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Welcome 2017 with DCBS, Sol Roots Band

Ring out 2016 and welcome the New Year with live music, delicious food and the camaraderie of other Blues fans! The **DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party** is the best party value in the DMV, featuring rockin' entertainment, dancing, a traditional Southern style dinner, champagne toast and enough fun to keep you smilin' for months! See page 5 for more details.

Saturday, Dec. 31, the Sol Roots Band will be rocking the Silver Spring American Legion with the perfect music to dance the year away. The Sol Roots Band will be joined by a special guest, Carly Harvey, whose powerful voice complements the band's eclectic style.



The Sol Roots Band mixes New Orleans funk with raw Blues, adds a generous helping of energetic rock and a big dollop of Southern soul for a unique sound

unmatched by any other band. The band is led by acclaimed guitarist/songwriter Sol Roots, whose range stretches from



photo © Ronald Weinstock

Sol Roots and his band showcase an eclectic combo of Blues, funk, soul and rock. Carly Harvey, inset, joins the band as a special guest at DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party.

fiery rock to laid-back jazz and funky innovative grooves to soulful ballads. The



Sol Roots Band has performed at many premier East Coast festivals and shared the stage with notable acts such as Shemekia Copeland, Robert Randolph, Jon Cleary, Dumpstaphunk and Booker T. Jones.

Sol teamed with vocal sensation Carly Harvey to form Carly & Sol, an acoustic duo that won the DCBS Duo/Solo Competition in September. The pair will represent DCBS next month at the 2017 International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

Carly Harvey is reminiscent of Etta James, with a voice and style that combine Blues, soul, jazz and Americana roots. She counts Bonnie Raitt, Nina Simone, Susan Tedeschi and Ella Fitzgerald among her many influences.

Doors open at 7pm, the music starts at 8pm, dinner is served at 9:30pm and the festivities continue until 12:30am. We

welcome 2017 with a bluesy countdown and champagne toast at midnight. The American Legion Post 41 is located at 905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, enter from Fenton Street, by the county parking lot.

The DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party includes a traditional Southern style dinner, party favors, champagne toast at midnight and exceptionally reasonable cash bar. Seating is limited and tickets are hot! Buy tickets at www.dcb Blues.org, only \$35 in advance for DCBS members/\$45 for non-members and \$50 at the door/\$60 for non-members.

Inside This Issue:

- ▲ The Blues Foundation has announced the recipients of the 2017 Keeping the Blues Alive Awards. See page 4 for details.
- ▲ The College Park Blues Festival drew hundreds for an evening of rockin', dancin', eatin' and drinkin'! Relive the fun with the wrap-up article and photos on pages 8 and 9.



- ▲ Beautiful guitar = beautiful Blues, when it's in the hands of Joe Louis Walker. See page 6 for a recap.

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If you can step up to help promote the Blues and keep the organization running smoothly, email president@dcblues.org





President's DRUM

by Felix McClairain
president@dcblues.org

2016 Reflections

Another year draws nearly to a close. In 2016, DCBS strived to present some of the best Blues events free or at outrageously affordable prices anywhere in the DMV.

Most recently, who could forget:

- ▲ The free **28th Annual DC Blues Festival** featuring outstanding performances from DC Mudd, The Countess, Jackie Scott & The Housewreckers, Lauren Mitchell and Slam Allen?
- ▲ The 5-Band **Battle of the Bands** to win a shot at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis?
- ▲ The slamming good show with **Joe Louis Walker?**
- ▲ The Andy T. Band winning accolades from new fans at the free **College Park Blues Festival?**

Well, you wouldn't forget if there's no memory — because you missed the events mentioned above! DCBS can only do what we do with your support.

Many thanks to those of you who have supported our events with your attendance, membership and donations. I hope for more of your support in the New Year. Simply put, we need you to come out, have a good time, and do a good deed — keep DCBS vital, relevant and providing friendly fun.

Membership fees are important to DCBS, but they barely cover our printing expenses. I'd like to see more members supporting our events in 2017. I believe some members who clamor for the free tickets we offer for other venues don't come to events sponsored by DCBS. That could be my bias. So, do me a favor. If you win tickets to the Hamilton, Strathmore, Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club or Madam's Organ, etc., when

you come to an event, let me or another event volunteer know you were a lucky member. It may change my perspective. (So far, that's only happened once, with a recent Festival winner of Strathmore tickets.) Otherwise, we may decide to limit our free giveaway tickets to members at events.

