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*Holiday Party
with
Hardway Connection
Saturday
December 19*

*New Year's Party
with
CW Harrington
and
The Blues Messengers
Thursday
December 31*



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Becoming a member is simple, quick and easy:

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President's Drum

Capital Blues Messenger Lives!

I am much relieved and thrilled to be writing this *CBM* President's message this month. Much thanks to Ken Bransford, who has enthusiastically taken over the editor duties from Mary Knieser and Donna Shoulders. We welcome Ken, and other new *CBM* staff, who you'll be hearing from in future *CBM* issues. We're grateful too that Mary continues to lend her assistance as the new editor and staff learn the process.

Thanks to continued outreach and the volunteer spirit that has kept DCBS strong for 21 years, we've dodged another missing-volunteer bullet. But, **we still desperately need help with our website.** If you agree and have the necessary skills, contact me immediately at president@dcblues.org. *Complaining is easy. Doing something about it requires gumption. (Me)*



Eric Bibb photo: Mary Knieser

Eric Bibb BITS Fundraiser

I often hear many Blues folks deride acoustic music as outdated, old folks music. I dare say we (members) are the old folks 'bout now. As I talked to an inquiring visitor before the Eric Bibb show in front of its venue (Westminster Presbyterian Church), I mentioned that folks think of acoustic music as simply a man or woman with a guitar or harmonica. The best of these Blues stylists are often so much more. Eric proved my point when he put on a show at once soul-shaking and sing-along delightful, as well as thoughtfully crowd hushing. He chose to stand for both sets and he often brought the audience to their feet, too. The visitor I spoke with before the show came back to tell me he's now one of Bibb's new fans.

I wish more of you had shared this exhilarating experience. An Eric Bibb show is a spiritual odyssey through the Blues: elemental, historical and contemporary, rousingly entertaining. The reception was a hit too. Folks got to meet and take photos with Eric and made sure there were no leftovers (food or drink). [I apologize for the delay and some confusion on getting photos to the right folks. We will add to our *Lessons Learned* folder. But I'm sure you will enjoy and cherish the charming images produced by volunteer photographer, Fernando Sandoval. *[Even his name sounds artsy...]* Everyone should check out his work at www.fcsandoval.com. See the DCBS website for the link to photos from that and other DCBS events.

Acoustic music deserves a DCBS platform, but probably not as a Blues in the Schools (BITS) fundraiser. We need real money to make good BITS programs happen. BITS is too important an endeavor to be hobbled by the general lack of interest (and persistent stereotyping) by many of you Blues-loving fans. I may have mentioned previously that in 2010 we hope to put on a BITS Scholarship Fundraiser. This event might feature both acoustic and band music — perhaps with the same featured star. I hope that will tickle more of your fancies. If you believe in keeping the Blues alive among the young (future tickets and music buyers aka *your grandchillun*) please show your support for our BITS efforts. Attend our BITS events and/or send donations earmarked for BITS — or DCBS generally — to DC Blues Society, PO Box 77315, Washington, DC 20013.

Thanks to the volunteers who created an attractive, well-executed reception and for preparing an array of delicious food. And thanks to other volunteers who helped publicize and handle all the logistics and technical support for the Bibb BITS Fundraiser.

Congratulations to Curtis Blues! DC's Solo IBC Act

Speaking of acoustic music, Curtis Blues gives the lie to the notion that acoustic music is merely a man and a guitar. Few embody the spirit and diversity of acoustic music in the DC area as Curtis Blues. His CD submission won him the opportunity to represent DCBS in the Solo/Duo category at the International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis, TN, January 20-23, 2010. Curtis weaves Blues history into and through storytelling, song, and the multiple instruments he plays. Check out Curtis and his performance schedule at www.curtisblues.com. I encourage you to support the Memphis fundraiser DCBS is co-sponsoring on Thursday, January 7 from 7:30 – 11:00PM at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA.

