

Newsletter of the
Silicon Valley Accordion Society

October 2023

SVAS Next Meeting: Sunday November 5, 2023
At Christ Episcopal Church
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
Program begins at 1:30PM
Doors open 1:00PM

Featured Performer
Sunday Seven Band



"Bill Likens missing from photo"

The Sunday Seven band was formed 15 years ago and has enjoyed playing all over the South Bay Area. There are currently four accordion players -Bob Stanfield, Vic Corsiglia, Tseli Wu, and Bill Likens plus Barbara Corsiglia on bass, Birgit Calhoun on recorder, and Scott Barta on both guitar and bass. The group plays at Los Altos First Fridays each month, plus at downtown special events such as the Los Altos Beer Stroll, the Wine Walk, and the Bubbly (champagne) walk, in addition to playing at retirement homes and senior centers. The group has fun playing music and plays a variety of music including waltzes, polkas, sing-alongs, oldies, plus German, Norwegian, Italian, country western, and holiday tunes. They are looking forward to playing at the November meeting of Silicon Valley Accordion Society.

Hello Accordion Friends -

Did you know music could improve your mood? It could also be helpful for pain management and help improve your memory. Music could help us remember good times from the past, aka, nostalgia. With that said, I want to say we had a wonderful Sunday with the Jam Band and Volunteers! It was intimate, so very relaxed, and we all had a fun time with interesting accordion stories from the past with beautiful music. Thank you to our very talented members who played for us! We sure enjoy each and every one of you, your unique musical styles and talent. Keep practicing and let's keep the music going!

Thank you,
Colette Ogata, President

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Raffle Winners



Players



Don Savant played "Blue Moon" and "Cruising Down the River" on his narrow key Giulietti. Don shared the adventures that he shared with this accordion. One of Don's hobbies is hiking. Over the years this man has traveled down the Grand Canyon 11 times. Check youtube and view a short video to see Don playing for other rafters dancing in the sand. No, The accordion did not get wet?



When Bill Likens played the schottische, "Balén i Karlstadt" it brought back fond memories for Don as he played this at a Cub Scout meeting in 1948.



Ed Massolo entertained us for about a half hour. As soon as Ed finished one song, we asked for another and he had no problem obliging us. He proved that his fingers are still nimble playing, "El Rio Drive Polka." We enjoyed some Italian songs, "Anima e Cuore", "Mal Femina", and "La Vie en Rose." Ed played "Penthouse Serenade", "Fascination", "Melody of Love", and more as we requested. Ed's Excelsior was purchased in 1956 and has the numbers 00001 engraved on the back. It has such a beautiful sound and is Numero Uno!



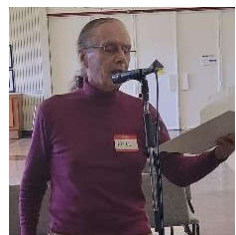
Bill Tapogna treated us to "You Can't Be True Dear", "Funiculi, Funicula", and "Sheboygan Polka", as only Bill can play it. Bill played Ed's accordion with as much ease as he plays one of his own.

With such a small group it allowed each performer to tell us some personal things about their music.




Bill Likens is our expert on music from across the seas. First, we heard a spirited version of "Hey Mann Polka." Bill has great strength and really gets all that is available from his bellows. Here is an unusual gig for an accordionist. Bill was asked to play for a baby shower where ninety women attended. There were many Croatians. Naturally Bill learned Croatian music and played "Marijana", a soft and caring piece. He also played, "Lijpa Li Si," a catchy Croatian tune. For sure these women were delighted. Bill also played "Da Lounge Bar" a tune written in Scottish style by a woman visiting the Shetlands from Sweden. It definitely sounded Scottish. Bill finished with a Swedish tune, "Alen I Karlstadt." This song was Don Savant's favorite!!!

Jam Session



The latter part of our program was a Jam Session lead by Bob Stanfield. **THANKS BOB!** The Jammers were Ed Massolo, Don Savant, Shirley Lee, Bill Likens, Marcia Coullahan, Bob Stanfield, and Colette Ogata. Shirley Lee was visiting from San Francisco. Paul Ingraham, a member of the church choir joined us in song. He has a pleasing voice. We hope Shirley and her husband, Andy will join us again and you too Paul.



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