

# What's Shakin'

Newsletter of the Delaware Accordion Club

[www.DelawareAccordionClub.com](http://www.DelawareAccordionClub.com)

## Thanks Gary

**Gary Robinson resigned as secretary-treasurer in October. Our thanks to Gary for all the time, effort and dedication he has given to the club.**

## DAC 10th Anniversary

**We are looking for ideas as to how we should celebrate this momentous occasion.**

**Please contact DAC secretary Marji Matyniak 302-328 -4803 or Club President Joe Oberly 302-658-2684**

## Dues are Due

Dues are due for the new year ( 11 / 1 / 2008 – 10 / 31 / 2009 )

If you wish to remain on the mailing list, please send a check payable to Susan Shertok ( c/o DAC ) 22 East Green Valley Circle, Newark DE 19711

College Town Café

( new name – same place )

I-95 exit 1, Route 896 North

Newark DE 19713

302-733-0442

Try the new Dinner Buffet

Next Open MIC Sessions 2-5pm

March 16

April 20

Article in News Journal 22 January 2008 issue

Unconventional exercise

One way to burn a few calories

Playing the accordion for 40 minutes – 82 calories

For Sale or Wanted

Looking for a particular piece of music or instrument repair ?

Found an old instrument you want to sell or give away ?

Contact the editor at 302-993-0374 or mail to 10 Walnut Avenue,  
Wilmington DE 19805-1144

### November 17 Open MIC

Phil Bonsiero opened this session with More, Vaya Con Dios, Stand By Me, What A Wonderful World, Sunny Side of the Street and I Could Have Danced All Night. John Lolle and Richard Trasferini decided to team up and played duets. They performed Expectation, Rocket Rock, Wedding Tarantella, I'm In The Mood For Love and the Gloria Polka. We then welcomed a new member Francois Hricak to his first DAC session. He entertained us on his button accordion with a medley of French waltzes. Tip Ciotti from Virginia Beach was visiting his father in Wilmington. He recently started his own club called The Accordion Loves of Virginia which meets the first of the month. He played two French pieces, Spanish Dance #5, Dizzy Fingers and Back to Sorrento. Les and Marilyn Rittle were up next. Les on accordion and Marilyn on bass guitar performed Orphan's Waltz, Blue Skirt Waltz and Just A Closer Walk With Me. Jeff Anderson entertained us with Satin Doll, Get You Under My Skin and some Frosini songs. Bob Shoemaker opened with selections from the Sound of Music then Chinatown My Chinatown, As Long As He Needs Me, Domino, Here There and Everywhere and Peg of My Heart. Sue Shertok started with her friend Edith Bunker. She then played Margie, Miami Beach Rumba, Sway, Bing Bang Polka, Yellow Bird and ended with a Hava Nagilah medley. Joe Oberly closed the session with a selection of new songs he has added to his play list. He said he was playing his old accordion and that it makes mistakes!

### Open Mic - December 16

Jeanne and Charles Mariani put on their hats and played Mr. & Mrs. Claus and gave out little gifts to everyone. Jack Chrustowki opened the session with Toyland, Skater's Waltz and I Got My Love to Keep Me Warm - all in keeping with the holiday ! Rich Trasferini was up next with Peg of My Heart, Back to Sorrento and then really livened things up with Rocket Rock, Tarantella and Roll Out the Barrel. Phil Bonsiero went all Christmas with a Zydeco version of Jingle Bells, Winter Wonderland, Sleigh Ride,

Santa Coming to Town and Silver Bells. Joe Alexander and Charlie Mariani conducted a sing-along of Christmas songs. Francois Hricak was up next and entertained us with romantic music and made us feel like we were in Paris with the Romance of Paris, Please Release Me, I Love Paris, Regina the Companion and closed with Fortesque Days. Bob Shoemaker on his Roland gave us a little bit of holiday cheer with Christmas Song and White Christmas. Then went on with Come Fly With Me, Fascination, My Butterfly, You Do Something To Me and I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover. Susan Shertok opened with the Chipmunk Song (she really does sound like them). Then she gave us a holiday program with French Christmas Carol, Holly Jolly Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Silent Night. Of course, she closed with Edith Bunker.