College Park Blues Festival

The Homemade Jamz Blues Band was a big hit with the modest but energetic crowd at the free College Park Blues Festival on Saturday, November 7 at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum. The young band is showing its age with the maturing of its members [siblings Ryan Perry, 17, lead guitar & vocals; Kyle Perry, 15, bass; and Taya Perry, 10, drummer] and a more seasoned, mature sound. Their show certainly boosted their fan base and had most of the audience dancing and gawking at the stage. Afterward, many in that crowd lined up to get autographed copies of their CDs.

The Memphis-bound winner of our Battle of the Bands contest, The Big Boy Little Band, also gave a winning performance at the Festival. If you missed them at the Battle and the CP Festival, you can enjoy this dynam-

cally danceable band and help send them to IBC by attending one (or all) of these events:

- Dec. 20 - Harmonic(a) Convergence, Zoo Bar, Washington, DC
- Dec. 26 - Big Boy Little Christmas Bash, JV's Restaurant, Falls Church, VA
- Jan. 9 - DCBS Send Off Party, Old Bowie Town Grille, Bowie, MD
- Jan. 17 - Wolf's Big Boy Little Send Off Blues Jam Party, Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA

Rounding out the show was the DC Blues Society Band and featured the soulful vocals of Lady Rose and special guest saxophonist, Joe Thomas (JT). This was the second festival (Silver Spring Blues Festival was the first) for the band and a demonstration of its continued seasoning. Look for them at future area events.

DCBS is grateful to the University of Maryland, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, City of College Park, College Park Arts Exchange, and Xtreme Teens. Attendees not only got in free, they also had a chance to win prizes. The Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. (Silver Spring Blues Festival sponsor) donated tickets to its Veterans Concert with Memphis Gold, Jay Summerour, and Jonny Grave at the Round House Theater. The Bagel Place and Hard Times Café in College Park each provided gift certificates so winners could satisfy their bagel or chili hunger.

A very special *thank you* to Horatio and the Simply Delicious Jerk Center in College Park, MD. Not familiar with DCBS but willing to show support and extend positive karma, Horatio supplied food for our artists. Trays of Jamaican patties, chicken, rice and beans may have helped fuel the energy that night! Stop by Simply Delicious Jerk Center, 7313 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740 (301-575-1558) to find out for yourself!

And, to the attendees, vendors and volunteers who made this possible, thank you! This may become an annual event so standby...

Ho! Ho! Ho! Here Comes Hardway!

We're fortunate to have at this year's Holiday Party the Hardway Connection on the heels of recently winning a 2009 Carolina Beach Music Award. Hardway won the National Dance/Shag Song award for its single, "Dirty Ol' Man," [from the CD *Southern Soul Romping*] written by Robert Owens (band leader) and William Bell. [You may recall Bell from his days with Memphis-based Stax/Volt and as writer/performer of "You Don't Miss Your Water," Albert King's hit "Born Under a Bad Sign" and "I Forgot to Be Your Lover"]. Hardway Connection is no stranger to DCBS. They performed at a holiday party several years ago and at many local festivals and venues. The band also won The Blues Foundation's 1994 National Blues Talent Competition (now the International Blues Challenge).

Hardway Connection is an eight-member wall of Southern Soul Blues sound. [See the November 2008 *CBM* for more on Southern Soul]. In the special (sub-)genre of Southern Soul, the band is an anomaly. It's notable for making a mark and scoring a hit ["One In The Morning" from its debut CD, *Hot Ticket*] on Southern Soul music charts as a Southern Soul group, as opposed to the typical solo artists that dominate the genre. Fact is, Hardway, is one of the few groups doing Southern Soul at all. Many of its original tunes are the product of the group's internal collaboration. This band has no shortage of singers with Owens, Jerome Mackall, and Toni Love Mathews (featured on "Dirty Ol' Man") sharing the mike. Even more reasons for you to kick off your holiday season with DCBS and Hardway Connection. It starts at 8:30PM, Saturday, December 19, at the Wheaton American Legion Post 268, 11225 Fern St., Wheaton, MD 20902. If you're not hip to the Southern Soul sound or never saw Hardway Connection, this is your shot. Do not miss it! Do wear your dancing shoes — and maybe learn how to shag, a form of swing dance (learn more about it at www.nvshag.org). Get tickets at www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808.

