Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Hi Friends -

The summer has just flown by and I appreciate all of you that have been able to get out to one of our shows. We love to meet our fans and here's a photo of a terrific fan who hails from Shreveport, LA but had traveled to New Boston, TX for the Pioneer Days Festival. He had framed a bill (some were $1 and some were more $$) for every show he has been to and asked me to autograph each one. I guess that's about as good a way to save as putting it in the bank these days.

For those unable to travel, I hope you were able to watch our first ever Facebook Live show with Larry's Country Diner. We had a lot of fun taping the show at a beautiful theater in Nashville, owned by Ray Stevens called CabaRay. We've got some photos from that day included here. To watch the full show on RFD-TV, here is all the information you need: Air date is Thursday, September 6th at 7PM Central. It will re-air on Saturday, September 8th at 10 PM Central.

I just taped some new Country's Family Reunion shows this week. I'm not sure when those will air but I'll keep you informed when I know. I enjoy these shows because I get to visit with a lot of my old friends, swap stories and of course, listen to really good country music. One new act that you'll see when it airs is Joshua Hedley. He is a young artist but singing the real country that we all love. I hope you'll check him out and he told me he's traveling the next 2 months in England and Norway so for our international friends, maybe you can catch his show.

I want to congratulate my producer, Dirk Johnson, for his recent win at the 62nd International Country Gospel Association Awards. Dirk took home the award for Musician Of the Year and he was also a nominee for Producer Of the Year. The Awards were held in West Plains, MO. Here's a photo of Dirk accepting his Musician of the Year award.

I look forward to seeing you on the road— have a great Labor Day weekend.

Gene

Midland, Texas Photos!

Photo courtesy of Dallas Wayne

Anytime there's a show with Moe Bandy, it's going to be fun and when you add in Ms. Jeannie Seely, well that's just double trouble. Between their shenanigans, they pulled off a great show. Backstage, shown here left to right are: the great Sirius XM radio DJ for Willie's Roadhouse, Dallas Wayne, Gene, Jeannie Seely, Moe Bandy, Gus "The Chicken Man" Arrendale (of Springer Mountain Farms) and show promoter, Jack Teeler.

Here's the story on these photos: Moe Bandy asked Jeannie Seely to pull a prank on Gene by having her walk into Gene's dressing room wearing MOE's T-shirt. Gene was not having that! He immediately handed Jeannie one of HIS shirts and of course, the fun-loving Jeannie just put Gene's right over Moe's T-shirt. All in good fun!

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Taping Larry's Country Diner Show

August 6, 2018

Gene and his excellent guitar player, Chad Phillips, sang for the Diner show with the "Sheriff", Jimmy Capps and Michele Voan Capps providing backup.

Gene said he was just glad he didn't realize Nadine and his own bass player, Staley Rogers, were cutting up onstage behind him or he'd never have been able to finish his song.

Later in the taping, Gene came back onstage to sing with Mo Pitney. Gene and Mo sang several great classics including Merle Haggard's "The Farmer's Daughter". Hopefully you tuned in for the Facebook Live event of Gene and Mo Pitney performing together. It was an audio treat for sure.

Fan Spotlight On

Harold and Terry Daigle!

Hello, my name is Harold Daigle. My wife Terry and I live in Canada in a small town called Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Having spent most of my life in the construction industry, I am now an instructor at a community college teaching safety training for the construction trades. My wife (a schoolteacher for 35 years) is now enjoying retirement.

We have been married for 46 years. We have three wonderful children and have been blessed with six beautiful grandchildren who are living in different locations across Canada from East to West. One of our grandsons was born on Christmas Day. Our Heavenly Father called him home 13 years later, on Valentine's Day. Gospel and country music often comforted us and helped us accept our loss.

Our favorite pastimes include writing, golfing, travelling (grandchildren), and entertaining friends but mainly enjoying our Friday nights with a nice bottle of wine and our favorite country music which consists mainly of Gene Watson.

I still find it hard to believe that when I first met my wife Terry, she was listening to Janis Joplin and Joe Cocker, while I was listening to Lefty Frizzell and Hank Williams. Terry's transition over to country music began in the mid to late 70s and once she heard "Because You Believed in Me" by Gene Watson, she was hooked. She still enjoys all types of music, but country is on the top of her list and the top of her country list is always Gene Watson.

Because of our geographical location and our sparse population, the local technology was always just a little bit behind the rest of the country. This was never a problem with us because it allowed us many more years of listening to our favorite music on the radio and jukebox as well my personal collection of vinyl and tapes; many of them being Gene Watson. The greatest setback of living in a small town was the fact that well-known artists rarely travelled this far when on tour.

Over the years we have been amazed at the variety of music that Gene delivers. No matter what's happening in your life, he has a song or a hymn to suit the situation: **Thank you**. Depending on the situation and what is happening in our lives it seems that different songs stand out at different times, especially songs such as "Because You Believed in Me; I'd Love to Live with You Again; Climb Higher; Most of All Why". Notably, songs like Gene Watson and Larry Gatlin singing, "Bitter They Are - Harder They Fall" will always be favorites of ours.

