



What's Shakin'



March 2013

Newsletter of the Delaware Accordion Club
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Meetings held in the dining room at
River Club Apartments 55+ Community
7807 Governor Printz Boulevard
Claymont DE 19703
From I-495, take exit for US 13 toward Claymont
Any questions, call Joe 302-388-0471

2013 schedule

April 21
May 19
No meeting on Father's Day
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

Listen to our sponsor WVUD 91.3 FM
DAC member Brian Lee
Hosts Scratchy Grooves on Sunday 7 – 8 pm

98.1 WOGL Breakfast Club with Bill Zimpfer
approx 7:30am on Thursday morning
Could you figure out what is coming out of Bill Z's accordion?

*** *Happy 15th Anniversary to DAC* ***

16 DECEMBER 2012

What a wonderful meeting. DAC had with twelve players, and a large, supportive audience today. Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for the new year.

John Maiorano opened our session with Non Dimenticar, Mama, and Anema Core. Jeanne Mariani sang I Should Care. Gerald Masucci followed with La Cumparsita, Happy Wanderer, the Woodpecker Song, and an Italian medley.

Ruthann Christophersen and Maria LaValle teamed up on their Titano accordions and gave us: The Sad Violin, Mira Mira, and Ramblin' Rose. John Lolli played: Winter Wonderland, White Christmas, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, and I'm in the Mood for Love.

Richard Trasferini performed: Peg O' My Heart and Julida Polka. Sam Scaffo played Silver Bells and O Holy Night. Jeff Anderson played: The Christmas Song, Winter Wonderland, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and Sleigh Bells.

Joe Ragan played Jingle Bells with a bellow shake, then Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer. He also performed Amazing Grace and dedicated it to Tony Cristofich. Other selections included: Jingle Bell Rock, Home for the Holidays, Happy Norwegian Polka, and Feliz Navidad.

Len and Carole Wolek wore Christmas socks and hats and played the Merry Christmas Polka, and I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. They also performed two Chanukah songs: Dreidle Song, and Oh Chanukah.

A new player, Elaine Elston, joined us today and performed: Little Brown Jug, Too Fat Polka and Scotland the Brave. She played a Boogie Woogie medley on the piano; songs included Bugle Boy, Chattanooga Choo Choo and Five Foot Two. We hope to see this talented lady again.

Jack Chrustowski played: Someone to Watch Over Me, White Christmas and Just One of Those Things. He won the 50/50 raffle this month.

Our meeting was especially festive with cupcakes and those famous DAC pens for all. DVD tapes and prizes were given away. It was a pleasure to perform in the lovely room before a Christmas tree. We voted to stay at the River Club as our new location. DAC will be 15 years old in 2013. Let's celebrate!

20 January 2013 - by John Maiorano

Thirty people braved the elements on this balmy January day of 50 degrees to hear some good accordion music. Susan is involved in directing and starring in a play and could not be here. Anyone who goes to the Broadway shows let us know how she did. Evelyn Zoppina and her family joined us today as first time visitors and enjoyed every minute of it.

First up was Bob Shoemaker. Bob is looking fit and trim and plays as well as ever. Some of the songs he played were If I Had You, Just Friends, I Cry For You, and few others. He ended with Red Rose Cafe with everyone joining in. While Bob was playing Lynn Wilcot passed out home cookies for everyone, they were so good. Thank you Lynn.

Gary Woodling was here today and borrowed Bob's accordion. Gary has been practicing I can tell, I heard several compliments about him while he was playing. Gary played I'm In The Mood For Love, All Of Me, Oh Marie, Come Back To Sorrento, Blue Eagle Polka, and ended it with a terrific Castle Rock Polka. While Gary was playing Joe Oberly passed out cup cakes. Keep them coming Joe.

Richard DiBlassio entertained us with Under Paris Skies, Not For Me, and then he told some jokes, I'm still laughing. Richard played his own song Soft and Blue (very nice arrangement), then he did his popular Jesse James Song. Richard played What'll I Do in memory of Charlie Mariani, and then in Tony Cristofich's memory he played Oh Marie. He played several other songs. Richard is indeed a showman.

We then had our 50/50 drawing, the winner got \$19 and of course the club got the same. I then made an announcement about the upcoming 15 year DAC anniversary. We will celebrate it at our next club meeting April 21. We plan to have select players that day and special guests, we will ask the *News Journal* to have a reporter there for pictures and interviews. We also plan on having pizza which we are asking everyone to pitch in \$5.

Next up was Jack Chrustowski. Jack played Over The Rainbow, Bella Note, and a few others. Next was a young man named Jake Delloso who played an 8 string guitar. Jake played several modern guitar sounding songs. I got up next and played a few of my favorite tunes. I played Nat King Cole's That Sunday That Summer with an improv written by our own Richard DiBlassio. Joe Oberly was playing The God Father when Susan called me and said that one of the Munchkins did not show up at rehearsal and asked if I could come over and take his place, so off I went.

From new member Evelyn Zoppina, Carney's Point NJ

My daughter Lynn treated her family, my sister, and myself to a lovely time at the DAC. The accordionists played such wonderful music. We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon, and we look forward to attending again.

News from Cody McSherry & Family

We had wanted to come the past two months, but were not able. Cody was enlisted to accompany the Reading Liederkrantz Singers on a CD they were doing – he played for five of the songs, two on button box and three on accordion. Hopefully, those cuts will make the final CD. They were supposed to record Sunday, January 20, but the recording engineer had the flu (and they cancelled just hours before the scheduled recording time – too late to make it to Delaware). So, they rescheduled and recorded this past Sunday evening. Of course, we will be in NJ for the AAMS event when DAC meets in March. The next opportunity we will have to get there is April, and we will be there!!

