

**NEWSLETTER OF THE**

# **Silicon Valley Accordion Society**

**May 2014**

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:  
June 1, 2014 at Harry's Hofbrau**

## **Rene Sevieri**

Meet Rene Sevieri. Rene started taking accordion lessons in 1963 at the young age of 8 from Michele Corino at North Beach Music in San Francisco. His singing and accordion playing are deeply rooted in his Italian heritage, but his music repertoire has been influenced by many bands and styles over the years. He has been entertaining professionally around California and Nevada since the age of twelve. Rene recently played for an olive harvest in the Carmel Valley for 7 1/2 hrs. straight, with-out taking a break and never repeated a song.

See Rene on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sevieri55>



## **Boogie on the Bayou**

Three SVAS Accordion Bands will be playing for two days in Downtown Campbell May 17 & 18th , 2014. Beginning at 10:00 on the corner of First & Campbell Ave. Come and listen to Cajun music and watch your club in action. A crowd of 20,000 - 30,000 are stopping by to have alligator, jambalya and lots of beer. Join in the Fun.

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[Watch our Videos on: youtube](#)**



Ken Caple,  
President



Bill Tapogna  
Master of Ceremonies

Dear Members, Thank you all for the great participation at our annual picnic event. I heard many good comments about the food and music. We had such a good time that we used up all of our time in the room and finally evacuated about 5:00.

I wish to thank Bob Stanfield for his efforts in procuring the food and also coordinating the players with Barbara's absence. We started with a nice list of signed up players and then just about as many signed up during the event. Everyone had a chance to play and a good time was had by all.

I want to thank Bill for bringing the sound equipment and setting it up. Scott was not available for this event.

It was good to see Ivan back and for him to play for us. He has gone missing now for several months. I was happy to see Doris Sprugasci who is just recovering from the loss of her husband. Pam Kawashima has to be given a hand for playing in front of our crowd for the first time and she did very well in the limelight. Our New member Kate Cameron Froeberg was a special treat. We all appreciated how accomplished she played.

To end the event I wish to thank William De Michelis who delighted us all with his beautiful music up to and past the end of our time.

Ken Caple



Marybarbara Zorio  
SVAS Reporter

There's nothing like the SVAS's annual indoor picnic at Harry's Hofbrau to capture your sense of adventure, and add a flair to an afternoon of delicious food, music and conversation. As this reporter overheard from a satisfied picnic-goer, "It never rains on the SVAS Picnic!"

It was a perfect afternoon and a perfect way to celebrate our beloved accordions and the musicians who play them.

As soon as we parked our car, we gravitated directly to the joyous sounds of William De Michelis's brand new 17 lb. white and red Roland. Bellissimo, William! The gathered crowd of approximately 75 devotees was in for a solid succession of treats, both visual and musical, interspersed with a full buffet of coldcuts, salads and desserts. Who needs fried-chicken anyway?



William De Michelis



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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**Cotati Accordion Festival**  
**August 17 & 18, 2014**





Dennis Judd  
Scott Williamson



Sue Douglas



Garland Cheatham



Ivan Klitgaard  
Ron Harris



Dennis Judd kicked off the afternoon with a patriotic medley followed by Sue Douglas welcoming us with “California Here I Come” accompanied by Scott Stanfield. Garland Cheatham took us to that “Little Grass Shack” in Hawaii and Ivan Klitgaard treated us to “Party Time”. Ron Harris played a jazz medley and Scott Williamson had us clapping to “When the Saints Come Marching In”. Kate Froeberg, in her premier performance with SVAS dazzled us with the intricacies of “The Grand Canyon Suite” and Don Savant had us reaching for our hankies with “A Little Fall of Rain” from Les Miserables. “The Anniversary Waltz”, always a favorite, was played by Michael Sonnosian. Pam Kawashima, our very own webmaster, made her debut performance with “Fascination”. Pam was accompanied by her teacher, the amazingly talented, Norma Zonay-Parsons. Our president, Ken Caple, showed off the many sound possibilities of his new instrument that he incorporated into his interpretation of “Amazing Grace.”



Kate Froeberg  
Michael Sanossian



Don Savant  
Mary Ray



Norma Zonay Parsons Pam Kawashima



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