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Words of Gratitude from CNYBA President Ed VanCott

*Long ago, a man did travel from Jerusalem, to Jericho.
He fell among, a band of robbers, left him for dead beside the
road. The only soul who had compassion, a stranger to God's
chosen race - Was one who had the heart of Jesus and saved this
man from a wretched fate...*

One of my favorite songs that Diamond Someday has done is this song that retells the story of the Good Samaritan. The story was told in the context of the giving of the "Golden Rule", and when someone heard that he should love his neighbor as himself, he asked ... "who is my neighbor?" The Master then told him about the Samaritan who came upon a priest who had been beaten and left to die on the road, and stopped and helped him at great personal cost. This was a classic example of human kindness shown to a stranger in need, and an example worthy to be copied in our own lives – "go and do the same".

We sure do need more kindness in this world of ours today, kindness in words and deeds. We have all experienced the damage unkind words can leave behind and sadly we have all spoken, at times, words we wished we could take back, and regretted kind things we wish we had said. In my own life, as a musician, I've been fortunate to experience the kind words of a Bluegrass musician in our midst. Ray Delaney has been a wonderful example of someone who is not stingy with his praise and kind words.



"I like the way you played that song", was one of the many things Ray has said to me, and I suspect I'm not the only one he has spoken to this way. I've got to tell you, whenever Ray has talked to me about singing and playing, his kind words have encouraged me to do better and feel good about myself and our music.

We need more of that good stuff in our own lives; I know I need more of that in my life. I want to be more like Ray in the way he has encouraged me. I should encourage those around me, showing them the kindness I've been shown. So help me, God.

I probably haven't said this before, but it doesn't go without saying. Thanks, Ray, for your kind words and encouragement!

*...And when I ask, "Who is my neighbor?"
In this world of suffering and pain
Oh I hear the words of our dear Savior
Saying Go and Do the Same*

Claire Lynch & Pamela Brown Hayes

~ Ed VanCott

2013 IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year **Claire Lynch**
headlines at Winter Village Bluegrass Festival Jan 22-24 Ithaca NY

Saturday, November 8th CNYBA Jam & Board Meeting

Lamson Road Community Church
Jamming starts at 10 am
Meeting at 1 pm

**Extra room for additional jamming &
purely bluegrass picking ~
Welcome, welcome all!**



Photo by Ted Lehmann

☞ CNYBA Members Thoughts, Prayers, and News ☜

Mr. Harold G. Hayden, 99, father of fiddler **Bob Hayden** passed away peacefully to his eternal rest on September 28th.

Cards may be sent to Bob and Sue Hayden at 4601 Limeledge Rd, Marcellus, NY 13108

Linda and John Jackson thank the many CNYBA members who sent e-mails, get well cards, best wishes, and prayers during Linda's illness and recovery while in Florida. A hearty thank you to all for such kindness.

Aleks Smith was recently diagnosed with cancer and has undergone emergency surgery. Her husband **Neil** said that Aleks will begin chemotherapy soon and added that "although we have a hard fight ahead, we are ready and confident". Aleks and Neil want us to know that they would appreciate deeply our prayers and support.

Cards can be sent to the Smiths at 4524 Waltham Drive, Manlius, NY 13104

Sharon Fultz, grandmother of 20-year-old US Army Soldier Tevin Geike who died tragically on October 5 in Lakewood, WA "My spirit stands strong because I am standing on the promises of God Almighty...RIP my grandson...I love you...you are my hero."

Send cards and notes to Sharon and Chuck Fultz at 164 Hager Dr., Pulaski, NY 13142.

Note of Gratitude from the Editor ~

Dearest fellow CNYBA members: I wish to thank you so much for all your generous encouragement. It means so much to me to take an active part in our community of bluegrass and old time music lovers - to bond, communicate, share and learn together.

Here are a few pictures of events from this past festival season that we attended. What a great year it's been - to be exposed to so much fantastic music, fellowship, and good cheer!

I really encourage *you* to provide me with information on jams or concerts you've attended, stories, your thoughts and experiences with bluegrass and old-time. It can just be phone call to share something for me to develop and extend to the community, or an actual article to be published. **I really look forward to hearing from you!**



Louise Setzer
Bonnie Castle
April 2013



Wrench Ranch Memorial Day 2013

What made me fall in love with Friday night jams at Marcellus is the spirit with which everybody is encouraged - all levels and ages. It continues to be such a vital place for musicians and community to come together in joy. We're so indebted to people like Sam, Marty, Marion and Bob who keep the framework going week after week. At board meetings this Fall, we've discussed how good it would be to see more bluegrass activity at both the CNYBA monthly jam and at the Marcellus Friday Jam. While we're all old-time country lovers too and heartily encourage all ages, levels, and abilities to join in - we also miss and would love to see more involvement of traditional bluegrass musicians.

