"2019 Year in Review"

BLUE SUNDAY

The annual Blue Sunday fundraiser was held on October 13th this year at the Memorial Park Pavilion. The band line up was the MO Blues Allstars, the Cooper's Landing Jam Band, and Buddha Blue. The menu was hot dogs and chips, continuing the tradition of free food and entertainment. The music was wonderful, as usual, and we couldn't have asked for a nicer day. Many thanks to the bands for donating their time and talent for this event.

MO Blues Allstars

Cooper's Landing Jam Band

Buddha Blue

The Cooks:
Julie, Ed & Bernard

THE JAMS

In addition to the 3rd Thursday Jams at some of our usual local establishments, MO Blues partnered with Cooper's Landing during the spring, summer and fall

to offer Sunday afternoon "Blues Jams on the River". Except for a few mother nature issues – the 2019 flood – it proved to be a very nice venue for jams, and we were able to sponsor them twice a month.

THE HOLIDAY BLUES BLAST

The MO Blues Association was once again honored to have the fabulous Bel Airs perform for the Blues Blast. It was held this year at The Hall, formerly known as Michigan Place. The meal, catered by The Hall, consisted of smoked pork steaks or smoked chicken, green beans and salad. Dinner and entertainment for a mere $20. We had a great time. Many thanks to our contributors who donated items for a raffle.

LOOKING BACK

As 2019 comes to a close, it's nice to reflect on the Association's activities and remember that without the continued support of our members and sponsors, we could not bring these blues events and programs to our city. MO Blues would like to thank our partners and contributors for their generous donations over the year:

Central Trust Bank
Jefferson Blank
Vaughan Agency
Painters Union Local 1185
First Student Bus Company
Blind Racoon Records

Thanks also to the following MO Blues Board Members who volunteer their time and resources to make these events happen:

President:	Julie Kujath
Vice President:	Jennie Crumb
Treasurer:	Julie Kujath
Secretary:	Becky Fredrickson
Members:	Tony Black
	Dave Eskins
Volunteer:	Lorie Smith

As an all-volunteer organization, we depend on our members to help us make MO Blues successful.

FUNDRAISING

MO Blues continually strives to raise money to help fund our various Blues projects. In addition to Blue Sunday and the Holiday Blues Blast, we have set up an Amazon Smiles account and continue to receive some funds from the Charitable Campaign. We also added ticket sales from Eventbrite for the Blues Blast which proved to be a profitable avenue to increase our ticket sales.

amazonsmile charity lists
AmazonSmile is a new and meaningful way to donate items directly to charitable organizations. MO Blues is one of the

LOOKING AHEAD

We hope to continue to sponsor more and more blues events in the months ahead. We have big plans for the future and hope to make Jefferson City an attraction for blues artists as well as enthusiasts. We can't do it alone, so come out and support us. Invite your friends to our events and help us bring in new members. There were a number of things we did not have the funds to do last year and we hope to turn that around in 2019. We continue our commitment to promote and preserve this genre of music and support the local blues artists who help keep this truly American art form alive.

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

In keeping with our mission to promote, support and preserve the Blues, the Association is looking for opportunities to spread the word about what we do. We don't want Blues music to become a dying art or the rich history of it in the roots of our American culture to become lost. Have an event coming up where we could promote MO Blues or need a band listing, send us a message.

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