

# Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Dear Friends - Are you enjoying the summer heat yet? We have some you can have here in Texas if you need it.

Recently I was asked what were some of my favorite clubs to perform in back when I was starting out. I'd say "Mr. Lucky's" in Phoenix, AZ was certainly one because of their excellent staff band. Way before I had my own full-time band, I'd use house bands in clubs. At "Mr. Lucky's" club, the band was artist J. David Sloan's regular band and they could follow anything I threw at them so it made it easy for me to work there.

Another club I really enjoyed was the "Wells Fargo" in Houston, TX. This was a huge club, holding probably seven hundred people and it had an enormous dance floor. I played there before and after I had a band and this club always had excellent staff musicians that knew my songs. I used to go to the "Wells Fargo" club to hear big name performers like Ray Price and George Jones. One night when George Jones was onstage, he broke several strings on his guitar so he borrowed mine and even wore my personalized guitar strap. Oh yes, I was proud to see him onstage wearing my Gene Watson strap. I just wish I could find the photo I used to have of that moment to share here with you. Some of you will remember that I had a very young Randy Cornor in my band early on. Randy is an amazing singer and guitar player and he made quite a name for himself playing in the "Wells Fargo" club. He went on to get a record deal with ABC/Dot and had a top ten in 1975 with the song "Sometimes I Talk In My Sleep."

I'll have to talk about other great clubs another time. I hope all is well with you and you can come see us soon at a concert near you,



4,000 came out to see us in Stephenville, TX on June 13th



Nearly 3,000 fans were in Hiawasse, GA on June 1st.

# April 20, 2019 - Margaritaville Casino - Bossier City, Louisiana

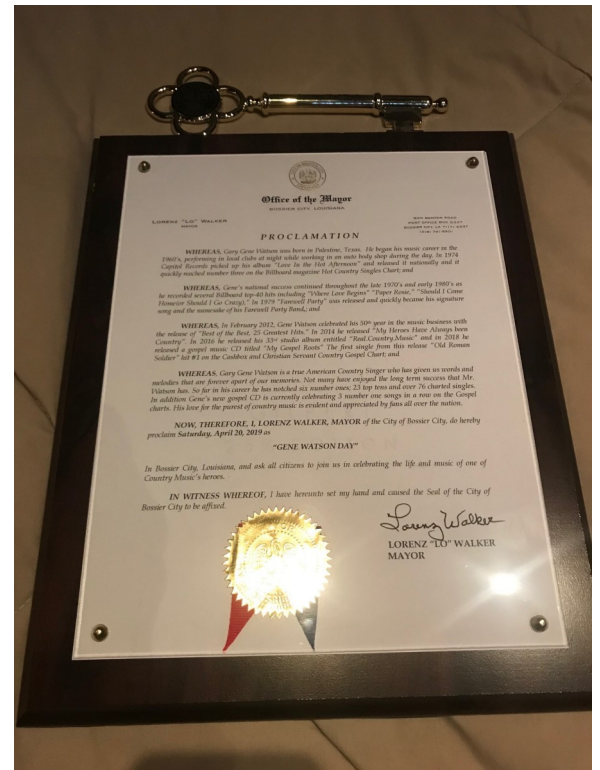


The Mayor of Bossier City, LA, Lorenz “Lo” Walker, surprised Gene onstage proclaiming it “Gene Watson Day” and giving Gene a Key to the City! This accolade was acknowledgement for Gene’s 3 consecutive #1 Gospel singles from the album “My Gospel Roots.” Gene’s band and bus driver, Glenn Parker, collaborated on this event to honor Gene and it was truly a surprise for him. Robbie Primm, Gene’s pedal steel player, is also quite the chef and he prepared a special Louisiana inspired feast for the celebration.



Gene sings “Build My Mansion” onstage

The “Gene Watson Day” proclamation plaque. (Photo below)





Gene and the Farewell Party Band enjoyed working with Lorrie Morgan in Hiawasse, GA. Lorrie has sold over 6 million records and her hits include “Five Minutes”, “What Part of No (Don’t You Understand)”, “Something In Red” and “I Didn’t Know My Own Strength.”



In Owensboro, KY at the Bluegrass Hall Of Fame’s Woodward Theatre, Gene fan, Kerri McEntire of Bowling Green, KY asked Gene to sign her souvenir tee shirt.



Onstage at the Anderson Music Hall in Hiawasse, GA on June 1st.



The entire DeMonte family traveled all the way from Australia to Hinton, OK to hear Gene Watson sing at the Sugar Creek Casino. They are all fans of REAL country music!



Gene and Moe Bandy like to tease each other constantly but they are definitely great friends. Here they take a moment to catch up before their show at the Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, OK (June 15th).

## Fan Spotlight on **Ann Shidler!**

I am originally from Aberdeen, MS where I graduated high school in 1966. I went to a business school in Memphis, TN and met my husband, Phil, in Memphis. We have been married 52 years. He is from Michigan.

We had 3 children, Cassie, Joey and Corey and I now have 5 grandchildren: Connor, Tyler, Avery, Sparrow and Matthew. I'm a very proud Granny. I also have 4 cats: Boots, Bella, Midnight and a new kitten, Cassie. We have 2 ShihTzu dogs: Buddy and Spanky.



After Corey was born, I stayed home until 1983 when I went to work with Watkins, Inc. I became one of their top distributors in the US and the sales won us trips to London, Paris, Hawaii and Nassau - all trips we really enjoyed.

