

## CREDIT CARD ALERT

Jennifer Gonzalez let us know that there seems to be some confusion on New Memberships and Renewals by Credit Card.

When Members see their credit card statements they will see **MIDI MUSIC, INC.** as the company who took their Membership fees. MIDI Music is Lowrey's corporate name, so it is a valid charge. However, some Members are confused by seeing 'MIDI Music' instead of Lowrey and are contacting their credit card companies for reimbursement.

**To clarify: If you see MIDI Music, Inc. on your credit card statement, IT IS VALID.** So no need to contact your credit cards company for a chargeback - you did indeed make the purchase. You'll also see this on your statement if you purchased anything at the Lowrey store at HOH and or any Lowrey events.

Pass the word around - we don't want anyone getting upset or concerned over fraudulent charges. Thanks!

## A Spark In Your Step

**Sparks of LIFE** sponsored by **Trombino Music Center** in **Westmoreland Mall**, recently performed for residents of the Westmoreland Manor. Resident **Flo Booley**, a renowned harmonica player, accompanied Member **John Marino** for a lovely duet. And resident **Homer Errett** had been practicing on the facilities Lowrey since the last time the group played and wowed the crowd with a song. **Jo Hursh, Chapter Reporter** also tells us the group has a lot of fun at their Chapter Meetings when they turn over the meeting to one of the 'Sparks' to play a song each month. That's John and Hilda Marino on our cover enjoying one the group's meetings.

The group additionally enjoys bringing in guest speakers for their monthly meetings, such as **Robert Evans**, who in August spoke about financial and tax planning and fixed index annuities. Meetings are a perfect opportunity to reach out to the community and invite guest speakers, most of whom are only too happy to share their knowledge!



Chapter President **Don Rose** and resident **Homer Errett** mix it up.

## The Points Corner

### OCTOBER DOUBLE POINTS:

#### TAKE A HELP SESSION

Taking a Help Session improves your playing and will add to the fun of making music! **Normal Points are 1,000. Double Points are 2000.**

### RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

Upon completion of a Help Session, Members may claim 2,000 Double Points. Members can only claim Help Session Points TWICE in a 10 or 12 week class session.

### NOVEMBER DOUBLE POINTS:

#### ENROLL IN THE NEXT SESSION OF CLASSES

Are you ready to move to the Next Session of Classes? Have you completed your current class schedule? If so, then that's quite an accomplishment. Earn points for your progress! **Normal Points are 1,000. Double Points are 2000.**

### RULES and RESTRICTIONS:

Members may only claim points for this activity one time in a 10-week calendar period (Lowrey Magic) and one time in a 12-week calendar period (Lowrey Magic Continues). Points may not be awarded for accelerated, modified or non-Lowrey Magic classes.

## Laugh Out Loud

### THE JOYS OF BEING OVER 50

There's nothing left to learn the hard way. You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room. You're cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

You sing along with the elevator music. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

You can't remember who sent you this list.



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# L.I.F.E. Style

A Year Of Friendship  
October 2009

## Food For Thought

**Dallas Metro**, sponsored by **Romeo Music Dallas** was hungry for a new Chapter Activity. Turns out that inspiration took them to the North Texas Food Bank, where food reserves were dwindling. With HOH, vacation & the holiday, **Dennis Kaplan, Chapter Member and National Chapter President** reports, "We didn't have a lot of time to organize anything big, but it ended up being pretty powerful."

"We learned that the supply of non-perishable food at the North Texas Food Bank was being quickly depleted. The members of Dallas Metro LIFE Music Club voted to collect food for the Food Bank. If members brought non-perishable food on each visit to the store, we could help others in their time of need. Our members brought canned goods, dried beans, rice, etc. to each music class, help session, Friends Playing For Friends for the entire month of July. Following the first music class in August, members helped pack pull carts for delivery. Joyce and I drove the contributions to the N. TX Food Bank in Dallas. The dock employee estimated there was in excess of 100 pounds of food, which made us all quite proud." A great deed indeed Dallas Metro!