#### Jan 20 Open Mic

We had a very large crowd and filled the room. It was great to see Dave Kupsis and Tony Cristofich at the meeting. Joe Oberly brought his neighbor Cheyenne Moone, age 9. She plays the flute in the Castle Hills school band. She entertained us with her renditions of When the Saints Come Marching In, Skip to My Lou, This Old Man and Yankee Doodle. John Maiorano started us off with Girl from Ipanema, Spanish Eyes, More, Days of Wine & Roses, Dancing in the Dark and Twilight Time. Phil Bonsiero performed Charade, En Flanders, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, More, Rambling Man and Smoke Gets in your Eyes. Next up was Rich Trasferini with Marie, Carmela, Back to Sorrento, Tarantella, Peg of My Heart and Tinker Polka. Francois Hricak was up next on his MIDI with You Belong to My Heart, Jealousy, Mountain of Italy and J'Attendais. It was great to see Richard DiBlassio who entertained us with his jokes and "word changes." First off, he dedicated a special song to Cheyenne Moone called I Wish I Was a Kellogg Corn Flake. He went on to play Mrs. Robinson dedicated to Gary's wife, then Anniversary Waltz, Taking A Chance on Love and Beer Barrel Polka. Next came Bob

Shoemaker who held our attention with Something, Michelle, C'est Si Bon, Afternoon in Paris, Theme from the Pink Panther.

He also did a medley of the Best is Yet to Come, Call Me Irresponsible, Just in Time and Come Fly With Me. Carole & Len Wolek finished the day - Carol on her Roland and Len with his 1928 tenor guitar gave us an outstanding performance. They played Waiting for the Robert E. Lee, Clarinet Polka, Spanish Eyes and the Liber Tango.

Welcome - New Member - Francois Hricak

#### **MEMBER BIO - Francois Hricak**

**Our newest member was born and raised in French speaking province Belgium and grew up during World War II. The accordion was very popular and the radio stations played accordion music. Francois was attracted to the beautiful sound and at the age of 13 he had the opportunity to attend music school and his love of the accordion began.**

**Francois married and he eventually settled in Millville NJ. His family and his career became foremost in his life and his accordion music fell to the wayside. He has two children and three grandchildren.**

**Now retired, he devotes his time to the accordion. He has entertained us with his button accordion and his MIDI system which provides a full variety of sounds and full orchestrations.**

**Last August, Francois played at the International Food and Culture Festival in Vineland NJ. On Friday evenings during the summer months, he entertains guests at the Charlesworth Restaurant in Fortescue NJ.**

If anyone knows of an accordion event coming up,  
please let the editor know.

#### **Save the Date(s)**

**Polka Motion by the Ocean**

**September 11-14**

**9th Las Vegas Accordion Convention**

**September 29th to October 2**

## **ACCORDION FESTIVAL**

[www.aamsaccordionfestival.com](http://www.aamsaccordionfestival.com)

**Just a quick note to let you know about the upcoming Accordion Festival and Competition sponsored by the American Accordion Musicological Society (AAMS) March 7-9, 2008 to be held at the Dolce Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, PA**

**The Annual Dinner takes place at 5:30pm on Saturday evening where this years Honoree Rik Kaplan will be recognized. For his many efforts on behalf of the AAMS for the past many years.**

**Cordeen Man Lenn Feldman says, "I have personally participated in this festival since the very beginning some 20 years ago and I can assure you that you will have a really great time."**

## **National Accordion Association Convention**

<http://www.accordions.com/naa/>

The 2008 National Accordion Association Convention takes place at the Richardson Hotel, Dallas, from March 13th to 15th. The Convention covers a very wide spectrum of national and international accordion styles.

## March 2007 Convention DVD

\$25 for a two-hour accordion convention video!

See almost 2 hours of clips recorded from the workshops, polka dance, concerts, and jam sessions. Also backstage interviews and up close and personal views that you couldn't see from even the best seats in the house are here in this high quality production.

The cost of the DVD is only \$20, plus \$5 for handling/shipping.

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or write to: Accordion NAA 2007 DVD, 135 Walnut Ridge Road  
Branson, Missouri 65616

Frank Bramble ( DAC member) says it's a great bargain !

His favorite is the accordion, clarinet and violin trio.

Their very talented - and pretty too boot !!

Benny Goodman cannot hold a candle to them !!