

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

February 2013

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:
March 3, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau**



Due Zighi Baci One tenor, one accordionist, hours of memorable music!

Specializing in French chanson, Italian and Neapolitan canzone, Two Little Gypsy Kisses works its charm and whisks you away to magical, far away places like the old dance halls of Paris or the music salons of Italy and Old Europe. This duo promises to transport you with their authentic, enchanting renditions of enduring European salon and cafe music dating back to the 1850s through the 1960's Pop-Italian and Pop-French songs. Whether it's Verdi, de Curtis, Bixio, Mudugno, Piaf, Breil, Aznavour or Trenet, you will fall in love with these timeless, sentimental, and artful arrangements true to the composers' intent. Due Zighi Baci adds its unique style and panache to every song.

Tenor Michael Van Why holds a B.A. in music from SSU where he studied Vocal Performance. He specializes in 20th century French chanson, Italian/Neapolitan canzone and German art song. He is frequently featured in leading musical theater roles in the bay area, but his true love is solo concert work. Michael has most recently been nominated for 2011 Sonoma County Artist Awards for Performing, Music and Literary Arts and is currently working on a recording of the American song book. He is the founder and executive director of Project Applause, a non-profit organization based in Sonoma County that provides vocal opportunities for emerging, classically trained singers to be help them gain experience. www.projectapplause.com

Sheri Mignano Crawford, learned to play accordion in "Goosetown" the Italian ghetto in San Jose. She went on to earn various college degrees, teaching humanities at the college level. Upon retirement, she published "Mandolins, Like Salami," a social history of 20th century Italian American mandolinists, and arranges dance music in the ballo

liscio style. Her mandolin ensemble can be heard Saturday mornings at Caffè Trieste, North Beach. Her dance band Zighi Baci has appeared on the Cotati stage. *Due Zighi Baci, pronounced DEW-a ZIG-gee BOTCH-ee, is Italian dialect and means Two Little Gypsy Kisses. zighi@sonic.net

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Ken Caple, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -

The super bowl didn't shut us down. We had a good turnout and some outstanding music for our programs. We had a day of three bands performing lots of beautiful music.

As Sue was out for the day Bill covered for her in the write up and was a multi-tasking performer as well. Art was out ill so we all covered for him. All told it was a great day of accordion music. Rudy Pivk gave up a day of football to be with us. We appreciate all of the attendance and hope to see everyone next month when things settle down a little.

Next month I'm looking forward to our own Sheri and Michael playing and singing for us. Due Zighi Baci—one great accordionist and a singer of outstanding talents.



Ken Caple

Hubert Kallabis

William DeMichelis, Dick Siudzinski

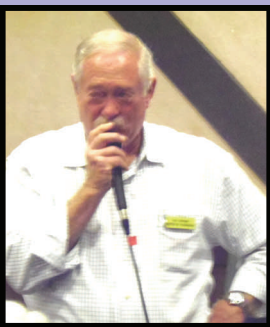
Happy Days Band

Hi, Folks! Well, Sue Douglas, who does such a terrific job of writing up the SVAS monthly programs, was unable to attend the February meeting. Our President Ken has therefore subjected you to MY write-up, so be patient and forgiving, Please!

February 3, 2013 saw an enthusiastic, if somewhat smaller-than-usual crowd in attendance (something to do with some sort of athletic event, I'm told!) And those who were not in attendance missed a "Really Big Show"!

President Ken's "Happy Days Band" entertained during the "Pre-Program" portion of the meeting, and they started things off with a "Bang!" His group consisted of **Ken, Hubert Kallabis, Dick Siudzinski and William DeMichelis**. We were treated to 45 minutes of really enjoyable accordion-band music, featuring such tunes as French Musette with Tutti Mi Chiamano Bionde as a chaser. Then the somber Il Sirio, That's Amore and the German tune Isabella und Mariechen Waltz among others.