Ring in the New Year w/CW Harrington!

You've had several chances to see CW Harrington and The Blues Messengers at DCBS events this year, but I know many of you have yet to enjoy the pleasure. Celebrate the New Year with CW and his animated and talented band, at the Silver Spring American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, at 8:30 PM, Thursday, December 31. The evening includes a traditional dinner with ham, turkey, black-eyed peas, greens, cornbread (and more) and a midnight champagne toast. Get tickets now — don't wait! Go to www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808.

One More Thing...

The DC Blues Society continues to offer THE affordable and entertaining alternative to the few and far between big-name Blues shows of commercial concerns. We promote our local performers and want you to do the same! Please support your local performers wherever they take the stage. And please support the DCBS by coming to our sponsored shows, donating, and volunteering.

Blues Always,



Photos: Mary Knieser

College Park Blues Festival Wrap Up

Thanks to many, the FREE College Park Blues Festival and fundraiser held Saturday, November 7 at Ritchie Coliseum in College Park, MD was a hit! With the inspiring Big Boy Little Band starting it out, and the DC Blues Society Band with Lady Rose pumping everyone up, it was surprising that Homemade Jamz Blues Band could take it much

further. But with youth, vigor, and finesse, and some fun choreography, Ryan, Kyle & Taya Perry stole the show.

Flash Gordon, DCBS Stage Manager extraordinaire, directed the choreography and kept the show on track, and MC Ida Campbell (WPFW 89.3 FM *Don't Lose the Blues* on Fridays) let us know what was happening. Wish we could have recorded the entire event, or at least the part when Renaud Perry (father and harmonica player) spoke so highly of DCBS.

To view more photos of all the bands and Ryan and Kyle's grand entrance and exit and all the fun in-between (yes, those are real mufflers) go to the DCBS website www.dcb blues.org and click on the link or go to Flickr and search for DC Blues Society; also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2019982&id=1567736979.



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Send Big Boy Little Band To Memphis Party

Special Guest Appearances

Hosted by DC Blues Society & Old Bowie Town Grille

Saturday, January 9 — 9 PM

Old Bowie Town Grille

8604 Chestnut Avenue

Bowie, MD 20715

301-464-8800

www.oldbowietowngrille.com

\$7 admission/ \$5 with DCBS member card

DC Blues Society benefit for Memphis Blues Challenge winner Curtis Blues

Take a trip through the history of acoustic blues through the one-string diddley bow, cigar box guitar, African gourd banjo and 1928 style resonator guitars.

Where: Bangkok Blues Restaurant
Falls Church, VA - www.bangkokblues.com
When: Thursday January 7th 7:30-11:00

Video of Curtis: www.curtisblues.com

CNN called Curtis Blues "the man who brings the history of blues alive."



The Hardway Connection Band Encores at DC Blues Society Holiday Party

The annual DC Blues Society Holiday Party will be fueled by the energy, soul, and harmonies of The Hardway Connection. The band recently won the 2009 Carolina Beach Music Award (dance song) for the original "Dirty Old Man," where it beat out the likes of Kid Rock and Ike Turner in the category. The band has been playing regularly at Lamont's Entertainment Complex in Pomomkey, MD, while often traveling south to Atlanta and other southern cities where their sound has built a loyal following. Over the course of their travels, HC has played with many great contemporary artists including Buddy Guy, Natalie Cole, Chaka Khan, Keb Mo', Tyrone Davis, and Chuck Jackson.

During the past 29 years, the band has maintained an incredible schedule of performances, as many as four a week, while all the members hold down day jobs. Perhaps even more amazing is that the core lineup has stayed the same for nearly 25 years with changes only for illness. The dedication of the members to the music and to each other defies the norm in the music industry and is a testament to the leadership of Robert Owens who formed the band and plays lead guitar and sings. Robert said he played with "a thousand" bands in his early years but always came back to this group of musicians. Jerome MacKall (vocals), Toni Love Mathews (vocals) and Teddy Richardson (drums) are the active long timers with over 25 years in the band. Bassist Harold Turner (4 years) and keyboardist Lou Edwards (3 years) are the more recent members of the band. The good news is that original members Gary Aukard and Raymond Blake are on the mend and should be back in the next few months.