My wife and I have generated a bucket list. # 1 on that list was to see and hear Gene Watson live in concert.. We travelled to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville where we were lucky enough to get a backstage tour but of course the tours do not include meeting the artists. We had gone out to the parking lot for some fresh air before the show started and were blessed to have met Gene Watson getting off his bus. He was gracious enough to allow us to have a picture taken with him. This was, of course, the highlight

of our trip to Nashville.

Meet Farewell Party Band Piano Man

Glen Rodgers!

Where were you born/raised? I was born and raised in Arlington, TX – a block from the original Rangers Stadium.

Where do you live now? I currently live in Bedford, TX

How and when did you first get started in the music business? I grew up playing piano in church. I played for a southern gospel quartet in high school but my school didn't have band. My first professional/paying band was Ben Floor/Zero260. I got into this band out of desperation from being laid off of my telecommunications job I'd had for 10 years. As Ben Floor, we played country venues but as zero260 we would hire a horn section along with additional singers and were known as a party band doing mainly corporate gigs. I've attempted to go back to the "regular job" thing several times over the years but it just never seemed to work out.

When/How long with Gene's band? My first show with Gene was February 10, 2018 in Yuma, AZ. I've been with Gene's band for six months now.

Who are your musical influences? I had a wide range of influences while growing up but today I would say my main influences as a keyboardist would be Jim "Moose" Brown, Kevin McKendree and Michael McDonald.

If you weren't in the music business, what job do you think you'd have or would LIKE to have? It's hard to imagine something I would LIKE to do that isn't music related but it would, most likely, involve electronics.

What is your favorite hobby? My hobbies don't stray too far from my work but I would say computers and electronics. I worked as an electronic technician for many years.

Do you like sports …have any favorite teams? Although I played sports from kindergarten through high school, I'm not a big fan . I guess hockey is the most entertaining sport to watch but I wouldn't pay much to see a game. I don't have any favorite teams.

Other than GENE's music, name a couple of your all time favorite songs?

All time favorite: "What A Fool Believes" by the The Doobie Brothers.

It would be extremely tough to single out another one but I'll go with

"A Man I'll Never Be" by Boston.

Do you have a favorite Gene tune you like to play? Being the keyboard player, it's probably no surprise that my favorite tune to play for Gene is "Fourteen Carat Mind".

Do you play any other instruments? I also play bass guitar and guitar. I've played bass, professionally, for several groups. I play guitar well enough to use on my own productions but probably not well enough to be hired for a live band.

2018 Tour Schedule

Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st	Blue Gate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
Sept. 8th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
Sept. 15th & 16th	Midwest Country Music Theater	Sandstone, MN
Sept. 19th	Liberty Hall	Tyler, TX
Sept. 20th	Starlite Theatre w/Larry's Country Diner	Branson, MO
Sept. 21st & 22nd	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Sept. 27th	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, TX
Sept. 28th	Silver Saloon	Terrell, TX
Oct. 4th & 5th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Oct. 6th	Come And Take It Celebration!	Gonzales, TX
Oct. 11th	Milltown Music Hall	Bremen, GA
Oct. 12th	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, SC
Oct. 13th	Ponte Vedra Concert Hall	Ponte Vedra, FL
Oct. 20th	Coyote Store	Gail, TX
Oct. 25th	Anderson Civic Center	Anderson, SC
Oct. 26th	Palace Theater	Crossville, TN
Oct. 27th	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Nov. 3rd	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
Nov. 8th & 9th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Nov. 10th	Irving Arts Center	Irving, TX
Nov. 11th	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, TX
Nov. 16th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, TN

2018 Tour Schedule

Dec. 8th	Coleman Theater	Miami, OK

2019 Tour Dates

Jan. 12th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, OK
Jan. 17th-Feb. 2nd	CFR Cruise	The Caribbean
Feb. 9th	Spencer Theater PAC	Ruidoso, NM
Feb. 14th	Eissmann Center (w/Moe Bandy, Jeannie Seely)	Richardson, TX
Feb. 16th	The New Granbury Live	Granbury, TX
Feb. 23rd	Star Pavillion at Ameristar Casino	Kansas City, MO
March 1st	Sumter Opera House	Sumter, SC
March 2nd & 3rd	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
March 6th	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 8th	Walhalla Civic Auditorium	Walhalla, SC
March 10th	Siesta Bay RV Resort	Ft. Myers, FL
March 15th & 16th	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, IN
March 30th	Windstone Entertainment Center	Jefferson City, MO
May 3rd	Little Roy & Lizzie Festival	Lincolnton, GA
May 4th	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
May 9th	Palace Theater	Corsicana, TX
May 10th	Waco Hippodrome Theatre	Waco, TX
May 11th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, TX
June 22	Imperial Palace Casino	Biloxi, MS
Nov. 2nd	Lebanon High School Gymnasium	Lebanon, VA

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Anne White of Elberton, Georgia, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question is: Finish the rest of this Gene Watson song title "Got No Reason Now _____ _____ _____." The answer is "Got No Reason Now For Going Home." 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.

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

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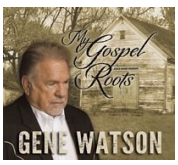

Check out Gene Watson on the internet! Click on the icons above!