You're also welcome to make a donation when you just can't make a show that you wanted to attend.

NYE Dinner Dance Party

You can start stepping up your support for DCBS at the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance & Party. I won't belabor the points that it's the most cost-effective and fun-filled celebration in the DMV, with a live band for dancing and full Southern-style dinner. I'll just ask you to get your face in the place.

As folks were pleasingly surprised at the Andy T. Band's CPBF performance, those of you unfamiliar with the Sol Roots Band with Special Guest Carly Harvey will be singing their praises after experiencing their performance. I'll remind you that Carly & Sol won the (free) DCBS solo/duo competition in September and also performed at the CPBF to an elated crowd.

**Fourth Friday
Happy Hour in December
and the First Sunday Blues
Jam in January
WILL NOT BE HELD!**

**Enjoy the holidays and the Blues
with family and friends, and
watch for details about the first
Happy Hour of 2017 on Friday, Jan. 27.**

Get NYE Party tickets now at www.dcblues.org! Buying in advance helps us refine our plans so that we can afford to keep our ticket prices economical. If you want to help deliver this 2016 blowout, let me know at volunteer@dcblues.org by Monday, Dec. 12. We need help with setup, food serving, merchandise sales, and cleanup.

Once again, thanks for all the support in 2016. I wish everyone a happy, prosperous, good-Blues 2017.

Blues Always,
Felix



Volunteers Needed for DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party

Can you help make the DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party a success? Volunteers are needed to help decorate before the event, provide food donations (e.g., greens, green beans, black-eyed peas, vegetarian dishes, rice, dessert, etc.), and help set up and serve food during the celebration.

Volunteer and party with other like-minded blues fans. What a terrific way to close out 2016 and usher in 2017.

If you are able to help, please send an email to volunteer@dcblues.org by Monday, Dec. 12.



Blues Foundation Names 'Keeping Blues Alive' Recipients

Awards to be presented at 33rd Annual International Blues Challenge

Information from the Nov. 17, 2016 post on www.blues.org

Memphis' claim as the "Home of the Blues" will be indisputably evident the first week of February when The Blues Foundation hosts its 33rd Annual International Blues Challenge, attracting rising stars from throughout the world. The competition is set for Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Saturday, Feb. 4.

Musicians from around the globe will convene in Memphis to compete for cash, prizes, and bookings as they are judged the best in IBC categories, including Band, Solo/Duo, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Harmonica Player and Self-Produced CD.

IBC alumni include such musicians as Susan Tedeschi, Tommy Castro, Delta Moon, Trampled Under Foot, Sean Costello and Grady Champion.

Each year, The Blues Foundation presents the **Keeping the Blues Alive (KBA) Awards** to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the Blues world. Presentation of the 2017 KBA Awards will be part of the International Blues Challenge (IBC) weekend of events.

Unlike the Blues Music Awards, which recognize the past year's best in recordings and performances, the KBAs are awarded to non-performers strictly on the basis of merit by a select panel of Blues professionals. KBA Chair Art Tipaldi notes "The KBA may be awarded for the recipient's work in the past year but most often reflects a lifetime of work; we don't view the recipient as the winner of a 'best of the year' category."

"Our 2017 Keeping the Blues Alive recipients are all wonderful examples of blues flame-keepers, each working in their own sphere of influence to move the genre forward while honoring its past," says Blues Foundation President and CEO Barbara Newman.

