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Former pilot takes keyboard classes; now the sky's the limit for this jazz musician

After a 27-year career in the Air Force, Bill Hall needed a new hobby. He was delighted to find the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class at Garten's Music.

"I think I was looking for this," he said, "and I think I was looking for it for a long time."

He enrolled in the adult keyboard class nearly two years ago. He was a beginner interested in playing the piano.

"I got into organ class and I enjoyed it from Day 1," Hall said. "Instead of listening to music, now I can make some music, and that got me. I just stuck with it, and I play with it every night. I won't say it came easily; it's just fun. That's why I'm playing the way I do."

Hall especially enjoys

jazz music and tunes from the 1940s. He remembers that music because his father listened to it. He purchased an EZ10 at first and now plays a Lowrey Fanfare.

"I went with that and I've been happy ever since," Hall remarked.

His new hobby keeps him from getting bored in retirement.

"Whenever you don't have anything to do, you can go grab that organ. And while I'm playing, I'm having fun," he said. "I challenge myself when I'm working on a song. I'm staying busy."

Hall also attends Organ Club and joined the L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers.



Bill Hall discovered his talent for music after a 27-year career in the Air Force.

The Wichita Music Academy offers piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, ukulele, violin, viola & voice lessons!

Call or stop by today & begin your musical journey!

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Retired teacher becomes music student

Marvis Lary had an impressive career before she retired. She was associate dean in the College of Health Professions at Wichita State and the dean in the College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University. She was also the first female physician's assistant registered in Kansas.



Marvis Lary described music classes as the best new thing she has done in retirement. She owns a Lowrey Fanfare.

So Lary scrutinized the education process when she signed up for the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class.

“As an educator I’m a pretty good judge of educational philosophy and how it works with

students and how you can coach them,” Lary said. “This would be considered an applied science, and I think those principles are followed very well at Garten’s. We learn, we’re encouraged to learn and it’s a voluntary endeavor.

It’s not something we’re mandated to do, it’s something we’ve chosen to do. And it’s something we keep doing because we love doing it.”

Lary was mulling what to do in retirement when

she signed up for music lessons about three years ago. She was pleased that the focus was on playing for her own personal growth. She said instructors emphasized playing what she liked and playing at her speed.

“There’s no stress, there’s no pushing, there’s nothing that would cause you to not like it,” Lary continued. “It’s just very comfortable and relaxed. I thoroughly enjoyed the classes and the clubs.”

Lary is involved in Organ Club and is vice president of

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Nancy Bowles

Nancy Bowles wins gift certificate in honor of Beatles anniversary

Garten’s Music held a drawing in February among those who have “liked” our Facebook page and commented on their favorite Beatles song!

The drawing for a

\$50 gift certificate was held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of The Beatles’ first appearance on “The Ed Sullivan Show.”

Nancy Bowles was our winner! Her favorite

Beatles song is “I Want To Hold Your Hand.”

To like our page and stay informed about promotions and events at Garten’s, visit: [Facebook.com/gartensmusic](https://www.facebook.com/gartensmusic). We’ll see you online!

New year brings new pianos



A Kawai CN34 digital piano on its way to the Wichita Grand Opera for use as the rehearsal piano. We're proud to partner with the Opera in enhancing the arts in Wichita!



U.S.D. 490 selected a Kawai piano from Garten's Music for its new middle school. Congratulations to the students in El Dorado!

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the L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers. In addition to becoming a musician, Lary has made new friends.

"I've enjoyed my classmates and getting to know a lot of new people," she said. "And old people are fun, contrary to popular

belief!"

While her background in education was valuable, Lary appreciates the easygoing atmosphere where she learned music.

"It's extremely refreshing to be doing something so

radically different," she said. "As much education as I've had in my life, this is voluntary and it's fun and I'm self-motivated to do it. I'm not going to have a test I have to take. I'm not going to get a grade for it. It's just my own enjoyment that drives me."

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"Those people out there at both the L.I.F.E. and Organ Club, these are some of the friendliest people I've known, really, since I've been here in Wichita," said Hall. "They're funny, some are serious, some have a lot of experience playing and they try to help you. We just have a good time out there. I try not to miss those meetings."

Lowrey Home Organ Spectacular is May 15-17 in Omaha, Neb. Learn more: www.dennisawe.com/omahahos2014

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class

for adult beginners teaches students to have a blast goofin' around at the keyboard!

The 10-week class affords students the chance to learn to play in a fun, no-stress (and no recital) environment. We'll even loan you an instrument!

FREE introductory class:
– 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 16

PlayTime

is an opportunity for current and former Lowrey students to enjoy listening to and playing for your friends!

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 14

Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 21
(Theme: Big Band)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 7

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Welcome to new students who signed up for lessons!

Breeleigh J.
Bryson J.
Damion L.
Audrey M.
Ella N.
Naomi R.

Morgan P.
Genesys R.
Carson T.
Denyce R.
Chris S.
Ruth H.



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from Garten's Music!*



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a new instrument with
lessons through the
Wichita Music Academy!*



*And check out our
Luck o' the Irish sale now!*