Ivan Klitgaard set up the first half of the program, beginning with **Michael Sanossian**, who entertained us with his beautiful 1950-vintage Dallape accordion. Mike played several tunes, some of which were familiar, and others which might have been new to some folks, such as "Ojo Salvado" ("Restored Eyesight") and "Roses from Marrakesh". **Many thanks, Mike, for a great job!**



Bill Tapogna,
Master of Ceremonies



Ivan Klitgaard



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Next up was **Bob Stanfield's** group "**Sunday Seven**", which was a lot bigger than the regular 7 members! The group consisted of **Bob, Vic & Barbara Corsiglia, (who plays bass guitar), Scotty Williamson, Scott Stanfield, on percussion, Gloria (who plays the Recorder) & Bill Tapogna, Dick Siudzinski** (he really gets around, doesn't he?!), and for this special occasion Bob's group featured two guest performers: **Lyle Gillison on Sax and Clarinet, and Don Brayton on Tuba (and vocals!)**. WOW! what a group!! They played a real "mix" of tunes including waltzes, polkas and "Old-Time" favorites--with "Jalisco" tossed into the mix for additional spice! The crowd really enjoyed this, and our guests Lyle and Don really added a whole new dimension to the Sunday-7 routine. Several members of the audience remarked that this group sounded like a "New Orleans" band!

Thanks for joining us, Lyle and Don, and thanks to all the members of "Sunday-7" for the great entertainment!



Sunday Seven Band : L-R

Scott Stanfield, Barbara Corsiglia, Don Brayton, Scott Williamson, Vic Corsiglia, Gloria Tapogna, Lyle Gillison, Dick Siudzinski, Bill Tapogna, Bob Stanfield

Then came the Intermission, followed by the raffle. Three folks got lucky and won some neat prizes! And then, it was off to the "Featured Performer(s)" hour.

Happy Birthday greetings went to Carmella Gullo, Braulio Escoto, Ivan Klitgaard, Bill Tapogna (and a couple of other folks whose names I did not get--my apologies!).

Our sincere thanks to all the entertainers and to those of you who joined us for this most entertaining program. Our featured players were members of the Ron Borelli Band which has a write up on page 7. That's All, Folks!

Bill Tapogna --VP/MC

New Members:



Bob & Rose CD winner



Bob & Barbara Hofbrau Meal Ticket Winner



Bob & John CD Winner



COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: March 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 : Jamboree Band, Norma Parsons, Louis Rodriguez.3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Due Zighi BaciApril -May—Picnic Frank La Ducca

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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

Mike Zampiceni - Accordionist 408 734-1565

AbsolutAccord: Schedule Concerts with Norma Parsons (408) 246-3073, www.absolutaccord.com

Sunday 7 : Schedule Concerts with Bob Stanfield (650) 888-3701

Happy Days Band: Schedule Concerts with Ken Caple (408) 892-2760

Due Zighi Baci— Schedule Performances with Sheri Mignano @ sfmignano@yahoo.com

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 Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, Pietro's N.2, 679 Merchant St, Vacaville, CA 95687, Starting July 12, 2012, Except for June and December.
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) 345-2031

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.



Ron Borelli

We were most fortunate to welcome back **Ron Borelli**, who has entertained for us on previous occasions, much to our delight. Ron plays a Beautiful "Giuletti" accordion, and is a well-known Jazz accordionist. THIS time he brought his group with him, and what a great group it is! **Olaf Schiapacasse on drums, Marc Schwartz on guitar, and Mandy Flowers on bass** (as in "Stand-up"/"Dog-house" bass!)

Mandy told me that her instrument was hand-made in Germany in 1925, and features a hand-carved neck piece, and 3-gut-string/3-steel string set-up. All three of these folks are obviously experienced professionals, and did a GREAT job of "backing-up" Ron. They played for well over an hour, and included a wide variety of tunes, including "Mercado Bossa Nova" (featuring Marc on the guitar), "Song of Love", (which Ron invited **Mike Zampiceni** to join in the vocals), "All of Me", "Under Paris Skies" and many other most enjoyable tunes. They closed with a super rendition of "Dark Eyes".

MANY THANKS RON, OLAF, MARC AND MANDI!! We really enjoyed your performance!

Important Notice

Silicon Valley Accordion Society meets the first Sunday of the month with few exceptions. We do have an exception coming up that I would like everyone to know about well in advance. The First Sunday of September is the Labor Day holiday. This is that last big long weekend of the summer season for people to get out or take off so we are changing our meeting to the 8th of Sept.

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS

The **Ron Borelli Band**



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