The 2017 Keeping the Blues Alive Awards recipients are:

- ▲ Baltimore Blues Society
- ▲ Blues and Soul Records, Tokyo, Japan
- ▲ Kathy Bolmer, Nashville, TN
- ▲ Briggs Farm Blues Festival, Nescopek, PA
- ▲ Kyle Deibler, Fort Collins, CO
- ▲ Greaseland Studios, San Jose, CA
- ▲ Highway 99 Blues Club, Seattle, WA
- ▲ Jay Miller, West Bridgewater, MA
- ▲ Jacques Morgantini, Gan France
- ▲ James Nagel, Texas City, TX
- ▲ Porretta Soul Festival, Porretta Terme, Italy
- ▲ Steve Salter, Whitehall, MI
- ▲ Eddie Stout, Austin, TX
- ▲ Suzanne Swanson, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada
- ▲ WGLT radio, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- ▲ Wolf Records, Vienna, Austria

These honorees represent a broad spectrum of the music world: record labels, music festivals, recording studios, clubs,

radio stations, publications and individuals with an undying passion to preserve and sustain the blues. They include grassroots blues heroes like Steve Salter, who created the nonprofit Killer Blues Headstone Project so that blues musicians wouldn't be buried in unmarked graves, and Eddie Stout, who is known as the "Ambassador of Texas Blues" for his work single-handedly running Dialtone Records.

The KBAs spotlight also shines on events like the Briggs Farm Blues Festival, which has been bringing the Mississippi Delta to eastern Pennsylvania for nearly 20 years, and Greaseland Studios, the San Jose recording studio where Kim Wilson, Maria Muldaur, Elvin Bishop, and Charlie Musselwhite have laid down tracks.

2017's KBA recipients not only cover America from coast-to-coast—from the Baltimore Blues Society to Seattle's Highway 99 Blues Club—but also reveal blues' international popularity. Wolf Records has been promoting Magic Slim and other Chicago blues acts for over 30 years, and they aren't doing it from Illinois, but Austria. The Chicago blues were also very important to 92 year old Jacques Morgantini, known as the Alan Lomax of Europe, who brought many American bluesmen to play in France. The Porretta Soul Festival, meanwhile, has turned a small Northern Italian town into a mecca of soul music, particularly the Memphis variety.

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The poster features a collage of photos showing various blues musicians performing and socializing. At the bottom right, there is a Facebook icon and a photo of a woman in a red outfit performing on stage.

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The banner features a close-up image of a guitar's body and neck, with the text overlaid.

**DC Blues Society's
Annual Bluesy New Year's Eve
Dinner Dance Party**

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Show: 8:00 PM - 12:30 AM

(Doors: 7:00 PM • Dinner 9:30 PM)

Featuring

Sol Roots Band



**Vic Chase • drums
Russ Rodgers • bass**



**Special guest • Carly Harvey
Plus DJ: Dr. Nick**

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Photos: Sol Roots courtesy of Roger Gupta
Carly Harvey courtesy of Rebecca L. Carroll

2017
Happy New Year!

Joe Louis Walker Brings Legendary Blues Show to DCBS

by Pete Salsbury

The Silver Spring American Legion was the site of one of the best shows I have seen put on by the DC Blues Society (DCBS). On Friday, Oct. 14, Joe Louis Walker brought his outstanding band to a packed hall that was ready to have some fun with this blues legend. We don't often get an opportunity to see legendary performers this close up but we got it when Joe and his band kicked off the night and soon had the dance floor full of happy dancers.

Joe is an outstanding guitarist and soulful vocalist and was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2013. Over the years he has earned a total of 48 W.C. Handy/Blues Music Award nominations on his way to four wins including the Contemporary Blues Male Artist award at the 2016 Blues Music Awards. While having a long career, he is still creating new, exciting music as evidenced by the 2016 award.

THE NEW YORK TIMES has raved, "Walker is a singer with a Cadillac of a voice. He delivers no-nonsense, gutsy blues. His guitar solos are fast, wiry and incisive, moaning with bluesy despair." ROLLING STONE simply calls him "ferocious." After seeing Joe for the first time, I can confirm those descriptions are true.



photos by Pat Bransford

Joe Louis Walker demonstrates his outstanding guitar skills and shows why he's garnered many awards and membership in the Blues Hall of Fame.

Joe brought his mix of blues, rock, soul and gospel to Silver Spring and demonstrated why fans and critics have been raving about him for so many years. With a career that goes back to the 1960s, Joe Louis Walker is one of trailblazers of the blues and has played

and recorded with everyone in the business. Joe played many songs from his new record, (it's his 24th record) *Everybody Wants a Piece*, and he has it on both CD and vinyl. One cover song that stood out was "Don't Let Go," played as an upbeat version with great harmonies from his band that had the crowd back up on the dance floor.

