

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

The Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration is coming soon. The LIAC web site is being updated for a more “user friendly” experience and ease of navigation. The goal is to have all of the adjustments made no later than mid-March. Check www.accordioncelebration.org for updates for LIAC June 20 – 23, 2024.

Concerts, competitions, private coaching, workshops, the accordion parade, performances at the gazebo and grange are planned. A special mini concert featuring some selected competitors will take place just before the awards on Sunday morning. The schedules, workshop descriptions, and other pertinent information is being updated now. This beyond our control could alter the schedules; check the web site for regular updates with the latest details.

An accordion music festival doesn't happen without the support of people who love the instrument and its music. It's a labor of love for us all. Our accordion celebration is the only event of its kind in the Pacific Northwest; be part of something special. Invest yourself in LIAC. **Participate! Volunteer!** Volunteering opportunities will be posted on the web site and you will be able to sign up for those on the web site also. Scheduling volunteers is a huge job and it's hoped that our volunteer coordinator, **Kathleen Falco**, will have that burden eased a bit. If needed, her contact information is: kathleen.falco@yahoo.com or 208-610-8426.

A music festival of this size requires substantial funding. We are so grateful for the support we've received over the years from many individuals, clubs, accordion businesses, and the Leavenworth Community and Chamber of Commerce. Thank you. Donations are an important part of maintaining the bursary and competitions. Our young accordion students need encouragement and support; they need a place to perform and demonstrate their skills for adjudication. Young players will have the benefit of seeing and hearing one another in person. **We encourage you to donate what you can to help fund our competition, artistry, private coaching and bursary program.**

If you are able, donations for the LIAC general fund are also needed. One faithful Leavenworth community organization that provided support for many years is no longer able to assist. We are extremely grateful for the Leavenworth community support since 1994. On the LIAC site: www.accordioncelebration.org you will find that PayPal is available or you may send a check to *Northwest Accordion Society – LIAC 5102 NE 121st Ave. Unit 12 Vancouver, WA 98682-6164.*

Thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the **Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration June 20 – 23, 2024. For the love of the accordion!**

Sincerely,

Doris Osgood and the LIAC Committee