In 1992, we took the children to Disney World and found an area we liked so we now live in Lehigh Acres, FL. My husband took a job with the state of FL. When we re-located, I took a job with Wal-Mart and worked there until I had a heart attack at age 59 in 2005. In 2008, our oldest child, Cassie, passed away unexpectedly. She would have been 49 years old this year. She had 7 degrees from Ole Miss University and was working on her PhD. You don't get over something like that but just pray that you will see her again in heaven.

Conway Twitty had been my main man for music until he passed in 1992. Nothing could quite match up until I heard Gene Watson's music about 3 years ago. The first CD was "My Heroes Have Always Been Country" - I played it until I had it memorized. I love "Slide Off of Your Satin Sheets", "Long Black Veil" and "Walk Through this World With Me" from that CD. I can't just name 5 or 10, I'd have to name 50 - 100 songs I love. I love "Farewell Party", "Love In The Hot Afternoon", "Fourteen Carat Mind" and all of his Gospel songs, especially the ones from his "My Gospel Roots" CD. I have DVDs from the Family Reunion shows, Gene & Moe DVD and more. I listen to Gene's music on CDs all over the house and in the car. I can't believe I pay for SiriusXM radio because I always have Gene Watson playing in the car on CD.



I have been to 3 concerts in Florida. I would go to more if they were closer. Believe me if I had to walk, I would be there. I have been to see Gene in Port Charlotte, FL, St. Petersburg, FL and most recently in March of this year at the Siesta Bay RV Resort in FL. I've been fortunate to get front row seats 2 out of the 3 shows. I always bring a dozen paper roses to each concert. (Didn't take Conway anything!) Gene, please book more shows in Florida!

## 2019 Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	Location
June 21st	Golden Nugget Grand Events Center	Lake Charles, Louisiana
June 22nd	IP Casino & Resort w/Bellamy Brothers	Biloxi, Mississippi
June 28th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
July 4th	Austin 360 Amphitheater w/ Willie Nelson, Alison Krausse, Jamey Johnson	Del Valle, Texas
July 10th	CabaRay (w/Larry's Country Diner crew)	Nashville, Tennessee
July 13th	Schroeder Hall	Goliad, Texas
July 19th	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, Tennessee
July 21st	American Music Theater	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 26th	Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview, Texas
July 27th	Stagecoach Ballroom	Forth Worth, Texas
August 2nd	Carl Perkins Theater Civic Center	Jackson, Tennessee
August 3rd	Plaza Theatre	Glasgow, Kentucky
August 10th	Hill Country Fairgrounds for Summer Classic Rodeo	Junction, Texas
August 15th	Tom Johnson Campground-NC Bluegrass Festival	Marion, North Carolina
August 17th	The Liberty Showcase	Liberty, North Carolina
August 24th	Redneck Country Club	Stafford, Texas
August 31st	Don Gay Bull Ride at The Stables	Freedom, Oklahoma
September 7th	Russell County Fair & Horse Show	Castlewood, Virginia
September 14th	Pope County Fairgrounds	Russellville, Arkansas
September 20th	Wagner Noel P. A. C. w/Moe Bandy & Jeannie Seely	Midland, Texas
September 21st	Cactus Theatre	Lubbock, Texas
September 23rd	Clay Cooper Theatre /w Larry's Country Diner	Branson, Missouri
September 26th	Red River Valley Fair-Main Stage	Paris, Texas
September 27th	Titus County Fair	Mt. Pleasant, Texas
September 28th	Waller County Fair	Hempstead, Texas

## 2019 Tour Schedule continued

Date	Venue	Location
October 5th	Effingham Performance Center	Effingham, Illinois
October 12th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
October 18th	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
October 20th	Yorktown Western Days	Yorktown, Texas
October 25th & 26th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
November 2nd	Lebanon High School Gym w/Moe Bandy	Lebanon, Virginia
November 8th	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
November 15th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
November 23rd	New Granbury Theater Live!	Granbury, Texas
December 6th	Kansas City Crossing Casino	Pittsburg, Kansas
<b>2020 Tour Dates</b>		
January 12th & 13th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
January 18th	Belterra Casino	Florence, Indiana
January 26th—February 2nd	<b>**CFR Cruise**</b>	The Caribbean
February 29th	Ameristar Casino-Star Pavilion	Kansas City, Missouri
April 17th	Edna Boykin Cultural Center	Wilson, North Carolina
May 1st	Little Roy & Lizzie Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
May 8th	Blue Gate Performing Arts Center	Shipshewana, Indiana
May 16th & 17th	Old Dominion Barn Dance at Beacon Theatre	Hopewell, Virginia
May 21st	Arena Theatre W/Moe Bandy	Houston, Texas
May 22nd	Winstar Casino w/Moe Bandy & Bellamy Bros.	Thackerville, Oklahoma
May 23rd	Riverwind Casino w/Moe Bandy & Bellamy Bros.	Norman, Oklahoma
August 7th, 2020	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
October 25th	54 Country	Fulton, Missouri
December 4th, 2020	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas

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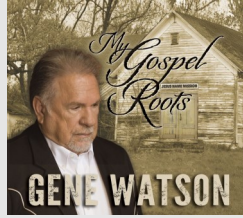
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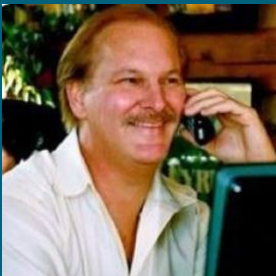
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## TRIVIA WINNER!

Congratulations to James Schroth, Ft. Myers, FL., who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question : Name the famous Gospel group who sang on Build My Mansion (Next Door To Jesus) with Gene. The answer is The Issacs. For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the trivia question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to: [GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com](mailto:GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com).

If you are reading this and not a registered member of Gene Watson's Fan Club, just sign up at [www.GeneWatsonMusic.com](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com). Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!