

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to our Spring edition newsletter. The weather is definitely spring: hot, cold and windy sometimes all in one day!! Since the last newsletter Sharon and I have visited our grandson (& daughter) in New York, which was great .. looking forward to the next trip in February. Musically the Club has had a couple of great Club days and some mid month madness so hope you are all joining in when the occasion allows. The October meeting should be interesting with Peter choosing the theme 'Month', and there isn't a lot of choice of songs names including a month, so you will have to sing the words so we can tell. Can't wait!!

Warren Fenemor



Club Meeting August 2026.

AUGUST MEETING

On a very cold but sunny afternoon, 25 members gathered at the Baptist Church hall for some music and fun. Eleven members played a couple of songs each, ranging from classical, to honkey tonk, country, swing, big band, orchestral and more. Keyboards are amazing with their versatility - you just need to know how to drive them. Bob's rendition of some of Andre Rieu's favourite tunes was lovely, as well as Indianna with some big bass notes. He certainly is the master of his keyboard. Warren's Roses from the South with orchestral strings was also very enjoyable.

Carole had a real twinkle in her eye when she announced one of her songs “Somethings Going to Happen Tonight”. Some other tunes played were Ave Maria, Sad Movies, Gentle on my Mind, King of the Road, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, The Way You Look tonight, to name a few.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon in the warm hall with some sammies and slices for afternoon tea too.

On another note, the Nelson Jazz Club had a jazz festival last weekend and some of us visited a couple of bars to listen to the music. By the end of weekend I was all jazzed out. All the venues I visited were free to the public and it was all good fun. It proved to be very popular and will likely be held in July again next year.

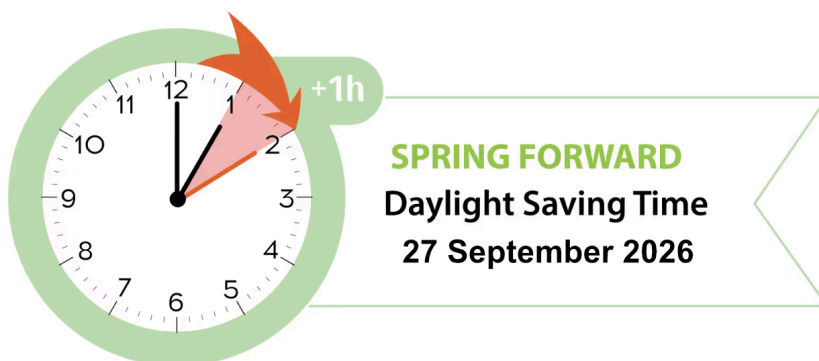
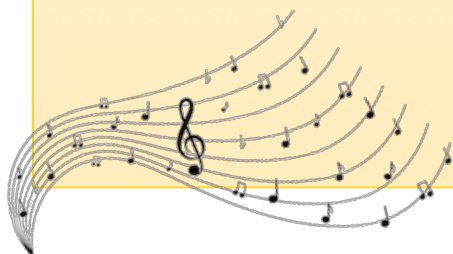


Some of us also brave the winter cold to go to the Honest Lawyer on Sunday afternoons to listen to Dixie Swing - the highlight for us of course is the keyboard player - Warren. Come and join us any time.

Lastly, here is a photo from my deck showing the gorgeous day on Saturday.

See you in a few weeks.

Yvonne



I found this neat graphic to keep you up to date then realised by the time you got it, it would be all done. Can't waste it ... hope you all remembered!!



ROSTERS

RAFFLES

3rd Oct Loraine Clelland
7th Nov Colleen Flower
5th Dec Gretchen Howie

REFRESHMENTS

3rd Oct Rose Castree
7th Nov Valerie McKenzie
5th Dec Cheryl Scoltock

CLUB AFTERNOON HOSTS

7th Nov
5th Dec

If these dates don't suit please arrange someone to take over and let Ed know so the correct roster can be published in the next newsletter.

Mid Month Social Afternoon

Wed 14th October TBA
Wed 18th November Jan Dequemin

PLEASE PHONE HOSTS



Christmas Function. Just a reminder that Christmas is nearly here!! Our evening meal is confirmed for **Sunday 13th December** with the price being the same as last year \$34 per person (\$19 for paid up members). Friends and visitors very welcome. Save the date and start saving your \$\$\$ and looking for that special gift. Lists for names and numbers will be available at the door on club afternoons.

