

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

July 2014

SVAS NEXT MEETING:
August 3, 2014 at Harry's Hofbrau



The Peter Di Bono Duo has been serenading Bay Area audiences for over 25 years. Venues range from an elegant wedding on Nob Hill, to a forest picnic in Carmel Valley. The music covers a very wide spectrum from Broadway to Bach, and back. The trio was selected to perform at the gala dinner celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the introduction of the song, "I Left My heart In San Francisco". The performance took place in The Venetian Room of The Fairmont Hotel where Tony Bennet, who was in attendance, introduced the iconic piece 50 years before.

Violinist, Harriet Newhart is equally comfortable playing Mozart, Mancini, or marches. Classically trained on piano and violin at The San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Harriet brings such warm vitality to her music that she has been a favorite of San Francisco audiences and musicians for her entire career. Harriet and her husband, Byrne, also a violinist, are the principals of San Francisco's Starlite Strings, which provides classical and strolling violin ensembles for weddings, corporate events, and private parties in the San Francisco Bay Area and Wine Country.

Peter Di Bono has played nearly every type of music, and in every setting imaginable. Performances include musical theater and guest soloist with Bay Area symphony orchestras. A winner of many musical competitions, Peter won the then version of America's Got Talent while in high school as well as The Bank Of America Award for music. His many musical styles include classical, jazz, Italian, French, German – "You name it, I do it!". Peter has an active teaching practice with over 20 students, and is on faculty with The Community Music Center in San Francisco. Peter retired from The San Francisco Police Department as an Inspector, specializing in narcotic drug enforcement. He holds a Juris Doctorate degree. A native, Peter still resides in San Francisco with his wife, Victoria. He has four children, and two grandsons.

Peter will not have his bass man with him this time due to a prior commitment.

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Ken Caple,
President

July is the middle summer already. We all have to run to keep up with the clock. I missed the meeting this month having gone back to Wisconsin to my brothers 50th wedding anniversary. Wisconsin being Americas Dairyland is also "Accordion Country." Two of your Board Members are from there. Myself and Dick Siudzinski are Cheeseheads.

Speaking of Board Members, they all decided to get together at my house for a barbecue. At the end of June my wife Sharon and I played host to the accordionization of our neighborhood. Board members past and present were there and our Reporters as well, it went well. Nobody shut us down or sent us to jail.



Dick , Marcia & Pam



Bob & Bill



Pam & Norma



Bill Tapogna
Master of Ceremonies



Art Sue & husband Dick

Summers are for garden parties. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and get out to be active.

Last month I eluded to making some changes to the Club meetings. These are some of the details. We will be implementing these changes as soon as we can. First of all we will be moving our band concerts into the First half of the program. Our bands have

developed nicely over the years and should be playing in front of a larger audience beginning about 2:00 after the Pre-program period. The Preprogram will be primarily "Open Play". The Open Play was suggested by Ivan months ago and the months that we tried it was very successful, we feel more individual players will participate and bring in their accordions. Who ever brings in their accordion from 1:00 to 1:50 pm will be able to play. We will divide the time by the number of players participating. I encourage musicians of all skill levels to participate. Please check the newsletter to determine if Open Play is scheduled for the month you plan to participate.

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July Holiday. I'll see everyone in August.

Ken Caple



Marcia Coullahan
SVAS
Reporter

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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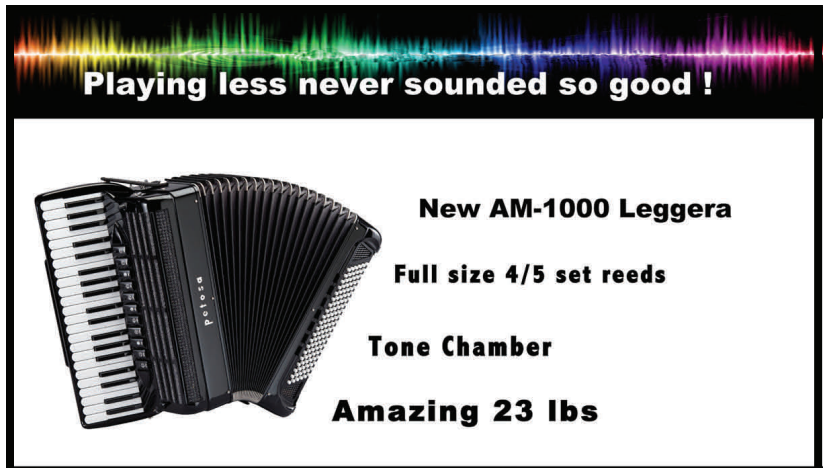
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Cotati Accordion Festival
August 17 & 18, 2014



Dick Siudzinski



Rudy Pivk



Bob Stanfield

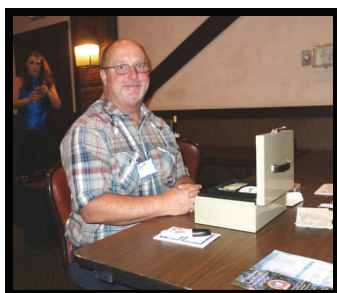
Bill Tapogna

We had a well rounded program of music starting with Dick Siudzinski, playing “Up the Lazy River”, some patriotic songs for the July 4th weekend, and “Side by Side”. Dick has an easy listening style that is very enjoyable. He has hundreds and hundreds of tunes in his head and seems to get them to his fingertips with ease.