Back row: **Dennis Kaplan, Marie Lowrey, Tom Lowrey, Don McAlpin, Kay Wunderlich, Shelly Feinman, Julia Kish.** Front row: **June Brawner, Grace Minter, Billie McAlpin, Lou Ann DeWitt, Joyce Kaplan**

## Ross & Jeanne Becker Host Seth Rye



Meet **Jeanne and Ross Becker**, Members of **Friends For LIFE** sponsored by **Lambert Music in Anderson, IN**. This music loving couple were the lucky recipients of our special raffle at HOH this year. For the first time ever, Lowrey raffled off a chance to have a Lowrey Artist perform in the winners home. Jeanne and husband, Ross Becker had the winning number and Lowrey's newest artist, world renowned **Seth Rye** was thrilled to treat the Becker's and their friends to an afternoon concert. Turns out the Becker's were thinking 'bigger is better' and over 180 people attended the event. What a way to share your gift with others! Judy Lambert, owner of Lambert Music graciously offered to hold the event at the store, complete with a big screen TV, rented tables and food for all.

**Ross and Jeanne Becker with Lowrey Artist Seth Rye**

## Keys Of LIFE Enjoys A Day In The Park

The **Keys of LIFE** sponsored by **Keyboard World in Fairgrounds Square Mall, Reading PA** held one of their meetings at Knoebels Amusement. Chapter President, **JoAnn Bechtel** tells us, "This was also Senior Citizen Day at the park and so our 19 members attending enjoyed some freebies as a result! You'd think we planned it that way - (smile). Lunch was catered by the park and everyone had their fill of chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, macaroni salad and ice cream. After everyone took part in all the activities at the park, including rounding up their souvenir of the day, and had their fill of food, we enjoyed playing bingo for prizes!"



*Ed and Jean Korpalski enjoying the tram ride.*

"Aside from the free train ride, you can see some of the members rode the Skyway while others took on the Carousel. By the end of the day every-

one was tired and full. This looks like it will be a yearly event and hopefully more of our Members will join us next year.

*Here's the gang left to right. Betty Lenskold, Ron Shelton, Millie Shelton, Carl Smith, Barbara Stock, VP Bob Bechtel, Harold Readinger, Franci Lindenmuth, Pat Readinger, Gloria Schaeffer, Madeline Mullen, Charles Kisinger, Jean Korpalski, Ed Korpalski and Sara Fessler. Not in the picture are Mike Mullen, JoAnn Bechtel, Bob Lindenmuth and Harvey Schaeffer.*



## Customer Appreciation Day Packs 'Em In



**Judy Nobles**, Member of **Minnesota Loon-y Tunes For LIFE**, reports it was a beautiful day for sponsor **Schmitt Music's** Customer Appreciation Day (above). Guests enjoyed a cookout, outdoor concerts and as you can see it was well-attended. Judy also tells us that her group has now raised over \$2000 for their sponsored charity, Wonderful World of Music - the musical instrument 'lending library' that puts instruments in the hands of kids who might otherwise not be able to afford one. Loon-y Tunes also wrapped up their summer with their 2nd Annual Music Marathon held at the Cerenity Complex in West St. Paul. Their 'concert series' ran from Memorial Day through Labor Day and treated senior residents to wonderful music, a show and of course, laughter. This year, 11 Members of the group took part - and after one of the concerts 10- year old **Cara Jellinek**, daughter of Member Bonnie Jellinek, said "It made her feel really good to see how happy they made the residents". Makes it all worthwhile doesn't it? - Great work, Loon-y's!

## Guest *Artist* "Multiple Harmonies" by Mark Tison



As a special treat, this month Lowrey Artist **Mark Tison** walks us through The Wonderful World of Harmonies.

*Greetings LIFEer's! I'm pleased to talk to you this month about Multiple Harmonies and how they can enhance your performance. Lowrey provides us with a full chord HARMONY in the right hand with only using one finger. The buttons in the HARMONY section enhance Upper Keyboard and Lower Right Keyboard play by making a single note sound like you are playing many, in perfect harmony. Gotta love that, right? This is much like the EASY button, which enhances Lower Keyboard play by making one-finger chords possible. Let's get started...*

Harmony is the act of playing two or more notes, at the same time, to create a pleasant sound. The Prestige & Legend features 15 different types of Harmony from which to choose. Each Harmony type is playable with just one finger. The Lowrey plays all the other notes for you. The HARMONY feature makes sounding good easy!

Harmony is particularly effective when used with chorded string instruments and with multiple footage sounds (strings and flutes). The written melody note is heard most distinctly because the notes added are lower in pitch. Using Harmony enables you to sound like a "pro!"

