

Newsletter of the

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

January 2024

SVAS Next Meeting: Sunday February 4, 2024
At Christ Episcopal Church
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
Program begins at 1:30PM
Doors open 1:00PM

Happy New Year

Adam and Emma have been playing music together for as long as they can remember. As siblings, it gives them a good excuse to hang out regularly, as well as a creative outlet from their work in the Silicon Valley. Emma enjoys playing violin in the Mission Chamber Orchestra and discovering new (and old) music in the library's CD archives. Adam enjoys arranging popular (and obscure) songs for their group, Garf's Uncle, where he mostly plays piano, but will occasionally break out the accordion by popular demand. They have performed several times for SVAS since Adam bought his Vignoni from our own Norma Parsons back in the early 2010's when meetings were held at Harry's Hofbrau.



Hope you all had a wonderful New Year Celebration, and I hope you all have a healthy, happy and peaceful Year to come filled with lots of Accordion fun.

I am sorry to have had to miss our first Club meeting for 2024 due to catching a cold for which I did not want to share with you. I heard very good things about our meeting, making my day. I heard there were around 22 folks who came to our club, and we had a great turnout of people playing in the jam band. Thank you, Don, for picking the great tunes and calling them out. I am so proud to hear everyone started together, finished together, and kept a steady tempo with Bob!

Thank you to those who volunteered to play for us, thank you for participating in the Jam Band, and thank you all for helping with the Snacks, Newsletter and Raffles; it helps so much to be able to give the SVAS Board a little break from some of the tasks. Lastly, I want to give you all a very heartfelt thank you for sending in your dues and thank you to those who have donated extra to our club. Enclosed is the 2024 membership renewal form in case you have not yet paid your dues.

Stay well,
Colette Ogata, President



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Before the formal program, Bill Likens and Bob Stanfield played a variety of music while everyone was arriving and getting settled, thank you Bill and Bob.



Well, we sure got the New Year off to a good start! Our In-House talent provided our 22 attendees with a great variety of music! Count Basie once said: "If you play a tune and a person don't tap their feet, don't play the tune." Well, we certainly had some feet a-tappin' right from the very beginning of our show! BILL LIKENS, (he who is responsible for setting up our sound system --thanks Bill!), started us off with a great selection of tunes from Norway and Greece. "1-2-3 Reinlender," "Finnskrogbruden" and "Fandango" were his Norwegian choices and "Tsamikos" and "Tsanikaliotissa Kalamatianos" were his Greek selections. (Whew! I'm glad that I'm writing them and don't have to try to pronounce 'em!!) And his final piece was the Beatles' "In My Life" (from the UK, of course!). Some great international entertainment. Bill really knows his music and how to

present it in a most entertaining manner! Bill was demonstrating his new remote sound system on his accordion and it certainly did a great job of amplifying his music.

Next up was Mike Zampiceni. Mike is a well-known, highly respected long-time member of SVAS. His prestidigitation, (as Bing Crosby used to say), leaves his audience spell-bound! His fingers fly around his keyboard so fast---- they are amazing to watch! Mike's vocals also accompanied many of his selections as well! He started off playing and singing "Cabaret," followed with a vocal accompaniment of "I Could Have Danced All Night." He asked for requests from the audience and was met with a barrage of responses! He began with "Jealousy," followed by "Amapola," "Carnivale d' Venezia" (my request!), and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." And several others as well. He is truly a wonder to behold!



We then took a brief break to stretch our legs and purchase our raffle tickets. BERNIE COULLAHAN provided us with 6 nice bottles of wine for the raffle prizes (Thanks, Bernie!)

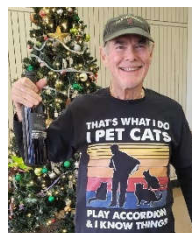


And then we were off for the second half of our program which consisted of ten of our own SVAS musicians in a "Jam Band" directed by BOB STANFIELD, who also provided us with Jam Books of popular music of all types and vintages. (Thanks Bob--a lot of work goes into that!) Our Jam Band members included DON SAVANT, MIKE ZAMPECINI, MARCIA COULLAHAN, JOSEPH MARTIN, TSELI WU, BOB STANFIELD, BILL TAPOGNA, RENO DI BONO, BILL LIKENS, and MARCIA FARNADY. This enthusiastic group played for almost an hour, each of us being given a chance to select tunes from the Jam Book. Bob had us sitting in a circle so that it was easier to hear what other musicians were playing---a big help. And we stayed together! (Mostly!)

And that concluded our first program for 2024! HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

Bill Tapogna

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<http://www.accordions.com/naa/cComingConvention.html>

Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration

June 20-23, 2024

Leavenworth, Washington

<https://www.accordioncelebration.org/>

Accordionist and Teachers Guild Festival

July 23-27, 2024

Kansas City Missouri

<https://www.atgaccordions.com/2024-festival>

Cotati Accordion Festival

August 16-18, 2024

Cotati California

<https://cotatifest.com/>

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