The band describes their sound as "Southern Soul Blues." A mix of R&B, blues, soul and a little funk, the HC sound is driven by the multiple lead vocals. Jerome will slay you with his high sweet tenor. Toni is a torch singer who will melt the coldest heart while Robert handles some of the driving songs as well as those he calls "adult ears only." The depth of the harmonies on backup and the multiple lead vocals are the equal with groups of national reputation. Add strong instrumentals with a rhythm section that backs it all up with an irresistible beat and it's music that inspires joy and tired legs.

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THE NIGHTHAWKS

UPCOMING SHOWS

Nov. 27, 2009 The State Theater, Falls Church, VA (703) 237-0300
THE NIGHTHAWKS
Special guest is Bobby Radcliff (301-464-8800 • <http://bobbyradcliff.com/>)

Doors: 7:00 PM / Showtime: 9:00 PM
Tickets: \$13 adv / \$16 day of show

Washington's favorite bad boys, the Nighthawks are masters of electric Chicago Blues and the kings of sh*t kicking roadhouse rock. They're not called America's Best Bar Band for nothing... Check out DC's own amazing Bobby Radcliff here in this rare homecoming show!

Nov. 28, 2009 Old Bowie Town Grille, Bowie, MD (301) 464-8800
THE NIGHTHAWKS
Special guest is Bobby Radcliff (301-464-8800 • <http://bobbyradcliff.com/>)

RetroDeluxe opening for The Nighthawks & Bobby Radcliff starting at 8 PM! This is a DON'T MISS EVENT! TICKETS ON SALE SOON! CALL 301-464-8800 FOR MORE INFORMATION! Old Bowie Town Grille, 8604 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, MD.

DEC. 28, 2009 Westminster Church, Washington, DC (202) 484-7700
Blues Extravaganza with THE NIGHTHAWKS.

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Tickets: \$5

Westminster Church, 400 I St, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

JAN. 1, 2010 The Birchmere, Alexandria, VA (703) 549-7500
THE NIGHTHAWKS
with the Billy Price Band

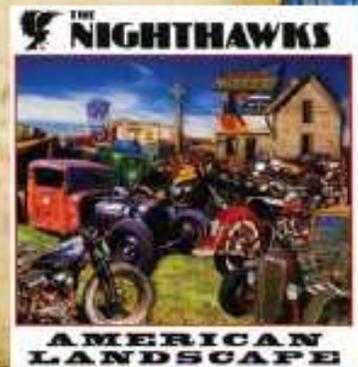
Billy and his band will be on stage with the Nighthawks for the whole show. The two bands will alternate leading the tunes. Two drummers—Hawks with horns, Billy with harp.

Time: 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$25

The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305.