Sounds enhanced by Harmony should be played in the upper two octaves of the keyboard. This will eliminate the "muddy" sound caused by low pitched 16' sounds. Harmony produces a big, full sound that provides a dramatic contrast.

Each HARMONY button recognizes the left hand, Lower Keyboard chord being played (MCS or traditional) and adds the appropriate harmony notes to the single note you are playing to create a specific type of Harmony. Most of the time these additional notes are below the lowest note you are playing. Many of the Presets on the Prestige & Legend utilize these Harmony features. The numerous Harmony styles are divided into UPPER and LOWER RIGHT Keyboard selections. You may assign a Harmony style to the Upper Keyboard, the Lower Right Keyboard (to the right of the split point), or to both. In addition to the AOC, DUET, and 3 PART Harmony styles, there are 12 more Harmony styles possible with the MORE button. Pressing the MORE button displays the choices on the TOUCH SCREEN.

Selecting any of the 15 Harmony styles will NOT change the Upper or Lower Keyboard sounds selected. The Upper Harmony style uses whatever sounds that are selected to create the additional Harmony notes. Lower Right Keyboard Harmony is applied to Orchestral sounds playable to the right of the Lower Keyboard Split. (Prestige & Legend Models only)

*Let's take a look at all the wonderful harmonies Lowrey has provided for us...*

Use the HARMONY feature to make a single melody note sound like you are playing with all your fingers. Remember, the Harmony feature only works when chords (MCS Easy-Play or traditional) are played on the Lower Keyboard. Play single-finger melody notes when using any of the Harmony styles. In many instances, you will get better results with Harmony when the melody note you play is on the higher end of the keyboard. Let your ear guide you.

The UPPER HARMONY styles will create harmonies using sounds from any section of the organ, and in any combination: Upper Tab Section, Orchestral and Solo.

The LOWER RIGHT HARMONY styles will create harmonies using sounds from the Orchestral section, played on the Lower Keyboard, to the right of the Split Point. Solo sounds alone will not create harmony. Numerous Presets utilize Harmony and offer an easy way to become familiar with the Harmony features. Pressing the RESET button or turning the organ off will return the harmony section to the "Power-Up" setting. Harmony settings can be saved to a BANK PRESET.

### Important: Upper Harmony AOC

The Upper Tab sounds (Flutes, Strings/Vocal, Theatre & Genius) and the Orchestral button sounds are treated differently when using Upper AOC-type harmonies: AOC, 3-Part, Full AOC, Grouped AOC, Octave AOC.

1. The AOC-type harmonies add Harmony to any of the Keyboard (Tab) sounds that are selected, when no Orchestral sounds are selected.

2. The AOC-type harmonies add Harmony to any of the Orchestral sounds that are selected, when no Keyboard (Tab) sounds are selected.

3. The AOC-type harmonies only add Harmony to any of the Keyboard (Tab) sounds that are selected, when both Keyboard Tab sounds and Orchestral sounds are selected. The Orchestral sounds will be heard on the single Keyboard note being played as will any Solo sound that may be selected. When using Keyboard (Tab) sounds and Orchestral sounds together the Harmony arrangement, described in item 3, can be changed so that certain Harmony features can be applied to both Tab and Orchestral sounds. The volume levels of the melody note being played and the Harmony notes added are preset from the factory and need not be changed.



### NOW TRY THIS:

Try the following example to hear how the HARMONY buttons can make a one finger note sound like you are playing with all your fingers.

1. Press the RESET button.
2. Open your black LOWREY SONGBOOK to Amazing Grace.
3. Press GENERAL PRESET #1 and the EASY button.
4. Play a few notes of Amazing Grace using one-finger notes on the Upper Keyboard and one-finger chords on the Lower Keyboard.
5. Press the AOC button and play more of the song. Listen to the difference!
6. Keep playing the song and press the DUET button, then press the 3 PART button.
7. And finally, press the MORE button in the UPPER HARMONY section, then touch 4 PART on the TOUCH SCREEN and play more of the song.
8. When you are finished playing press the EASY button, turning it off, to silence the organ.

Please note, this information refers to current Lowrey's. Some previous Lowrey's might work different then mentioned in this article.

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*Enjoy the Harmony of LIFE! - Mark*