordion teacher. Most of the lessons each week were in preparation for the monthly 4-part accordion band. It was during this time where he met Deb.

So how did the organ become his love? His parents bought one for his sister. You can see where this is going.... he soon became fascinated with it and eventually took it over. He taught himself using the experiences he had with the accordion. Shortly thereafter he started taking lessons from ‘an old English gent’ – tweed jacket and cold pipe in his mouth (not lit). Most of his lessons this time were the classics. I asked Wayne if he had ever entertained in ‘bars’. He said that he had only once when he was 17. The clientele though was too demanding, ‘play faster’, ‘play this song’ or ‘that song’.

As some of us, Wayne first became aware of the Rose City Accordion Club at the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. Deb encouraged him to join. There in 2010 he met Steve Knappe. Wayne was convinced to become president the next year. Little did he realize that he also would be the director of the annual Rose City Accordion Camp at Silver Falls.

Overwhelming as it was to be director of both the club and camp, Wayne managed to do both successfully for six years. He did comment though that he was surprised when he got to camp that very few of the attendees were RCAC members and he actually was host to about 50 strangers!!

I asked Wayne what favorite songs he was going to play at this November meeting. His reply, “Because I love music there are too many favorites!”



Rose City Accordion Club
C/O Bev Spurgeon
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Milwaukie, OR 97222

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