

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

April 2014

SVAS NEXT MEETING:
May 4, 2014 at Harry's Hofbrau



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Ken Caple,
President

Dear Members,

We had a good turn out for the April meeting, about 75 accordion enthusiasts. It was good to see a nice group of people all participating in making the music. Special thanks to Frank Lima who joyfully joined in the fray which was a nice serendipity. Thanks to Bob Stanfield for setting up the First Half of the program and inviting such wild cats such as myself to play. No one could ask for a nicer group to play for and work with.

Next month is the picnic. We need everyone with an accordion to bring it to the picnic. Even if you forgot to sign up we will have a spot for you to play.

As usual we all enjoyed hearing Sheri and Michael, Due Zighi Baci, play for us. They are a great combo of accordion music and voice.
- Ken



Bill Tapogna
Master of Ceremonies

April 6 was a great day for music at the Silicon Valley Accordion Society. During the Pre-Program and the First Half Program, 41 songs were played by a total of three groups and seven individuals. In all those songs, only one was duplicated – see if you can figure out which one it was!

The Jamboree Band did a fine job opening the Pre-Program. Members of the band this day were Sue Douglas, Gloria Tapogna, Marcia Coullahan, Eric Scheel, MaryBarbara Zoria and Bill Tapogna. They played The Loveliest Night of the Year (a charming waltz), a lively version of Tik a Tee, Tik a Ta, a rich and melodious rendition of Peg O' My Heart, Edelweiss (quite singable), Ain't She Sweet (which got my toes tapping), a jolly Lichtensteiner Polka, and a rendition of Bye Bye Blackbird. They finished up their set with Julida Polka, and it got me to thinking that a non-accordion player would probably find it mysterious to watch the playing of the left-hand buttons!



Georgia
Sutherland
SVAS Reporter



Next, Garland Cheatham entertained us, playing his bright red Roland instrument. His tunes were Baby Face, I Didn't Want to Do It, the Harmonicats version of Peg o' My Heart, and Guy Lombardo's version of Don't Blame Me, with Garland singing along. He continued with Pennsylvania Polka and a college theme song that I only know the parody words to, so I couldn't name it. It turns out that he couldn't name it either! Next on his program was Give My Regards to Broadway, followed by another college theme song called Football Hero. Then he took us to Paris with his Petite Waltz, then to Italy for Ciribiribin, and then back home with Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet and A Pretty Girl is like a melody. And he achieved all this in fine, entertaining style without once looking at a piece of sheet music!

Did you miss a meeting performance? You can view some of it on youtube. To View Pam's Videos from past meetings: Go to youtube.com, type in accordionpam in the search field (next to the magnifying glass on top) for videos from the club .

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August 17 & 18, 2014

Dennis Judd was next on the pre-program. Someone in the audience got him to show off his "Those Darn Accordions" t-shirt. His accordion was also decorated with lots of stickers! He entertained us with Jenny Lynn Polka, Fascination (inspiring me to get out my copy of that song and play it again) and Santa Lucia. Dennis did a fine job, and we applauded him heartily.

Frank Lima (aka The Great Morgani) thought he would just visit the club on this day, but he agreed to play a couple of songs for us, not even in costume! Before starting to play, Frank talked a bit about the new rules in Santa Cruz that are discouraging to street performers. So while he was on his hiatus from performing, he came to relax with us.

He smiled and told us he "was on a blind date with Bill Tapogna's accordion!" Of course he played two great songs from memory: French Waltz #1, and Laura. It was very nice to have Frank with us on this day.

Dennis



Frank



At the end of the Pre-Program, President Ken Caple reminded us of the picnic next month, directed us to a sympathy card on the front desk, gave us news of Ivan Klitgaard (absent because his wife is ill) and the May 17-18 event in Campbell where several of our bands will be playing. Ken next introduced Griff Ziegler, who is visiting from Idaho. Griff has a monthly newsletter called "Squeezin' and Pleasin'" which has over 600 readers each month, all around the world. Griff invited us to get on his distribution list, and I suspect many of us did just that!

Bill T took over the microphone and asked if there were any birthdays. There were several, including two of Maggie McLoughlin's family (her husband John and her mother Zee, who is a regular attendant at club meetings along with Maggie). Eric Scheel also volunteered that he was going to be 25 on the 21st. Then he admitted his correct age (74).

There were several first timers in attendance. All had come along to hear Maggie McLoughlin play. Besides her mother and brother (mentioned above), there were seven others. Quite a good representation from that family! In Ivan's absence, Bob Standfield organized the First Half Program by bringing in a parade of entertainers

First up was Ken Caple, who played a Mexican Song (El Rancho Grande), and a Country-Western Song (Cold Cold Heart). He was followed by your reporter for the month (Georgia Sutherland) who played a medley of songs from the movie Fiddler on the Roof. (And I thank everyone who gave me such nice comments about my performance.) My friend Maggie McLoughlin followed me, and gave a brief personal introduction about her father being Swedish and her mother Italian. She played two delightful songs from memory. The first was a cute little Swedish waltz number, and the second was an Italian song, Viva la Giga."

Georgia



Maggie



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Some new faces and a lot of favorites

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May 17 th & 18th in Downtown Campbell, CA

WELCOME New Members: Ursula Ratsch , Kate Cameron Froeberg