But, Bluegrass is not necessarily so easy to play -some of us aren't quite up to speed or familiar enough with the traditional songs, runs, breakdowns, or skilled on essential bluegrass instruments like mandolin or banjo. That's why it's so important for us to welcome dedicated Bluegrass musicians. And in turn, it's so important that those already immersed in Bluegrass encourage and teach the rest of us who are not so experienced.

The CNYBA monthly meeting and jam have moved into a church where there is plenty of room for additional jamming. And downstairs of the Legion Hall in Marcellus is available on Friday nights for those who want to have a small picking party.



Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road - LaFargeville 2013



Tioga County Heymakers Busy Bird 2013

Again, I'm so appreciative of the warm reception and all the encouragement shown me for my part in the CNYBA community. I really would love for you to contact me with anything you have to share - no matter how short, or whether it's over the phone, some jotted down notes in email, or a polished manuscript.

There's a quote from Ralph Stanley, whose music I adore talking about the name "bluegrass".

"Oh, (Monroe) was the first. But it wasn't called bluegrass back then. It was just called old time mountain hillbilly music. When they started doing the bluegrass festivals in 1965, everybody got together and wanted to know what to call the show, y'know. It was decided that since Bill was the oldest man, and was from the Bluegrass state of Kentucky and he had the Blue Grass Boys, it would be called 'bluegrass.'"

Looking forward to a Winter-time of hearing more of the wonderful music we share! **So, bring on that old time mountain hillbilly spirit!** See you at the Christmas Party in Marcellus on Dec. 14th! Warmly, Betsy

Come one, come all to rejoice in the life and music of our friend Ray Delaney

RayFest!

**Sunday, November 17th, 2013
Center for the Arts, Homer NY
1:00 - 5:00 pm**

Ray Delaney is a tall pine in the forest of Bluegrass Music in Central and Upstate NY, performing and promoting traditional bluegrass music for more than 35 years.

The Delaney Brothers, featuring Ray and his brother John have entertained thousands of Empire State residents, many of whom were first introduced to traditional bluegrass music at a Delaney Brothers concert.

In order to honor Ray, not only for his bluegrass legacy, but also to show him support at a time when he is waging a strong battle against cancer, a group of friends and fans have organized RayFest

So, join us in a warm tribute to this great bluegrass singer, musician, songwriter and instrumentalist - a trouper who has appeared at many tributes to others. Come visit with Ray and his family during a great afternoon of bluegrass music.

The concert will feature

Diamond Someday

2013 Best Bluegrass Band Syracuse New Times

Chad Darou & Stealing Time

from New York's North Country

Rebecca Colleen & the Chore Lads

Finger Lakes bluegrass favorites

And of course

The Delaney Brothers

Two-time SAMMY award winners

Bill Knowlton MC

Sound by Karl Peabody



*Adults \$10, under 16 Free.
All ticket purchases at the door.
Refreshments available*

For further information:

Peter McDonald

peter@pasturepride.com 315-651-6267

Bill Knowlton

udmacon1@hotmail.com 315-457-6100

Organizers Peter McDonald and Bill Knowlton, and others are very excited about the way that the planning for **RayFest** is rolling along as natural as a river flows. Peter and Bill first spoke about the idea early last Summer and decided to see how things were unfolding after the festival season. Since they moved ahead, everything has seemed to pull together almost effortlessly - apparently meant-to-be. The purpose of the event is to honor Ray and provide the many, many folks in Central New York, who know and love Ray a format to express their well-wishes and pour out their love to him.



Delaney Brothers (MVBGA photo)



Diamond Someday (MVBGA photo)

Shirley Stevens said that "Diamond Someday is so glad to be part of this tribute to Ray Delaney. Ray has been a wonderful friend to me and Diamond Someday over the years. Besides being a great musician, Ray is one of the most gracious, encouraging, and kind men that I know. From the first time I heard the Delaney Brothers many years ago, I've always appreciated his mic work...his love for the music, his fellow musicians, and the fans shines through! We pray for God's blessings on Ray and his family."



Chad Darou (Ted Lehmann photo)



