

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

June 2012

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:
July 1, 2012 at Harry's Hofbrau**



Jana Maas

Being Italian, at age 6, Jana began a life of servitude to a 30 pound inanimate object destined to curve her spine and dominate her evenings and weekends. She started accordion lessons. Her mother, Nella, was her biggest, and in the beginning, only fan. Mom encouraging her to practice daily with the persuasive power of a fly swatter. Soon she realized that the accordion could get her out of her daily chores uttering a simple phrase, "I have to practice." As a child she learned quickly and played for every talent show, Grange meeting, social, rest home and parade in and around the small community of Escalon, California.

Sixteen years later she graduated from CSU, Stanislaus with a degree in Accordion performance; earning her teaching credential a year later. She met her soon-to-be husband the same year while playing in a pit orchestra. Jana's daughter, Alyssa, has inherited the music gene and is currently a choral music teacher with the Clovis school district.

Life was typical for Jana, career, kids, marriage...wait, marriage, then kids and the occasional gig. She continued playing as a solo act for years until she attended the Cotati Accordion Festival and connected with other accordionist from her community. They soon met and formed the very successful "Good Time Accordion Club" winner of the outstanding club award from the Las Vegas convention in 2003. Meetings average over 120 regulars. Jana is co-founder and has served as president for the past 13 years.

Jana has gained international recognition not only through her club but also through her remarkable skill and engaging personality. She has several original compositions and arrangements, one of which is included in Stas Venglevski's latest album.

Jana enjoys playing a mix of various styles, tango, waltzes, polkas, old standards, show tunes, ethnic. She likes anything that's pretty.

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Ken Caple , President



Thank you all for coming. We had a near record turn out this month. We were fortunate to have two fantastic Feature Player Events. This has not happened as I can remember it in the past. We were lucky that Louis got his accordion repaired in time for the meeting and we could still get him into the program. Of course the Aurora Mandolin Ensemble is a very special group and we always enjoy their performances. It has been a couple of years since we saw them at our meeting. Thank you Louis and Jo for all this great entertainment.

More Thank You's: Bill Topagna has been a great Master of Ceremonies and Event Planner. Thank you for all your help hauling our electronics and keeping us focused on our schedules.

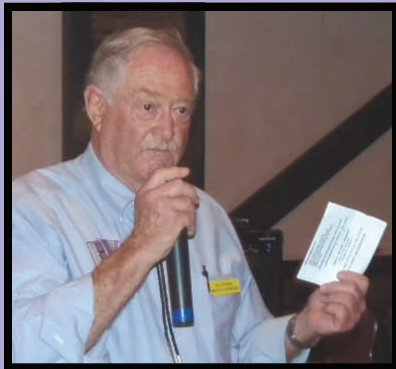
Sue Douglas spends a lot of time and effort writing the minutes for our meetings. Thanks Sue for the time and effort.

Victor Kolesnichenko gives us photo coverage at the the meetings as well as maintains our website. Thank You ,Victor ,for a job well done

John Brane and his nephew Scott have diligently set up the room for our meeting every month. This is no small feat. They arrive an hour or two early to do this. John as Vice President also has scheduled most of our featured players. Thank You, John & Scott.

A Thank you to our other Board Members for their hard and dedicated work: Bob Stanfield, Treasurer, Ivan Klitgaard for coordinating the First Half Players and Managing the San Jose Italian Festival for SVAS, Dick Siudzynski for Sales and Marketing of our raffle tickets , Art Maggio for manning the front desk, enlisting new members and badging our guests.

All in all your Board of Directors is out there working for you, its membership , to present an afternoon of great entertainment.



Bill Tapogna,
Master of Ceremonies



Sue Douglas
SVAS Reporter

President, Ken Caple's Happy Days Band warmed us up with El Rio Drive Polka , Happy Wanderer by Friedrich-Wilhelm Moller, Blue Skirt Waltz by Mitchell Parish and Vaclav Blaha, Too Fat Polka and many other tunes. They played for 45 minutes as a well-coordinated group. They make the "settle-in time" so pleasing.

William

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ACCORDION REPAIR SHOP

President, Ken Caple said he was sorry he couldn't be at the May picnic, but he did remind us that SVAS would most likely participate in the Italian Festival this year. And M.C. Bill Tapogna, was pleased to remind us that Glenn McClelland was our very first SVAS president, and Bill had Glenn stood up so we could all recognize him. We clapped in appreciation.



