

Accordion Talk

January 2026



President's Message

Upcoming club meetings

Feb. 21, 2026

Mar. 21, 2026

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Greetings, RCAC! January has been an eventful month for the club, in more ways than one. We started the year with a change in leadership. I am your new club president, **Amber Matz**. I am joined on the board by our new vice-president, **Beth McDonald**, and new treasurer, **Delette Huffman**. **Marlene Meissner** will continue to serve as secretary. **Susan Schwab's** role is now solely focused on camp director responsibilities. **Fran Maddox**, as immediate past-president, remains on the board. **Micah Cowan** declined to continue as an at-large member, and **Don Devlaeminck** and **Lynne Clark** were both re-appointed as at-large board members.

January 17th started with a board meeting and continued with our regular club meeting, now featuring a snack break! (Thank you, **Beth!**) Music Circle was led by **Delette Huffman**, who also set up a table to greet folks and help relieve members of dues money burning holes in their accordion cases.

On January 23rd, our club checking account was compromised by a fraudster. Long story, short: all funds have been restored. We have set up a new bank account since the old one was accessed by a scammer. **Please note that all digital payment options have been updated.** Details on page 6. ~Amber Matz, President

January Club Meeting

Music Circle

Led by **Delette Huffman**

Songs:
Father's Waltz,
Blue Danube,
Three Coins in
Fountain



Next Circle

Music Circle on
Feb. 21 will be led
by **Marlene Meissner**

Songs:
Melody of Love,
The Loveliest Time
of the Year,
I Want a Girl/Five
Foot Two (medley).

What's a xote?

Xote (SHOH-chee) is a Brazilian
 *partner dance and music*
style, a variation of the German
 *schottische. Check out Jamie*
Maschler and Adriana Giordano's
song Creoxote performed by
Foleada on Bandcamp:
foleada.bandcamp.com/track/creoxote

RCAC Members Playin' Around

Delette Huffman and **Bev Spurgeon** played for three settings of Lutfisk Dinner diners at Kelso, WA Sons of Norway Hall. It was a fun-filled day of Scandinavian tunes. Bev even overcame her fear of cod and tried a bite of lutefisk!



Bev & Delette



Bev tries lutefisk!

Upcoming club member gigs

Courtney Von Drehle's accordion and clarinet duo so-named, *Andrew and Courtney's Mystery Box*, blends Eastern European flavors, jazz, and original compositions, illuminated by the glow of deep listening – the kind that sparks spontaneity.

Next gig: February 10, 7 pm at De Nicola's

Practice those Valentines' tunes!

Make us all blush with those mushy love songs!
Whether it's a tango, waltz, xote, jazz or pop standard, we want to hear it during individual and small group play at the upcoming **February 21st** club meeting.

January Club Meeting



Chad

L'indifference



Doug

How About You
I'm Confessin'



Delette

Dream of Ellen



Susan

More
St. Louis Blues



Fran

Il Postino
Hinkley Waltz



Larry

Peanut Vendor
Poincianna



Kathy

Calm Is The Night
1st Day of Spring



Wayne

Here I Am
All I Have To Do Is Dream I Want You, I Need You, I Love You



Leonard

Caravan

January Club Meeting



Valri

All The Things You Are



Don

Take Me Out To The Ballgame



Fran

Jalousie



Rick

Adios Muchachos



Wayne

Kraj rodzinny matki mej
Jeanine



Joe

Columbia,
The Gem of the Ocean



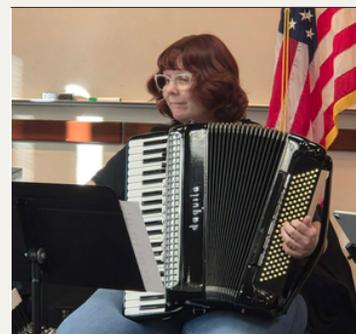
Marlene

Katharin
Edelweiss (Foxtrot)



Bobbie

Tic Toc Polka
Plummer Polka



Amber

Las Negres Verte Waltz

Announcements



Rose City Accordion Camp: May 31 to June 5

- Registration is filling up fast, but there's still time to register!
- Lodge rooms still available or ask Susan about nearby accommodations.
- **Joe Natoli**, accordion orchestra conductor and music arranger, has sent in the music. Parts are being assigned and will be sent out soon.
- An updated registration form is posted on rosecityaccordionclub.org.
- Contact **Susan Schwab**, Camp Director, with your registration form, questions, or requests for info: rosecityaccordionclub@gmail.com



May 16, 2026 1:00 pm

Special guest: Andy Mirkovich

Save the date! **Andy Mirkovich** will be our special guest and featured performer at the **May 16th** club meeting.

This event will be open to the public and is sponsored by the Rose City Accordion Club! Free admission.

June 19-21, 2026

Astoria Scandinavian Festy

Coreen Bergholm will once again lead an accordion orchestra with RCAC players. RCAC's **Beer Baebes** (extra special spelling 🤪) will perform throughout the festival as well. Coreen has sent out music to past participants. Play-along practice videos are up on YouTube; a link will be sent out via email. Learn more about the festival on their website: astoriascanfest.com.



Dues due! New payment options!

To pay 2026 RCAC dues:
Mail \$25 check payable to
Rose City Accordion Club
c/o Delette Huffman
1441 S. Ivy St., Unit 304
Canby, OR 97013

New! Use Zelle tag:
rosecityaccordionclub

Banking Fraud Incident

Timeline

January 23, 2026

- RCAC Account compromised. A fraudster transferred \$7,320.00 from the RCAC account to another account. Fraud is promptly reported by the scammed individual.
- RCAC Account is frozen for electronic transactions.
- Amber Matz (club president) is informed by the club's banker that the RCAC account must be closed and a new one opened.

January 27, 2026

- New RCAC accounts (checking, savings, and credit card for online transactions) created and signers added.

January 29, 2026

- \$7,320.00 funds transferred back to RCAC, fixing the fraudulent transfer on 1/23/2026.

Moving forward...

I am grateful that the funds have been restored to both the club and the individual who was scammed. I am also grateful for the forthcoming and timely communication of the scammed individual, which enabled me to take swift action. —Amber Matz, President

How we responded

We opened a new account, including a checking, savings, and credit card.

- Signers were asked to set up separate banking user accounts to access personal and club accounts.
- The savings account provides a layer of security, enabling us to avoid keeping "all our eggs in 1 basket", and the added benefit of earning interest.
- The credit card will enable the Treasurer to make online payments without using their personal account and reimbursing themselves.
- No debit card was requested nor issued to any signer.
- We set up a Zelle tag (rosecityaccordionclub) that connects directly to the club's checking account, not anyone's personal bank account.
- We are phasing out Venmo and PayPal payment options since they are tied to the personal account of the new Treasurer.
- We are phasing in a policy that prohibits funds intended for the club from being routed through any signer's personal bank account or digital payment service.