Rebecca Colleen & the Chore Lads

❧ **Fall/Winter Bluegrass Events 2013/14** ❧

- NOV 2 SAT 6-9 PM** **Easy Ramblers** - Green Gate Inn 2 Genesee Street, Camillus NY
- NOV 9 SAT 7:30 PM** **Chad Darou & Stealing Time with Jim Treat - bass, young Jesse Alexander fiddle, and John & Cathy Cadley** - Steeple Coffee House 310 E Genesee St, Fayetteville, NY
- NOV 10 SUN** **Diamond Someday, Nick Piccininni, Off the Wall, and Generation Gap**
Amboy Center 10th Annual Music Fest - Route 69 east of I-81 Parish exit
- NOV 17 SUN 1-5 PM** *** RAYFEST*** **Special tribute to Ray Delaney with Chad Darou & Stealing Time, Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads, Diamond Someday, Delaney Brothers, Bill Knowlton MC** Tickets \$10 door only, 16 & under Free - Homer Center for the Arts - Homer, NY
(see center section)
- NOV 23 SAT 8 PM** **Della Mae** all-female Bluegrass quintet 2013 IBMA 2013 Emerging Artist of the Year at La Tourelle Resort 1150 Danby Rd Ithaca, NY \$22/27 door State Theatre box office
- NOV 23 SAT 8 PM** **Floodwood (Nick Piccininni) & Rusty Doves** (from Jamfest 2013) Wescott Theatre Syracuse
- NOV 23 SAT 8 PM** **Chris James & Mama G., and Pigeon Post String Band** - Old City Hall, Water St. Oswego
- DEC 14 SAT** **Easy Ramblers** - Empire Brewing Company, 120 Walton Street in Syracuse
- DEC 14 SAT 11 AM** **CNYBA Christmas Party and Jam - Diamond Someday** - Ralph Share Post American Legion Marcellus - Stay tuned for details on jam, meal and concert times and donation
- JAN 10-12** **Winter Village Music Camp** Instruction on fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass - beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate, advanced. Registration State Theatre Box Office 607-277-8283 <http://wintervillagebluegrass.org> La Tourelle Resort - Ithaca, NY \$150wkd/125 Sat
- JAN 24-26** **Winter Village Bluegrass Festival - Claire Lynch Band, Balsam Range & others**
Tickets 607-277-8283 State Theatre Ithaca, NY
- FEB 20-22** **10th Annual Palatka Bluegrass Festival** - Rodeheaver Boys' Ranch - 380 Boys Ranch Road Palatka, FL 3217 Rhonda Vincent, Marty Raybon, Little Roy & Lizzy





Membership Application for the CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

Benefits include: Monthly CNYBA News & Notes (except Summer) to learn what's going on in the local and wider Bluegrass community, receive discounts at selected CNYBA events, the satisfaction of supporting bluegrass and old-time country music and encouraging others to join in!

NAME _____

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Choose your membership:

New or **Renewal** - **Active** \$10 _____ **Senior (62+)** \$9 _____ **Family** \$15 _____ **Band** - \$20 _____

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Areas/activities you are interested in volunteering for: (check all that apply)

Publicity _____ Mentoring _____ Performing _____ Fund-raising _____ Other (explain) _____

Remember to renew - be true blue!

Jams & Meetings

SUNDAYS 1 pm Kellish Hill Farm - Country, Gospel, Bluegrass music. Bring an instrument or just come to listen. Pot luck dinner - bring a dish. 3192 Pompey Center Rd, Manlius, NY - 1/2 mile north of Route 20 (315) 682-1578

Fourth SUNDAY 3 - 6 pm Finger Lakes Bluegrass Association Monthly Jam Clyde Grange - 16 East Genesee Street, Clyde, NY (Rte 31 East) Nov. 24, No Dec. Meeting, Jan. 26 Acoustic stringed instruments All levels/listeners welcome. Donation \$3. Snacks/food/beverages. Contact Phyllis Mattison at 585-905-0584; pmm615@yahoo.com

FRIDAYS 7 pm Marcellus Bluegrass - Bluegrass & Olde Time Country Jamming - American Legion Ralph Share Post 297, 13 E Main Street, Marcellus, New York 13108 Adults \$2 Under 16 FREE (young people encouraged) - longest running jam in Central NY!!

Second FRIDAY 7 pm Gospel Jam in Bernard's Bay - Lord Our Righteousness Church Willard Drive, Bernards Bay, NY (Oneida Lake, Route 49) Sandy (315) 245-0153 timandsandy2@verizon.net

Second SATURDAY 10 am CNYBA JAM & MEETING Board meeting 1 pm September to May (December Christmas party in Marcellus) Lamson Road Community Church 2259 Lamson Rd Phoenix, NY 13135 (315) 695-4751

Third SATURDAY 8 am - 3 pm Stitville MVBA from September thru May breakfast and jamming at the Stitville Volunteer fire barn. Main St. Stitville just off Rt 365. Fire barn about 100 yards on left. Parking also behind church. Benefits Stitville Fire Department. (315) 339-2771

SATURDAYS 6 pm Parish Round/Square dance and Jamfest Parish NY Fire House Donation \$5 couple; \$3 single; musicians free - Bring/share snacks (coffee, tea, water provided) twinkletoes@twcny.rr.com

For full list of Jams where Bluegrass is played, see www.cynba.com or last month's News & Notes



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Happy Thanksgiving All ~



Custom fretboard inlay maple leaves falling into water by Paul Bordeaux

34th Annual Thanksgiving Bluegrass Festival
 November 28-30, 2013
 Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville, FL
 Marty Raybon, Spinney Brothers, Larry Gillis, Remington Ryde
www.sertomayouthranch.org (352) 754-3082

Farmer Jenkins' Productions presents
 the 2013 Thanksgiving Bluegrass Showcase
 Blue Ribbon Bluegrass Band, Mayfeilds, JP & the Chatfield Boys
 Olmsted Performing Arts Center November 27th, 2013