 **THE NIGHTHAWKS**
www.thenighthawks.com

And check out the newest studio release:
American Landscape



December 2009	
3	Hot Tuna @ State Theatre
4	Lex Grey @ Madam's Organ; Reggie Wayne Morris @ Zoo Bar; Bad Influence Band @ Clyde's, Chevy Chase; Doug Park & Lone Wolves @ Griffin's Tavern; Jonny & The Stingrays @ Potomac Grill
5	Johnny Winter @ State Theatre; Harmonica Workshop w/Phil Wiggins @ Archie's Barbershop; Lex Grey @ Madam's Organ; Bad Influence Band @ Dogfish Head Alehouse, Gaithersburg; Automatic Slim @ Bertha's; Jonny & The Stingrays @ Dog House Pub
6	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion; BBS presents Pete Kanaras Band w/Steve Guyger @ Fish Head Cantina
7	Tina's Bluz @ Westminster Church
11	BG & Mojo Hands @ Clare & Don's Beach Shack; Doug Park & Lone Wolves @ Giuseppe's; Hot Rods & Old Gas @ Murphy's Pub; Biscuit Miller & Mix @ Madam's Organ
12	BG & Mojo Hands @ Sala Thai, Bethesda; Hot Rods & Old Gas @ Drift Away Bar & Grill; Biscuit Miller & Mix @ Madam's Organ
14	Clarence Turner Blues Band @ Westminster Church
17	Doug Park & Lone Wolves @ Lion & Bull
18	Malkum Gibson & Mighty Juke @ Madam's Organ; Jonny & The Stingrays @ Dad's Pub
19	DCBS Holiday Party w/Hardway Connection @ Wheaton American Legion; Guitar/Harmonica Workshop w/Grand Dermond & Frank Fotusky @ Archie's Barbershop; BG & Mojo Hands @ Zodiac; Automatic Slim w/Pete Kanaras @ Bare Bones; Bobby Parker @ Madam's Organ
20	Harmonic(a) Convergence w/Big Boy Little Band @ Zoo Bar
21	Big Boy Little @ JVs; Christmas Blues @ Westminster Church
25	Ursula Ricks Project @ Madam's Organ
26	Big Boy Little Fundraiser for IBC @ JVs; BG & Mojo Hands @ Sala Thai, Bethesda; Doug Park & Lone Wolves @ Bangkok Blues; Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ
28	Nighthawks @ Westminster Church
31	DCBS New Year's Eve Party w/C.W. Harrington & Blues Messegners @ Silver Spring American Legion; Deanna Bogart @ Rams Head; Doug Park & Lone Wolves @ Woodbridge Moose Lodge; Big Boy Little @ Zoo Bar

Early January 2010	
1	Billy Price Band & Nighthawks @ Birchmere
2	Automatic Slim @ Bertha's
3	DCBS Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion
4	Lady Di @ Westminster Church
6	Gregg Allman @ Rams Head
7	Curtis Blue Fundraiser @ Bangkok Blues
8	Jonny & The Stingrays @ Chapala's
9	Big Boy Little Send Off Party @ Old Bowie Town Grille

Weekly Blues Events/Jams	
Sun.	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Bangkok Blues; Paulverizers Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille; Z Revue Blues Jam @ JV's (first Sunday)
Tues.	Blues Jam w/Varsity Grillbillies @ Varsity Grille; Old Man Brown @ Madam's Organ (alternating Tuesdays)
Wed.	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Beach Cove; Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
Thurs.	DCBS Thursday Jam/Open Mic w/Sol @ LA Bar & Grill; Patrick Alban or Johnny Artis @ Madam's Organ; Open Mic w/Fast Eddie @ Spanky's Shenanigans
Fri.	Glen Moomau & Blue Flames @ Bertha's; Wolf's Blues Jam @ Fat Boys (1st Friday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe
Sat.	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop; Wolf's Blues Jam @ Fat Boys (3rd Saturday); Big Boy Little @ Zoo Bar (1st Saturday); John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

Attention dancers: See DCBS homepage for link to dance-friendly venues. To subscribe to a weekly e-mail newsletter "So Many Choices" with dance-specific information, often with a blues twist, send an e-mail to DCBS member and Blues fan Robin: hc1829@aol.com

Bolded items are picks by calendar editor, Steve Levine, and include DCBS and BBS events. Send listings to calendar@dcblues.org or mail to Steve Levine, 5910 Bryn Mawr Rd., College Park, MD 20740. **Musicians: Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.** Events listed are based on the best information possible. DCBS cannot be held liable for errors in schedules, places or performances listed. It is recommended that you contact the venues to verify the event will occur. The DCBS homepage has additional music links and information: www.dcblues.org.

Hardway Connection Band

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An important influence on Robert Owens was his uncle, Don Covay, who, as a songwriter and performer, had numerous hits in the 50s and 60s. The list of musicians associated with his music includes Little Richard, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Wilson Pickett, Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. Mr. Covay suffered a major stroke in 1992 which has limited his mobility. Robert goes by to see him with guitar in hand and they often write new songs together, like "Somebody" from HC's first album, *It Must Be Love*.