If you are a rock fan, a blues fan, a soul or funk fan, you don't want to miss a Joe Louis Walker show when he comes to your town because he can play it all. After the show, Joe waited for the fans, standing with his wife at the merchandise table happy to sign records and CDs and talk a bit before he had to get on the road on the way to the next show.

A personal highlight for me was working as a volunteer for the night and getting to meet Joe, his wife and the band and helping carry in his guitars and other equipment into the hall. Joe and the band seemed to really appreciate all of the DCBS volunteers who greeted him, helped set up the equipment, brought in dinner before the show and made him feel at home and relaxed before playing such a hot show.

Thank you, Joe Louis Walker for coming to play for the DCBS, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!



Looks like the band enjoyed their DCBS set, too. The joy and fun of playing were evident on the faces of Joe Louis Walker's band members.

Welcome & Welcome Back!

Membership Update, August–November 2016

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Members are key to the livelihood of the DCBS. Members' dues play an important part in helping DCBS fulfill its mission to promote the Blues and the Musicians who keep the music alive, exciting and accessible. Members receive many benefits for their nominal DCBS investment:

- ▲ Discounted rates on advance tickets to DCBS events
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- ▲ Monthly editions of THE CAPITAL BLUES MESSENGER sent by email
- ▲ Priority notices of the latest scheduled area Blues concerts, events and news sent by email
- ▲ Chances to win free tickets to area Blues concerts and performances
- ▲ Discounts from area clubs and merchants when you present your DCBS membership card; see the list of participating businesses on page 11
- ▲ Opportunities to “get close to the action and the music” by volunteering at DCBS events
- ▲ Taking a supporting role in DCBS's Blues in the Community program, an outreach effort to educate and encourage the rich heritage of Blues music

Becoming a DCBS member is quick and easy:

- ▲ Use the mail-in application on this page
- ▲ Apply online at www.dcblues.org
- ▲ Sign up at a the DCBS booth at a DCBS event

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- Family: \$45
- Corporate: \$200

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9th Annual College Park Blues Festival Saturday, Nov. 5

by Jazs Web

The 9th Annual College Park FREE Blues Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Ritchie Coliseum, featured a variety of Blues with Carly Harvey & Sol Roots, DCBS Solo/Duo Winner; Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes, DCBS Battle of the Bands Winner (again!); Mike Westcott Band featuring Tommy Lepson; and Andy T Band with Roomful of Blues Members Phil Pemberton, vocalist, and Doug Woolverton, trumpet, just off the boat from the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise. Everyone kept the dance floor swinging. See the videos on www.facebook.com/CollegeParkBluesFest

Attendees also shopped, made buttons, got massages, enjoyed craft beer, wore Buddy Poppy's in honor of veterans, and had chances to win prizes thanks to the CPBF Sponsors.



photo by Pat Bransford

DCBS President Felix McClairen enjoys dancing at the College Park Blues Festival.

Jim Kennedy bought a Guitar Raffle ticket in advance at a DCBS event and won the CPBF Guitar Raffle. He gave a demo of how the guitar sounds at the DCBS Blues Jam the day after CPBF — which turned out to be his birthday! Thanks to David Jackson for providing the guitar.

Without the CPBF sponsors and volunteers, this free festival can't happen.

A special shoutout to the Pound brothers — Kevin who drove from PA to volunteer with his brother Marc, and also made the crew a pot of homemade gumbo! Yum!

More yummy items were available for the artists thanks to the always loved Original Ledo Restaurant and newcomer Fat Pete's BBQ.

