

Beaufort County Traditional Music Association

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To One and All of the BCTMA, both friends and participants,

Since knowing all of you my enjoyment and pleasure has been lifted to such a high degree. I have become more focused on the gifts of humanity we all have to share. Each one of you has raised the bar on life for me. You each have impressed and made an impact on my life. My special someone, my soul mate, JoAnn had been the only one to awaken such awareness in me to such a level. She also is my support and encouragement. The Lord has given each of us a gift to be shared. I know I can never be selfish with that gift. I have found that each of you also have gotten a gift from Him and have not been selfish with it. You have shared your gift with me and I am so very thankful.

My crass NY style and character does not portray the fact of my humility. By now, I'm certain you all know my favorite saying when we jam, "*It's not a Show-down, it's a Ho-down!*". I try to truly live by that. I have received several e-mails and also direct communication telling me of how I have touched someone's life and have been a teacher and inspiration. I have been told it's been a pleasure, joy, honor and other similar adjectives. Each one tells me how much I'll be missed. Well let me simply say, Ditto!

Though I'm moving to the Carolina Mountains, I intend to visit as often as I can. You can be assured when I do, we will make wonderful music together and as Rob always tells us, "*play nice*". Again, I cannot say enough. I will never forget any of you and I will always be an e-mail away. BCTMA is set as one of my favorites so I can always catch up on *youse guyz*.

I am leaving at a time when the BCTMA is getting off its crawling knees and starting to walk. The progress it has made while I was fortunate enough to be a direct part of the association should be a bench mark for its future. I have been so excited as we did progress. I still have that excitement as it continues. Even though I'm not going to be as a direct part as before, I hope I will continue to be an influence for the growth of the team.

I love you all and wish all of you only the best. As John Lennon once said, "Play magic fingers, play!"

God bless and keep you,

- Big Poppa Sid

