

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society



December 2012



SVAS NEXT MEETING:
January 6, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau



The Peter Di Bono Trio has been serenading Bay Area audiences for over 25 years. Venues range from an elegant wedding on Nob Hill, to a forest picnic in Carmel Valley. The music covers a very wide spectrum from Broadway to Bach, and back.

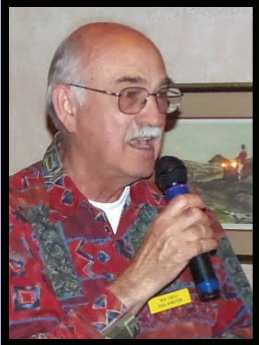
Harriet Newhart is equally comfortable playing Mozart, Mancini, or marches. Classically trained on piano and violin, Harriet brings such warm vitality to her music that she has been a favorite of San Francisco audiences and musicians for her entire career. Harriet and her husband, Byrne, also a violinist, are the principals of San Francisco's Starlite Strings, which provides classical and strolling violin ensembles for weddings, corporate events, and private parties in the San Francisco Bay Area and Wine Country.

Steve Hanson, string bass, is one of the busiest Bay Area musicians. Steve hails from Minnesota, and grew up working the family's dairy farm. Steve enlisted in the United States Navy, and found his way to the Navy Band where he played trombone. He was stationed in Naples, Italy for three years, and learned to speak Italian, and to love Italian food. Steve re-

ceived his master's degree in music from The University of North Texas. Steve serves on the Board of Directors of The Musician's Union Local 6, San Francisco.

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Ken Caple, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -

The December meeting went better than we expected. With all the rain preceding the event we expected to have fewer folks but as it turned out the rain stopped early enough to allow people to venture out.

As we announced, there were many things this month that happened that affected our club and the Board of Directors. After the loss of John Brane we were blessed to have his nephew Scott Bader join the Board. Scott has been helping out for some time already by setting up the room and storing and transporting the sound system. Thanks to Scott for all his help and we appreciate you joining the Board.

Another sad event was the departure of Victor Kolesnichenko. He moved to San Diego to start a new life without the company of a bunch of wild accordionists. We hope he will return to visit us from time to time. Victor was a board member, our web site manager, photographer and official board minutes reader. Before leaving he had a talk with Pam Kawashima about our web site work. Pam is considering taking over several of Victor's jobs. We should know more on this next month.



Sue Douglas,
SVAS Reporter

The Christmas Song Jam Session enhanced the season by playing Angels from the Realms of Glory, Away in the Manger, Deck the Hall, The First Noel, Frosty the Snowman and It Came upon the Midnight Clear. When they played Jingle Bells, there were singers! They played Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Joy to the World, Let it Snow, O Holy Night, O Christmas Tree and O Little Town of Bethlehem. When they played Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, again the audience sang. Next was Up on a Housetop, We wish You a Merry Christmas, Snowbird, White Christmas and their finale was supposed to be Auld Lang Syne, but people wanted to hear Jingle Bells again, so the Jam players jingle belled and the audience "single belled" very cheerfully.

Christmas Jam Band: William, Vic, Barbara, Bob, Scott, Ken, Bill, Gloria, and Erick



Bill Tapogna,
Master of Ceremonies

M.C., Bill Tapogna, announced that very helpful board member, John Brane, died two weeks ago. We miss him! His nephew, Scott, who transports, stores and helps to set up the electronic devices, is now a new board member. Also he will play John's accordion. We look forward to hearing him play. But another sad announcement was that original SVAS member, Jeanne McClelland, has died. She and her husband, Glenn, helped to establish the South Bay Accordion Club, which eventually became the Silicon Valley Accordion Society, and we truly appreciate their efforts. Also, our photographer, web-master and board member, Victor Kolesnichenko, will be working elsewhere, so he won't be able to do those 4 things for SVAS anymore. We wish Victor well and we want to thank him for all the work he did for SVAS!

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WILLIAM DE MICHELIS

For our first-half of the program, Jana Maas couldn't drive from Sacramento because of the heavy rain, so William DeMichelis kindly filled in for her. His first piece was Quando, Quando, and then he blended some very melodic songs together. His last two songs were ones we love to sing called Edelweiss and I Can't Give You Anything But Love. Thank you so much, William.

Please invite your friends to join our SVAS Musical Event
The more the Merrier
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DORIS SPRUGASCI &

Then, the Jamboree Band handed out song sheets with the words to 13 Christmas songs so that while they played, the audience could sing-along. We heard Away in a Manger and Deck the Halls. Band member, M.C., Bill Tapogna, mentioned that they would play a song composed by Joseph and Olive Zampiceni, called Christmas is Here Once Again. Then we heard Jingle Bells again. Yippee! They played Joy to the World, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Silver Bells and particularly with Silent Night, the audience sang. They played Frosty the Snowman, O Holy Night, Winter Wonderland, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, The First Noel, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear and White Christmas. And Bill Tapogna thanked Jamboree Band member, Marybarbara Zorio, for her and her husband, Bruce, letting the Band members practice regularly at their house. Bill mentioned that his wife, Gloria, who skillfully plays the recorder-horn and who is also a Jamboree Band member, is successfully guiding and directing the Band. The group is new and they're sounding good.