Thanks to everyone including:

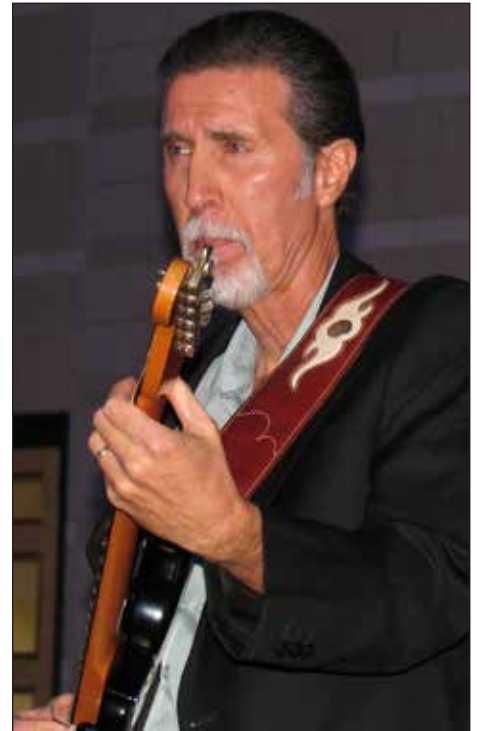
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photo by Jazs Web

Ed Crowley joined Roomful of Blues Members Philip Pemberton and Doug Woolverton. Ed and Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes are the DCBS Battle of the Bands winner, headed to the International Blues Challenge next month in Memphis.

- ▲ ALES — Harry Cimermanis, Ed "Guam" Rangel, Gary "Sonny" Simpson
- ▲ Atomic Music — Eric, Luis, Mark Leary, Matt, Zach
- ▲ Town Hall — Aaron, Lucky
- ▲ WPFW — Ida Campbell, Dr. Nick
- ▲ Volunteers — Catherine Chambers, David Jackson, Dave Rabinowitz, Diane Kern, Gayle Murtishaw, Kevin Pound, Marc Pound, Mike Newland, Mike Otto, Norma Jean Thacker, Paul Pinkham, Tia Thacker, Tony Love, Victor Ysern
- ▲ Everyone who helped to fill the "Memphis or Bust" buckets to help send the Battle winners to Memphis, TN!



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Guitarist Mike Wescott, right, and his band featured Tommy Lepson on the keyboards.

photo by Pat Bransford

Acclaimed guitarist Andy T's fusion of jazz and blues was a crowd favorite.

Thank you to the sponsors of the 9th Annual College Park Blues Festival:

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- ▲ University of Maryland - University Recreation & Wellness
- ▲ PG Parks and Recreation
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photo by Pat Bransford

Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes showed the same rockin', good-time style that won the DCBS Battle of the Bands competition. They are headed to the 2017 International Blues Challenge next month in Memphis.

DECEMBER 2016 BLUES

- 1 Johnny Rawls @ JVs
- 2 Vintage #18 @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Johnny Rawls @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 3 Sol Roots @ Hamilton Loft ▲ Bad Influence @ New Deal Cafe ▲ The Nighthawks @ Fat Tuesday's Warrenton ▲ Wolf's Still Standing with Mike Westcott @ Red Oak Bistro ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Music Cafe ▲ Skyla Burrell @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 4 **DCBS 1st Sunday Blues Jam** @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Along for the Ride with Big Boy Little & Baby Jake @ 219 ▲ Linwood Taylor @ JVs ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
- 5 David Cole & Main Street Blues @ Westminster Church
- 8 Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble @ College Park American Legion
- 9 Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Cheeseburger in Paradise ▲ Wolf's Still Standing with Linwood Taylor @ Ruddy Duck ▲ Eric Culberson @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Ursula Ricks Project @ New Deal Cafe
- 10 Eric Culberson @ Madam Organ's **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes @ Downtown Holiday Market ▲ Bad Influence @ Dogfish Head Gaithersburg ▲ **Piedmont Blues with Gerald Clayton** @ Strathmore **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Bucket Sportsbar ▲ Crimestoppers @ The Bungalow ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Outta The Way Cafe; ▲ Full Power Blues @ JVs ▲ "Rockin" Renegade Holiday Benefit with Mud Morganfield, Kate Moss, others @ State Theatre
- 11 Along for the Ride with Mike Westcott @ 219
- 12 Robert Penn Blues Band @ Westminster Church
- 14 Nick Moss Band with Dennis Gruenling @ JVs
- 16 Bad Influence @ Stein Room ▲ Wolf's Still Standing with Linwood Taylor and Lisa Lim @ Cryer's Back Road Inn ▲ Little Red & The Renegades @ Villain & Saint
- 15 Wolf's Still Standing with Linwood Taylor @ Red Oak Bistro ▲ Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark @ Hershey's ▲ Crimestoppers @ Outta the Way Cafe ▲ Ursula Ricks @ Madam's Organ **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY**
- 18 Big Boy Little Band Blues Brunch @ Acadiana
- 19 Ursula Ricks Project @ Westminster Church
- 20 Mark Wenner & Blues Warriors @ JVs ▲ NRBQ @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz
- 23 **NO DCBS 4th FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR THIS MONTH** Soul Crackers Holiday Party @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz ▲ Built 4 Comfort @ Branded 72 ▲ Stacy Brooks @ Madam's Organ
- 24 Sookie Jump Band @ JVs
- 25 Along for the Ride with Linwood Taylor & Wave Milor @ 219
- 26 The Nighthawks @ Westminster Church
- 27 Danny Blew & Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner Jam @ JVs
- 29 Moonshine Society @ Hamilton Loft
- 30 Big Boy Little Band @ New Deal Cafe ▲ **Deanna Bogart** @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz
- 31 **DCBS New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party featuring Sol Roots Band with Carly Harvey** @ Silver Spring American Legion

