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To Our Members,

It has been a busy fall for the Greater West Texas Blues Society as we grow our membership and begin to address our society's mission goals.

Thank you, to all of you who have joined the society. It was one of our goals to have over 100 members by the end of October. Thanks to the enthusiasm of our local blues community we were successful, and as of this writing we have 106 members and are still growing.

In October our board of directors hosted our first membership meeting and social event. All of those members and guests who attended were treated to some amazing BBQ chicken, ribs and "fixins" prepared by our own Robin Vasicek, Kay Maddox, and Annette Dozier. Good Music, Great Food and Blues Fans were a winning combination. We even had the weather gods on our side as the "blue norther" held off just long enough for the party to wind down that night.

Our society's application to become an affiliate society of the Blues Foundation was mailed to Memphis on November 7, 2019. The Blues Foundation will review and hopefully approve our application in the next few weeks. Becoming an affiliated society is necessary for GWTXBS to host a local International Blues Challenge competition and send a winning band, solo-duo or youth group to the IBC in Memphis, TN. If approved we will be able to host a competition in 2020 for the IBC in 2021.

Board members of the Greater West Texas Blues Society will be at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN this upcoming January 28 –Feb 1, 2020 and will attend meetings for new affiliate societies.

The GWTXBLUES.COM website is under construction with several new added sections. Please stop by and take a look. We are beginning to build a calendar of events that will list where and when our local area blues musicians will be

performing. Supporting local artists is one of our main goals and this is a way we can promote blues music in the West Texas / NM area. Please visit the website and check our calendar for upcoming performances and other events. If you know of artists or events that the society should be listing please let us know. Anyone can contact us though the website or by email at info@gwtxblues.com.

We are currently talking to several venues in our area to serve as host sites for what we hope will become a regularly scheduled GWTX Blues Society jam. Watch the website for upcoming details.

The Greater West Texas Blues Society board, and all of our society members, are doing all we can to promote and support blues music and education in our local communities.

Until the next newsletter.....

Thank You, to all of Our Members for all you do!

“Let’s Keep the Blues Alive “

GWTXBS Board of Directors :

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