JAMBOREE BAND: William, Gloria, Erick Bill Marybarbara Marcia



Farewell to VICTOR KOLESNICHENKO . . .

Bill and Bob presented Victor with a plaque for appreciation of his many years of service as a board member and the many other duties he provided to SVAS.



Victor has been a member of SVAS for 9 years. He will be missed by us all as a great person, accordionist, and vocalist. In order to help him get through the packing up of the house and taking care of all the loose ends he was duly presented with a great bottle of Vodka.

Invite a friend to our next meeting !

Bill Tapogna mentioned that there are accordion calendars available from accordion repair specialist, Skyler Fell. If you're interested, call Skyler at the Accordion Apocalypse and order one. They cost \$20.00.

Raffle-time and Rosemarie won half the pot, Lynn Ewing won the Hofbrau meal card, Scott won the CD, Pam, Albert Marybarbara and Lynn Ewing each won a nutcracker. Bernie Coullahan won the decorative bicycle which was donated by Bob and Doris Sprucgasci.



Bob Rosemarie



Lynn



Scott



Bill Pam



Leah Albert

Bill Marybarbara Leah

Leah Lynn Bob

Bernie



Paul and Leah Powers donated the Nut Crackers for this occasion. Thank you Both.



Paul & Leah Powers



Vic and Barbara Corsiglia

COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: January 6 Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Individual Players2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : Individual Players3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Peter Di Bono Group

February Feature - Ron Borelli

March - Due Zighi Baci

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WHEN THE ACCORDION CLUBS IN THE BAY AREA MEET?

Accordion Club of the Redwoods (ACR) meets on the third Monday of the month. Herman & Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952. Contact: (707) 795-4060.

Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC) has three divisions:

1. **The Vacaville Club** meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, Pietro's N.2, 679 Merchant St, Vacaville, CA 95687, Starting July 12, 2012, Except for June and December.
2. **The Humboldt Club** meets on the third Tuesday, 7:00 PM., Humboldt Swiss Club, 5403 Tompkins Hill Road, Loleta, CA 95551.
3. **The Sacramento Club** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Rd., Rancho Cordova CA 95742. Contact for all the GSAC: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359.

Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, Escalon Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave., Escalon, CA 95320. Contact Ed Sciarini (209) 545-3603.

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS) meets on the first Wednesday of the month 6:30 PM 6365 Douglas Blvd., Lutheran Church Social Hall, Granite Bay, CA 95746. Contact: Jerry Choate, President (530) 345-2013

San Francisco Accordion Club (SFAC) meets on the third Sunday of the month 2:00 PM . Oyster Point Yacht Club, 911 Marina Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080. Contact Lynn Ewing 650-453-3391.

Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS) meets on the first Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129. (between Kiely Blvd. and Stevens Creek Blvd. Contact: Bill Topogna (408) 984-5290.



AbsolutAccord

When our featured players, Absolut Accord, played Waves of the Danube Waltz, Bill and Gloria, Paul and Leah and Vic and Barbara danced! Next, the band played a medley including L'Arlesienne Suite No.1, Capriccio Italien Op.45, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Allegro Trumpet Concerto In E-Flat Major and Rondo alla turca Piano Sonata No.11, melodies from 1778 to 1890. They played Amapola, and when they played Csardas, by Vittorio Monti, group leader, Richard Yous displayed extremely phenomenal fingering! Their next piece was an Italian one called Non ti scordar di me, and after that, Richard mentioned that their next one would be band member, Norma Zonay's favorite called It's Only A Paper Moon. When they played the Jalousie Tango, made popular back in the late 20's by the Boston Pops, Paul and Leah and Vic and Barbara danced. It's so fun to watch that happen! Next the band played Marche Triomphale and Joy To The World. Richard said that the next one was a serious melody called Feelings. And regarding feelings, their next one was Padam...Padam...having to do with the emotional beat of the heart in relation to a love issue. Their intended finale was a West Side Story medley, but M.C., Bill Tapogna, said, "We want an encore, right?" "Yeah, we do!" So, happily, we got to hear them play the Beer Barrel Polka! Cheers and claps! They are ABSOLUTELY coordinated!



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MEETING PARTICIPANTS



Join us in the FUN. You don't have to be a member to attend.
Bring a Friend - They are Welcome too.

Silicon Valley Accordion Society meetings held first Sunday of each month at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, corner of Kiely. Doors open at 1:00, Music begins at 1:15, Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. door fee \$5, under 16 no charge.