The DCBS Holiday Party is in great hands with Hardway Connection in control. Even if you think you cannot dance, you will find yourself moving and grooving with your backbone slipping. The Hardway Connection is expecting you and we're gonna "party until the lights go out."

It all takes place on Saturday, December 19, at the American Legion Hall, 11225 Fern Street, Wheaton, MD 20902 (doors open at 8:00 PM/show at 8:30 PM). Buy advance tickets at www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808. - Richard Piper

DCBS Celebrates the New Year with CW Harrington & The Blues Messenger

Ring in 2010 with DCBS, good music, good food and lotsa fun. Last year's party had an overflow enthusiastic crowd so make your reservations early because there may not be seats available if you pay at the door. This is easily the best show and dinner (served around 10PM) for the price - for any price! Just ask anyone who was part of the full house and the dawning of 2009.

The show (8:30PM-12:30AM) will be at the Silver Spring American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave. Silver, Spring, MD 20910. The entrance is on Fenton Street and there is free parking evenings and weekends at the public lot next door.

Advance tickets are \$25 for members; \$30 non-members and \$35 at door. Seating is limited so get your tickets now! Admission includes dinner (ham, turkey, greens, black-eyed peas, rice, cornbread) and a champagne toast. There's ample room for dancing and a cash bar.

Tickets and information: www.dcblues.org or call 301-322-4808.



Photo: Mary Knieser

Share the spirit of the season and help a local food bank. Bring at least two canned goods to the Holiday Party and your name will be entered into a drawing for tickets to the DCBS New Year's Eve Party and other prizes.



Membership means discounts! Show 'em your card

The following companies offer discounts to DCBS members. You must present your current membership card to receive them. Restrictions may apply and discounts may be withdrawn at any time.

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calendar@dcbles.org by
Dec. 15



Thanks to Fernando C. Sandoval

A big Blues thanks to Fernando C. Sandoval and Oak Street Studio for providing photographic services at the Eric Bibb show. Studio is located at 1349 Oak St., NW, Washington DC. For information and other examples go to www.fcsandoval.com

The Blues Foundation and Sound Healthcare offers health insurance to music industry members

The situation of the music industry's many self-employed professionals is unique, and their need to access affordable benefits is great. To address this critical issue, *The Blues Foundation*, the non-profit organization dedicated to the past, present and future of blues music, has joined a number of music associations to partner with Sound Healthcare, providing access to a variety of healthcare benefits and insurance programs to those in need within the blues music community. Professional members will be able to take advantage of group buying power, providing affordable coverage to U.S. residents wherever they are around the world - performing on tour, working freelance, or seeking new work. Several levels of benefits can be tailored to meet a member's specific needs for health, life, dental and critical illness insurance.

"As a member of the Blues Foundation Board of Directors, I consider this initiative to be the most important thing we have done in my two years on the board. To be able to help folks who work in the blues music business to find affordable health insurance, hopefully means we will have them around much longer to provide us with the music we all so love," said Foundation Vice President Bill Wax, also Program Director on Sirius XM Satellite Radio's B.B. King's Bluesville channel.

For more information go to www.blues.org.

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Holiday Party
Saturday, December 19, 2009
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with

The Hardway Connection



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11225 Fern St., Wheaton, MD 20902

Live Music, Food and Great Fun

Advance Tickets:
\$10 Member \$12.00 Non-Member
\$15.00 at the door

Buy on-line: www.dtblues.org or call 301-322-4808



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DC Blues Society
**New Year's Eve
Blues Party**

Thursday, December 31, 2009
8:30 PM - 12:30 AM

Featuring

and
**C.W. Harrington
The Blues Messengers**

Silver Spring American Legion Post 41

905 Sligo Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

(entrance on Fenton St. by public parking lot)

Admission includes dinner & champagne toast

\$25 DCBS Members — \$30 Nonmembers

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Limited Seating

Dancing — Cash Bar

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