Bill also reminded us that vice-president, John Brane, sets up our featured performers.

Then Bill introduced our first featured player, Louis Rodriguez,



Later Louis was asked by accordionist, George Chavez, if he would be willing to educate us regarding the intricacy of his Hohner Gola Concert accordion. The treble side has 44 keys! Louis explained, in great detail, much about the accordion and he gave some amusing history regarding the music he played. Some in the audience chuckled at his comments. Also, we were pleased to have his family members join us and enjoy hearing Louis entertain us.



Raffle-time, and Braulio won half the pot, \$65.00, Evelyn won \$20 Gift Certificate from Harrys Hofbrau, Max won the Louis Rodriguez CD and Jo Pellegrini won a music CD.



Louis Rodriguez



Braulio Escoto



Evelyn Koenig



Max Tarmann



Jo Pellegrini

Please invite your friends to join our SVAS Musical Event
The more the Merrier
We all love music, especially Accordion Music

Welcome New Members: Sam and Rosemary Miceli

Our second featured players was an Ensemble of The **Aurora Mandolin Orchestra**, directed by very friendly and humorous Josephine Pellegrini. The musicians were Hideo Kamimoto on the Bass, Tom Romero on the guitar, Don Nurisso on the accordion and Francisca Wentworth on the flute. On the mandolins were Satoshi Mukaida, Iona Ali, Janice Fournier, Rich Rava and Randy Hudson. On the mandola were Matt Vuksinich and Lincoln Smith and Director, Jo Pellegrini, was on the first mandolin.



Very melodically they played several pieces unique to us, the first of which was Vecchia Spagna, composed by Gino Pellegrini. Next they played Godfather Selections. Loca Tango was music by Guillermo Cavazza with words by Jacinto Font Conjunto. The South Pacific Medley brought back memories. So did Begin the Beguine, by Cole porter. When they played Wien, du Stadt meiner Traume, Jo had us sing the JA! JA! part and that was fun! They played Mala Femmena, by Renato Carosone, Chianti Lied by Gerhard Winkler and Oblivion by Astor Piazzolla. Their finale was Soul of Russia and we absolutely stood up and applauded!

Jo volunteered Lincoln (a great Tango dancer) to dance with someone in the audience. Immediately, everyone pointed at Gloria Tapogna who was innocently sitting in the sidelines trying to be ignored. It didn't happen, so as a good sport , she and Lincoln did a great job entertaining us all. Good going, Gloria!



COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: July 1 Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Sunday 7 Band2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions2:15-3:00pm First Half Program :Reno De Bono, Ernie Beran, Max Tarman3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Jana MaasAugust Feature - Marotta BandSeptemner Feature- Big LouOctober Feature- Steve & Mike Trucco Band

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♪ **Who's Playing???** ♪

William DeMichelis—Music with an accent, 408-375-0001, accordionist.sanjose@comcast.net

Reno di Bono plays the second Friday of each month at **Montavalle** in Scotts Valley, dancing to the **Blue Moon Trio**.

Joe Domitrowich/Alpiners: see www.alpinersusa.com or www.capricious-accordion.com or call 408-255-1259

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Local Festivals

Musicians from the Silicon Valley Accordion Society may be playing at the following festivals. Come out to join us .

1. COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL , Cotati, CA
2. ITALIAN FESTA, San Jose , CA
3. OKTOBERFEST in Downtown Campbell, CA

WHEN THE ACCORDION CLUBS IN THE BAY AREA MEET?

Accordion Club of the Redwoods (ACR) meets on the third Monday of the month. Herman & Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952. Contact: (707) 795-4060.

Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC) has three divisions:

1. **The Vacaville Club** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, Courtyard by Marriott, 120 Nut Tree Pky, Vacaville, CA 95687, Starting January 2012 , 707 451-9000 , Dinner available and the Bar is open.
2. **The Humboldt Club** meets on the third Tuesday, 7:00 PM., Humboldt Swiss Club, 5403 Tompkins Hill Road, Loleta, CA 95551.
3. **The Sacramento Club** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Rd., Rancho Cordova CA ,95742. Contact for all the GSAC: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359.

Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, Escalon Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave., Escalon, CA 95320. Contact Ed Sciarini (209) 545-3603.

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS) meets on the first Wednesday of the month 6:30 PM 6365 Douglas Blvd., Lutheran Church Social Hall, Granite Bay, CA 95746. Contact: Jerry Choate, President (530) 570-7318

San Francisco Accordion Club (SFAC) meets on the third Sunday of the month 2:00 PM . Oyster Point Yacht Club, 911 Marina Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080. Contact Lynn Ewing 650-453-3391.

Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS) meets on the first Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129. (between Kiely Blvd. and Stevens Creek Blvd. Contact: Bill Topogna (408) 984-5290.

Announcement

Annual Dues are due in June. Please send a check for \$ 25.00 to: SVAS, PO Box 1513 , Los Altos, CA 94023, for your membership renewal. You may also bring a check or cash to the next meeting.

Thank you for your support of our club and for helping to keep our club thriving with good music and entertainment, as well as encouraging all to practice their accordions and play for the club.

- Bob Stanfield

The Passion Play Contest

Will take place at our November Meeting. The Event is Booked at this time for Participants, however, if anyone is still interested in joining let me know and I will make a back up list incase of a cancellation. This will be a first for our Club. It should be fun off all.

Face Book

One of the first questions people ask me is how private is this public venue for communication. Obviously, this is not an easy question to answer. Since you are the person who sets the boundaries on information, it can be as private or as public as you like. Naturally, many people share much more than just personal information about what they're doing. Facebook users can control how much and how little through the various settings. You choose all of that when you establish a FACEBOOK account. You are in control. As long as you sustain your chosen level of privacy, you can share anything you want with your immediate family and friends, as well as new friends who choose to learn more about what you've been up to. This enables people to become better acquainted.

Again, you choose (select or invite) the 'friends' you want to have in your circle. It's as simple as that.

With that in mind, the Silicon Valley Accordion Society is a group identified on FACEBOOK. You can join this online discussion by 'friending' or 'liking' SVAS. Before you can join in on the fun and learn about club updates, interesting links to accordion news, you must first establish your own personal account under your own name. An account must have a name that reflects who you are and a password that you control. Once you've opened an account, you will be able to post news on the 'wall'. The 'wall' is shared information, announcements, and comments about events, people, or activities. You can read your 'friends' comments and they can read yours.

To make your Facebook account more complete, you may want to add photographs and videos (from your digital images that exist on your personal computer). You can also browse the Internet and if you see an accordion story that you feel club members should read, you can capture the web link and upload to your 'wall' (and to the SVAS wall as well). It's a shared wall where your friends intersect with the SVAS friends. Everyone can enjoy reading, seeing, and learning more about each other.

Why do 900 million use this social networking service? It's easy, it's fun, and in this busy world we live in, it enables more people to stay in touch over great distances as well. You can access the news on your mobile device, exchange messages and photos, including updates and notifications of your friends' changes. Additionally, when you join common-interest groups such as Silicon Valley Accordion Club, you are letting other people in your social circle learn more about the club. This builds camaraderie in the club and perhaps they will decide to join SVAS as a member. An active membership is what builds the club's future. This is a fun way to recruit new members with that ultimate goal in mind. We want them to benefit from being a member and share it with a wider circle of friends. At first, participation may only reflect a vicarious involvement but that's how many people get more engaged and ultimately, they will appreciate more by staying in touch even if they miss a club meeting.

As administrator of the Facebook account, I monitor the 'wall' and make sure everything is copasetic. If I find something inappropriate to the club's purpose, I am the only one allowed to remove it. If there are any problems or questions related to the Facebook page itself, please notify me by sending a message via Facebook. Private messages are sent quite easily at your own 'homepage'. If you have any questions about Facebook, please feel free to call any time: 707-765-1657 or you can email me at sfmignano@yahoo.com I'd be delighted to help you in any way that I can. Good Luck! I hope to see your posts, photographs, and much more on the SVAS wall! Sheri

The Jamboree Band will be playing at the August Meeting

Please contact Sue Douglas if you would like to join us in the pre-program play time beginning at 1:15 pm Aug 5. Sue will have the music for you to practice. Remember, everyone is welcome.

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