

**NEWSLETTER OF THE**

# Silicon Valley Accordion Society

**November 2015**

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:**

**December 6, 2015 at Harry's Hofbrau**



## **Aurora Mandolin Orchestra**

The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra the largest orchestra of its kind in the San Francisco Bay Area continues to perform many concerts to thousands of audiences at festivals and organizations throughout the area. The Conductor is Jo Pelligrini. They last played for us in June of 2012.

The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra consists of up to thirty professional and amateur musicians (mandolin, mandola, mandocello, guitar, string bass, accordion, flute and percussion) from various parts of the Bay Area. The uniqueness of this group is its varied repertoire including traditional and semi-classical Italian, Spanish, Russian, specialty ethnic and contemporary orchestral compositions.

They have given public performances to thousands of music lovers and are especially proud to have played Davies Hall at San Francisco Symphony's festive opening night in 1984, the Academy of Sciences at Golden Gate Park, Santa Clara University, and the annual San Francisco Mandolin Festival.



Bring your accordion for the **SVAS Open Jam Band** with Vic & Barbara Corsiglia at 1:00pm. We are counting on **YOU** to entertain us the first period.

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**Ken Caple**  
President

Oktoberfest leads to Novemberfest. We had two months of straight German. First on the streets of Campbell then here at Harrys Hofbrau with The Karl Lebherz Band. Musik uber alles.

Our Jam Band with Vic & Barbara started us off with a bang this meeting.. Everything and everyone was hopping. We had a near record audience for the preprogram session and Multiple dancers all during this Jam. It was a lot of fun for everyone.

Followed by this Jam was the Sunday 7 Band with a great assortment of music. They had us standing & singing. The energy level in the room was tremendous. Even little 5 year old Siyuan had one or more dance partners, tearing up the floor. In all it was a tremendous meeting.

A heartfelt thanks to Shirley, Ken, Lou and Karen for the goodies they brought to share. All were gone by the end of the meeting.

Moving on, I would now like to discuss the scheduling of our advanced players for the period from 2:00 and 3:00pm. This is always more difficult for us to do. This is usually done only a few weeks before the meeting so we do have a lot of last minute work and some cancellations due to peoples schedules changing. It would be a great help if those of you who wish to play, let a board member know, so we can schedule you in. I am afraid if it is left up to us we might miss you. KC



**Bill Tapogna Master of Ceremonies**



**Sue Douglas**  
SVAS Reporter

Vic and Barbara Corsiglia's Jam Band has really encouraged us SVAS members to play our instruments more often, and they sure make it fun! We really appreciate the opportunity, and the Jam Band started out the entertainment for this month's meeting.



Our Jammers –L-R: Dick, Don, Garland, Bill, Gloria, Scott Roldan, Ken, Sue, Ed, Marcia, Lyle, Marybarbara,, Vic, Scott, Barbara.

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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Ed Massolo

As Bob Stanfield's Sunday 7 Band played Iupali Iupala, Bill Tapogna and Bob strolled around and smiled at the audience as they played their squeezers. During the military medley, Bob said, "if you're of the Navy, please stand up", and three men stood up. The Band played America the Beautiful and the audience sang it. The Band's next choice of music attracted dancers, and Stan and Marie Elena danced and Gayla danced. And again, Bob and Bill strolled while playing El Rio Drive polka! The Band's music was so danceable that Eric Scheel and Gayla danced and Stan and Marie Elena kept dancing. And the fast rhythm kept people bouncing. With Never On Sunday, Gayla skipped around with Louisa. And when the Saints Go Marching In, the audience clapped to the rhythm and the whole Band strolled around! Their finale was God Bless America and everyone stood up and sang it.



Norma Zonay Parsons



Raffle-time, Barbara won half the pot, Doris won the Hofbrau meal ticket, George won a CD, Ed won a Trucco CD, Doris won the Clip Lamp and Heather won the bottle of wine.

Norma Zonay Parsons very amusingly plays and sings, and a couple of songs we recognized were Breezin' Along With the Breeze and Cruising Down the River. She played a beautiful waltz with intricate fingering and an Italian piece called Tarantella. And when she played and sang Luci di Ombre, that was so funny. It's all about money, money, money! Master of Ceremonies, Bill Tapogna, introduced us to Ed Massolo, and when Ed played the Just Because polka, we all clapped to the rhythm. As he played the El Rio Drive polka, many danced to it. It's FUN!



Welcome New Members: Casey and Colette Ogata.