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- 1 **NO DCBS 1st SUNDAY BLUES JAM THIS MONTH** ▲ Along for the Ride @ 219
- 2 Vince Evans Blues Band @ Westminster Church
- 6 Sonny Landreth, Sara Borges @ Bethesda Blues & Jazz ▲ Popa Chubby @ Hamilton **DCBS TICKET GIVEAWAY** ▲ Crimestoppers @ Branded 72
- 7 King Soul @ Villain & Saint

BLUES ALL WEEK

Regular Blues Events

The Regular Blues Calendar, below, is included in the Capital Blues Messenger each month to provide information on recurring blues jams/performances/dances. See also the December Blues Calendar on page 10.

SU	1st Sunday DCBS Blues Jam @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Sunday Afternoon Jam @ Old Firestation #3, Fairfax ▲ Blues Jam @ Battlefield Brew Works, Gettysburg, every other Sunday
M	Blue Mondays @ Westminster Presbyterian Church ▲ Wolf's Blues Jam @ JV's ▲ Capital Blues Ensemble @ 219 Basin St. Lounge
TU	CrawStickers @ 219 Basin St. Lounge ▲ Johnny Artis Band @ Madam's Organ ▲ Swampcandy @ Rams Head Annapolis ▲ Hell's Bottom Blues Jam @ Takoma Park VFW Post 350
W	Wolf's Blues Jam @ Blair's Londontowne Pub ▲ Jesse Shifflet Open Mic @ Pickled Herring Pub, Northeast, MD ▲ Blues Jam @ Old Bowie Town Grille
TH	Patrick Alban & Noche Latina @ Madam's Organ ▲ Slow Blues & Swing Dance @ Glen Echo ▲ Open Mic @ El Gavilan, last Thursday of month
F	4th Friday Happy Hour @ Silver Spring American Legion ▲ Glen Moomau & Juke Drivers @ Bertha's ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe
SA	Acoustic Blues Jam @ Archie's Barbershop ▲ John Guernsey @ New Deal Cafe

Bolded items on calendars of upcoming events are picks by calendar editor, Mike Wolk, and include DCBS, BBS and other events.

Musicians, promoters, and venues:

Send calendar listings to calendar@dcblues.org by the deadline, 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 venues to verify events.

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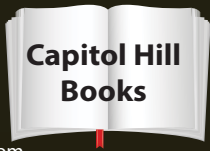
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Many local performers sell their CDs on their websites or through CDBaby and other websites. Check it out (and don't forget to pick up a little something for yourself, while you're on the website).

Guitar Raffle Winner Celebrates!

It was quite a birthday surprise for Jim Kennedy! The colorful Maryland-decorated guitar had caught his eye at a DCBS event, and he purchased a raffle ticket on the spot. It was for a good cause—proceeds help to defray the expenses of the musicians representing DCBS at the IBC in Memphis.



Surprise was an understatement when Jim learned his was the winning ticket, drawn at the College Park Blues Festival. He was able to pick up and show off his new prize—and celebrate his birthday—at the DCBS First Sunday Blues Jam on Nov. 6! A great reward for supporting DCBS activities. CPBF organizers would like to thank David Jackson for providing the guitar.



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