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MMHF News

January 2013

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Remembering Polka Pioneer, Erwin Suess

Erwin Suess, it has been said, was known for his Cheshire cat grin, a signature song “Das Kufstein Lied Waltz” and his dauntingly prolific output of recordings. Tom Goetzinger, co-host of KEYC-TV’s “Bandwagon” polka



program considers Erwin to be a polka pioneer who shaped the way for what things are today. The Hoolerie Dutchmen made many appearances on the show, being the most popular band over the years.

At the age of six, Erwin received his first Concertina. He never learned to read music but learned on his own by listening to and playing along with the likes of the Six Fat Dutchmen or Whoopie John bands after chores were done on the farm on which he grew up.

He started his own band, “Erwin Suess and the Hoolerie Dutchmen” in 1969. Music brought him great joy and he loved sharing with others through releases of numerous recordings and by performing for many weddings, anniversaries, music festivals and ballroom dances. The Hoolerie Dutchmen

had a fan club of over two hundred people and made multiple trips to Europe.

In 1986 Erwin was awarded the Minnesota Polka Band of the Year and in 2003 was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame and the World Congress Hall of Fame.

His legacy of music lives on in the musical talents of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Erwin Joseph Suess, 85, of Mankato and formerly of Hanska, passed away on Friday, November 9, 2012. A Mass of the Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in New Ulm with interment at the New Ulm Catholic Cemetery.

His loving wife of sixty-three years, Monica, suddenly passed away in 2010. He farmed near Hanska and did trucking on the side. He served on several Boards of Directors and Musicians Union Local 513.

He is survived by daughters, Linda (Gary) Gleisner, Susan (Robert) McAdams, Loriann (Troy) Parsons; sons Duane (Denise) Suess,

Loran (Chris) Suess, and daughter-in-law Sandy Suess; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; sister Delores Guldán; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and other family. He was preceded in death by a son, David Suess, who was also a concertina player.



Fun-Filled Weekend in New Ulm
At Turner Hall
Come, have fun & dance!

FASCHING

SAT., February 9, 2013

Noon - 11:00 pm

- 12:00 Concord Singers
- 1:00-3:00 Heiderscheid Band
- 3:00-4:00 Concord Singers
- 4:00-6:00 Heiderscheid Band

PARADE OF COSTUMES 6pm

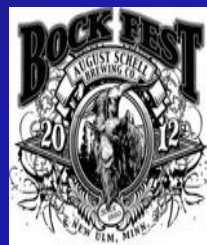
- 7:30 -8:30 Concord Singers
- 8:30-11:00 Wendinger Band



Food & Beverage available!

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**MN Music Hall of Fame
Fundraiser**

SUN., February 10, 2013

Noon - 6 pm

- 12:00 The Leon Olsen Show
- 1:10 Adam Sandhurst & the Jolly Jammers
- 2:25 Alpensterne
- 3:40 Leon Helget Band
- 4:55 Wendinger Band

**LOWER LEVEL
Concertina Jamboree!**

Nancy Buckentine, Master of Ceremonies
Keith Eckstein, Leo Lentz & Friends
on drums & tuba

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**MMHF Annual Meeting
and Volunteer Party to be
held on January 15**

The Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Annual Meeting and Volunteer Party will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the St. George Auditorium.

*In Memory of
Dolores Jambor*



1933 - 2012

Dolores Jambor, age 79, of Bethel died October 10, 2012. A private immediate memorial mass and interment was held. Extended family and friends were invited to a Celebration of Life which was held from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday, October, 15 2012 in Doran Hall of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony.

Dolores Mary Jambor (Rasinski) grew up in

Coming Events

**Annual Meeting &
Volunteer Party**

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
St. George Auditorium

**2013 MMHF Fundraiser
Sunday, February 10th**

Turner Hall, New Ulm
noon to 6:00 p.m.



Little Falls, MN and moved to Minneapolis in her early 20s. Music was a big part of Dolores' life. She was an accomplished button box player and, along with husband, Tony, owned the Coliseum and Bel Rae Ballrooms. Dolores had a talent of turning ordinary events into joyous occasions and loved to have fun with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Anton "Tony" Jambor, children Susan, Bob (Bernadette), and Karen (Doug) Bailey, grandchildren, Alina, David, and Jack, and many family and friends.



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