For AAMS, Cody is registered to compete in two piano competitions (classical and ragtime) and two accordion competitions (open and polka – of course!). He is playing Fur Elise for classical, The Easy Winners (Scott Joplin) for ragtime, probably Blue Skirt Waltz for open on piano accordion, and Clarinet Polka on button box for the polka category. He is also scheduled to perform at their banquet on Saturday night. I will send you an email to let you know how he does when we get back from NJ.

17 February 2013

Today we had a good meeting with 25 people in attendance and 6 players. Some new members joined us.

Richard Trasferini opened with: Whispering, I'm In The Mood For Love, Someone To Watch Over Me, Peg O' My Heart, and Roll Out The Barrel. Gerald Masucci followed with Santa Lucia, Tika-ti-Tika-ta, Lips of Fire, Roman Guitar and an Italian medley.

Joe Ragan performed: Happy Whistler Polka, Lichtensteiner Polka, Crazy, Always On My Mind, Please Release Me, Silhouettes, and Green Green Grass Of Home. Congrats to Joe for winning the 50/50 raffle!

Susan Shertok joined Joe and they played Bing Bang Polka, Midnight In Moscow, Lipstick On Your Collar, Sway, More, Blue Suede Shoes, Personality, and Rocky Top. Susan sang her famous Edith Bunker song on the piano.

Jack Chrustowski followed and gave us Smile, Someone to Watch Over Me, Over The Rainbow, Bella Notte, I'll Take Manhattan, Happy Days, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Irish Washerwoman, and Just One Of Those Things.

Bob Shoemaker played his famous red Roland and performed Red Rose Cafe, Reine de Musette, Before The Next Teardrop Falls, Foggy Day In Londontown, Lady Be Good, Dream, Poor People of Paris, Mr. Sandman, If I Had You, Our Love Is Here To Stay, Take The "A" Train, and Johann Strauss waltzes.

Y'all come back on St. Patrick's Day in March wearing green and playing some toe-tapping Irish tunes.

Member Bio – Gerardo Masucci

Gerardo Masucci was born in a small town in southern Italy on May 20, 1929. He started to attend public school at age 6 but had to drop out at age 11 as his family could not afford to have him continue. He often went to church where organ music would be played. It was there that he began to develop an interest in this particular art form. He especially loved the sound of the accordion which he would hear bands play at village weddings.

After many years of scrimping and saving, he was finally able to purchase a mandolin which he has held on to until today. (Accordions were extremely expensive!) When he was 33 years old, he immigrated to the United States. Work and family took precedence over everything, and it wasn't until after he retired at age 62, that he decided to buy himself an accordion, the instrument with which he first fell in love. He did not play it well since he had only a couple of month's worth of formal lessons under his belt. He only played by ear. Eventually, he enrolled in accordion school in Pitman NJ.

This was where, under the direction and guidance of Stanley Darrow, he was able to pursue his passion once again.

7 – 9 March 2013 Accordion convention in Dallas TX

Report from Tony Cristofich

The NAA annual convention was a wonderful event to promote the accordion. There were various workshops, bands, vendors, and many talented accordionists. The Saturday night show featured Joel Guzman, Patricia Bartell, Mario Pedone, Amy Jo Sawyer, and Nick Bratkovich.

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Acme Accordion School, 322 Haddon Avenue Westmont, NJ 08108, phone 856-854-6628

Cintioli's Music Center, 5359 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19124, 215-533-2050

Concord Music Company, Inc., 2805 Concord Pike, Wilmington DE 19803, 302-658-6875
Palmer-Hughes books are available; if the issue that you need is not in stock, it can be ordered.

Richard DiBlassio, DMA, Accordion - Piano - Vocals, call 215-357-1632

Joe, U.S. Sales Representative of accordions made in Castelfidardo, Italy, 215-514-3787

Modern Accordion School II, John Lolli, 226 Cedar Avenue, Richland NJ 08350, 856-691-9273

Scotty, accordion lessons, 1090 Notley Court, Pasadena MD 21122-1819, 410-255-7889

Accordion Joe Oberly, President of the Delaware Accordion Club
Founder of the Catherine Brady Oberly traveling accordion museum.
Will "play show and tell" at schools, churches, retirement homes, etc.
Have you found an old instrument you want to sell or give away that could be added to the traveling museum (any condition) then call 302-388-0471

Show over – Latch the bellows

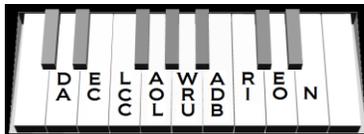
April 21

Special Event

Dear DAC members and friends,

April 21 is our 15th birthday celebration, and we hope you can attend. Some members will be performing, and if time allows, we might have a jam session at the end. Some members raised concerns about the pizza lunch - so those plans have been changed. We decided to do a bring your own dish lunch. Here is what is planned so far: (1) Veronica and Gil Rutter = fried chicken, macaroni salad, potato salad and cole slaw; (2) Bob Shoemaker = cake; (3) Richard Trasferini = chips and pretzels; (4) Susan Shertok = bottled water, plates, utensils and napkins. If you wish to contact us, you can call Susan Shertok (302-369-4018) or Joe Oberly (302-388-0471). If you have mailed in money for the pizza that we canceled - it will be refunded to you at the meeting.

We thank everyone for 15 wonderful years of fantastic music. The ethnic variety and numerous styles keep our club strong and interesting. We remember the members who are no longer with us - but who left their mark in our hearts. Music fans make great friends. Hope to see everyone in April.



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