Sharon and I visited NY, leaving mid August. It was still hot there, low to mid 30's and high humidity, so a big change from here. Jay was still on his long school break and Adrienne decided they needed a road trip. We loaded the car and travelled to the top of NY state and camped out for a night in a basic cabin at Crystal Grove campground. We were able to go gem hunting in these large pits that contained rocks some of which held crystals. It was hard work but we did find some and finished the day at the fire pit that night, roasting marshmallows.

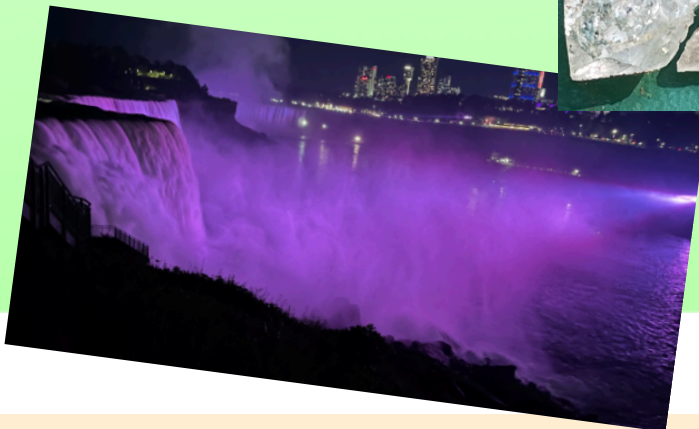
The next day we travelled to Niagara falls for couple of days. It was great fun and we walked across to Canada for the best views. I kept telling Jay we were going to Nigeria and he kept telling me it would be the Victoria Falls if that were true!!

On the way home we stopped at Corning Glass Museum, where Jay helped blow a Christmas ornament and Adrienne made a flower. It was fun.

We came home in time for the September Club day ... arriving in Nelson that morning. A lot of travelling but once you're home again for a while, the memories are great!!



That was a bit scary!!



Club Day September 2026

Wayne confidently hosted our Songs From Another Country themed afternoon, which had an attendance of 23. When time permitted, he amused us with some very humorous jokes.

Up first, Wayne played for us the tune that the band was playing on the Titanic when it was sinking and then he took us over to Bonnie Scotland with "Loch Lomond". Val took us all the way across the world with "From Russia with Love" and then we headed down to the U.S.A. with "Georgia on my Mind". John continued with the American tunes "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "Abileen".

Rae swept us off to Sweden with Abba's "I have a Dream" and then she played "The Flight of the Earls" with beautiful backing. June's first piece

was written back in 1863 and carried on the American theme. She then played "Born Free", that beautiful piece we now associate with saving lions. The Carrick's continued tripping us around the U.S. with Linda's "Tennessee Waltz" and "Emigrants Farewell" which took us from Shannon in Ireland to Boston. Jim had us going to San Antonio or Phoenix Arizona and then Saginaw Michigan.

Carol flew us off to Northern France with the 1916 tune "Roses of Picardy" which is a World War 1 ballad about love and separation. Then we were off to Northern Ireland with the hymn "In the Beauty of Holiness".

Bob played a medley of UK tunes familiar to us and I found his backing quite stirring. He then took us off to the sunshine of the islands with "Blue Hawaii" and "Isa Lei" - the beautiful Fijian farewell song. Warren, featuring the banjo in his backing, played "Won't you come home Bill Bailey" and then "Mexicali Rose". Well done Warren, after just arriving home from the US that morning.

A wonderful afternoon of hearing new pieces for some and a number of tunes that we could sing along to.

Linda Carrick



September Mid Month Meeting

After the September Club day, Alan offered to host an afternoon, so an email was sent out to members. It was a great afternoon with a number of club members and of Alans 'family' from the retirement village also listening in.

He had been hard at work setting up his 2 Genos keyboards and his sound system and Warren bought along the club keyboard and his accordion. Allan played as people arrived then offered up his spot to Yvonne. She played a few numbers with Warren accompanying on the accordion. Carole followed then Linda and Jim. Warren played a few songs and Allan finished the afternoon off.



For all those that have fallen to the winter bugs we hope things will get better soon. Alan had some lumps removed, Pam has begun chemo, Dianne has a new hip, Gretchen is a bit under the weather again and I believe Valerie has also been in the health wars.

Get well soon to all.

*Happy
21st*

On a brighter note, Karen turned 21 again the other day, well done!!

