

Newsletter of the

# *Silicon Valley Accordion Society*

November 2023

SVAS Next Meeting: Sunday December 3, 2023  
At Christ Episcopal Church  
1040 Border Road, Los Altos  
Program begins at 1:30PM  
Doors open 1:00PM

Featured Performer

**Reno DiBono and Bob Rizzetto**



Reno and Bob will play music of Rogers and Hart and Rogers and Hammerstein.

The program will include songs from three major Broadway shows: “Sound of Music”, “Oklahoma”, and “King and I”.

Bob and Reno (both over 80 years old) are now doing strolling gigs as a duo, called the “Grandpas,” a mostly all Italian venue designed for 50th wedding anniversaries, 90-year-old birthdays, funerals, and weddings for entirely Italian American audiences. And business has been very good!!

In another life Bob was a professional welder and Reno was a high school teacher. Reno is a natural and gifted teacher. Each time he performs we learn something new.

Hello Accordion friends -

And just like that, it is once again dark out by 5pm, and the temperature is calling us to wrap up with blankies in the living room when we watch TV. Get ready as winter is quickly approaching!

Sunday, we had a great time here at SVAS beginning with our jam band. We had the opportunity to practice the songs at home beforehand, and I do think that helps us all to sound and play better. Next month we will have individual volunteers and for our featured performer, we will have Reno Di Bono and Bob Rizzato on Bass, (more to come).

Thank you all for your support for the club, thank you for your help with setup and cleanup. Hoping you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and hope to see you all next month.

Thank you,  
Colette Ogata, President

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Hubert (left) in rye field 1932

Dear SVAS friends, It is with heavy heart that I must inform you Hubert Kallabis passed away peacefully on October 3, 2023. Hubert was originally from Germany, and took group Accordion lessons when he was young, but for the most part Hubert was a self-taught Accordionist; and he played beautifully. Hubert was a long-time member of SVAS and played in the Happy Days Band led by Ken Caple for many years.



## Jam Band

It was nice to see about 30 folks here at the Club Sunday. The room was full of members, music and snacks, and we all had a great time.

Firstly, the Jam Band, consisting of our very own Club members got together to play a few songs out of the Jam Band Book. Some of the songs included All of Me, El Rio Drive Polka, and Pennsylvania Polka. I especially liked some of the songs because I can remember learning them in the third grade. A few of the songs were Long, Long ago, and Over the River and Through the Woods. Those songs brought back good memories of singing in class. I think that is why we love hearing old songs, because we get to reminisce about good ole times. It's a great way to connect with the past. It can remind you of a time when things were simpler, and life was less hectic.



After our Jam Band, Joseph Martin was first to play for us. He played I have but one heart and Inamorata. Joseph has a very beautiful playing style. We enjoy listening to you, Joseph.



Next, Rudy Pivk, played for us. Rudy, we love listening to the sounds and interesting rhythmic beats you grew up with. Listening to music can help us all connect with our heritage and can feel closer to our ancestors and culture.

Ed Massolo was our third volunteer guest to play for us. He played Beautiful Days Waltz, which was dedicated to Rudy, Le Gamin de Paris, and Chitarra Romana. Thank you, Ed... we love to hear you play! You should be as proud of yourself as we are of you! You do such a fine job!



## Sunday Seven Band



Our Featured Performers for today was the Sunday Seven Band. Members of the band present were Bill Likens, Birgit Calhoun on recorder, Bob Stanfield, Scott Barta on guitar, Vic Corsiglia, and Barbara Corsiglia on bass. We had a wonderful time humming along with the many songs they worked hard on and played for us.

Some of the highlights were a duet played by longtime members of our club, Vic and Barbara Corsiglia. They played a beautiful Tango, Jalousie. Scott Barta sang the verses of "Jack Was Every Inch a Sailor" and the band members joined in with the refrain. The song is a Canadian fisherman's version of the Bible story Jonah and the whale. Another longtime SVAS member, Bill Likens, played a solo called This is Halloween. This is his go to song when someone asks him to play a Halloween song. And yet even another longtime SVAS member, Bob Stanfield played a solo called the Easy Winners by Scott Joplin. All excellent song choices...thank you. Of course, we enjoyed all of the songs the band played. We loved the old familiar songs we can hum along to like Just Because, Side by Side, Have you Been Lonely, and Bouquet of Roses.

The band played a medley of songs where anybody who served our country stood up so that we can celebrate them while the band plays their individual Service song.

The band ended with a tribute to Veterans' Day, with Bob leading the audience singing "God Bless America", thank You Bob for including this in in the program.

Happy Veteran's Day and Thank you to all who served our country.

Colette Ogata



Georgia Sutherland found the following on the KQED website

# 'Culture Cures': Accordion Classes for Half Moon Bay Farmworkers Offer Healing Through Music

Blanca Torres

Nov 9



Pedro Romero Pérez plays the accordion before a group practice session at Cabrillo Farms in Half Moon Bay on Nov. 1, 2023. Ayudando Latinos A Soñar, known as ALAS, started a music therapy program that teaches farmworkers to play the accordion as a way to address the trauma from a workplace mass shooting last January that left seven people in the Half Moon Bay farmworker community dead. *(Beth LaBerge/KQED)*

Here's the link if you would like to read the complete story

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11966741/culture-cures-accordion-classes-for-half-moon-bay-farmworkers-offer-healing-through-music>

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