Don Savant played “When Sunny Gets Blue” from Showboat and “Old Man River”. Don’s soft jazz style makes for instant relaxation mode.

Rudy Pivk was persuaded to borrow an accordion from Bill and entertain us with his unique rendition of “Those Were the Days”, “Granada” and another number. Rudy shared his desire to play music that makes people feel happy. It would be impossible not to feel happy after hearing his performance.

As we all know, Bob Stanfield is a true Scott Joplin fan. His first number was "The Strenuous Life" followed by “Flight of the Angels”. Bill Tapogna joined Bob and they played “La Campagnola,” “Edelweiss” and their signature song, “Just Because” which always brings on the applause.



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 Orchestras and Workshops.



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Drawing winners Sue Douglas won \$50, Margy Brown won \$20 gift to Harry's Hofbrau, Caroline Escoto won a Gordon Cole CD, William DeMichelis won a bottle of wine, John Mendez won a Absolut Accord CD, and Marty Murphy won a Cantones CD.

Chi Ling Wu and his mother Sufen Wu were introduced. Chi Ling plays 7 instruments and will play his Hammered Dulcimer for us at a future performance.



Marcia Coullahan accompanied by her teacher, Norma Zonay-Parsons played a French Musette, "Hello! Ma Baby, Anytime" and "Pennsylvania Polka". A few glitches, but they enjoy each other's company so they will continue to persist until Marcia swallows her butterflies.



Norma dedicated Hank Williams' "Your Cheatin' Heart" to Bill T. who always wears a cowboy hat even if you can't see it. Norma finished with her relaxed version of the French waltz, "Domino." Very enjoyable!



Kate Froeberg is a new member of SVAS. and a welcomed addition. She is an accomplished accordionist. It was a pleasure to hear her play her Excelsor with such great depth. She played four numbers that she will play in competition at the A.T.G. Accordion Teacher Guild. She played two tangos, one being "Jealousy". Nice right hand vibrato and slides with ease. Kate also played "Three Coins in a Fountain" slipping a little jazz in the middle. Good luck at A.T.G. and enjoy the orchestra and workshops!

24th annual

Cotati Accordion Festival Aug. 16 & 17 2014

See artists now confirmed for 2014

Russians, Brazilians, Chinese, USA
Some new faces and a lot of favorites

Santa Rosalia Fishermen's Festival

September, weekend after Labor Day, the St. Rosalia is the patron saint of Palermo and Sicillian Americans living in Monterey, CA observe a two day festival in her honor in hope she will protect the fishermen at sea. The festival includes fireworks, parades, water events, contests and colorful fishing net decorations in downtown

COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: August 3, Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Happy Days Band2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : Ivan Klitgaard, Louis Rodriguez3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Peter Di Bono EnsembleSeptember— Frank Lima & Jana Maas & Marian KellyOctober—Richard NoelNovember—Mike Marotta Band

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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:

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.



Our Main performers were **Larry Denier, Richard Denier, and Dave Dally.**

They played several Swiss numbers with just a few pronounceable names if you do not speak Swiss. Every song was delightful. Richard and Larry played duet, each having their own part and you could hear the years of practicing together. Dave who we have heard before played violin and C coronet. All three are excellent players. Dave has great body language expressing the music. Besides playing Swiss which we all loved, they played Latin, French, Austrian, and Italian. Oh yes, American too! Lots of short stories about their musical happenings. Everything from getting out of real work by practicing to sharing the camera playing for 25,000 with prize cows. They are a pleasure to hear. Larry can be found in Santa Barbara, Richard and Dave play Thursday evening at Lugano Swiss Bistro in The Barnyard Plaza in Carmel.

[Dues are Due \(by July 1, 2014\)](#)

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Thank you for supporting each other, our featured accordion players, accordion music and your club. Your membership check will carry your membership through June 30th 2015. As always, you may come to our meetings each month without receiving the newsletter, but you won't know who is playing that month, and the most recent program write-ups. Thanks for being a part of our Silicon Valley Accordion Society.

Bob Stanfield, Membership Chair & Treasurer.

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