

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

September, 2013

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:
October 6 , 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau**



LOUIS RODRIGUEZ

Chilean-born Louis M. Rodríguez began studying accordion when he was seven years old. In 1958, Rodríguez, by then was the best classical accordionist in Chile, received a four-year scholarship from the Hohner Conservatory in Trossingen, Germany. He studied with Frau Lydia Braun-Krieg, co-author of the Krieg accordion method of sound development and bellows technique.

He graduated first as an accordion teacher and, a year later in 1961 as a concert accordion soloist. Back in Chile, he began a career as an accordion teacher and performer. He also taught music theory and analysis to public school music teachers. In 1966, he offered the first classical accordion recital in the country's history, playing a program of original compositions for the instrument. His instrument is a HOHNER Gola concert accordion N° 459, built by master craftsman Giovanni Gola in 1968.

Visit us at OKTOBERFEST in downtown Campbell, CA Oct 19 & 20, 2013

Alpiners,USA with Joe Domitrowich

The Silicon Valley Accordion Society Bands



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Ken Caple, President

September is the beginning of Oktoberfest celebrations. Our accordionists will be a busy lot. Over the years there are fewer accordionists to go around. The club members get requests to play for parties all over northern California. This year we had a request from as far away as Sacramento.

We had a taste of Oktoberfest with this meeting. It was a great meeting with some surprises that occurred at the last minute. We were blessed with a phone call from Joe Domitrowich who volunteered to play with Margo Turrell as his vocalist. What a beautiful duet they make with Joe's excellent music and Margo's yodeling voice.

Also a real treat was Roberto Rosa. He is a fantastic entertainer on the accordion and received more than one standing ovation. Roberto, thank you for entertaining us all.

Over all our meeting was very lively and enjoyable.

I would like to remind everyone that SVAS will be playing in downtown Campbell for two full Oktoberfest days on Oct 19 & 20. Come to hear us play and enjoy some good German food and beer.

I wish to thank all of our entertainers for playing at the meeting for us all from the Pre-program through to the Featured Player. I also wish to thank the Board Members who are instrumental in putting this show on.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in the club activities and volunteering their time to help out in activities such as this newsletter, the picnic, or being a board member, please contact me.



Paul Powers & Joe Domitrowich

Paul Powers started off our program playing his beautiful Giulietti accordion. He played several songs ending with It's a Small World. Good job Paul we hope to see you back again soon.

Following Paul was **Marcia Coullahan**. We had Marcias' biography in the last newsletter. Marcia plays piano also. She has been taking accordion lessons from Norma. She is developing more confidence playing in front of a crowd and sounded very good. Second Hand Rose was her finale. Keep up the good work Marcia.

Dick Suidzinski was our third player. He is an excellent accordionist and has forgotten more than I know. He has developed his playing skills over many years of playing in bands and for his personal pleasure. He also plays with the Happy Days Band and the Sunday Seven Band. Dick can play most songs out of his minds library which is enviable. A couple of old time favorites he played were Good Old Summertime and the Too Fat Polka.

Don Savant was our fourth player. Don is an accomplished accordionist and enjoys playing not only the old standards but popular tunes as well. Don played four songs ending with Roman Guitar and That's All. Very good job Don.



Dick Suidzinski



Marcia Coullahan



Don Savant

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The First Half of our program was started with **Alpiners USA's Joe Domitrowich and Margo Turrell**. They played a selection of music from their upcoming Oktoberfest Performances. Of course as expected they sounded absolutely fantastic. I told them they were my "Dream Team" when it comes to Alpine music and Margo's yodeling is always a knockout.

The songs they play mostly, German and Austrian. Ein Prosit was the starter with the audience chiming in at the end with "Ein, Zwei, Drei—Suffa" This is a traditional beer drinking song. They played My heart is in Oakland which was humorous and Margo ended her singing and yodeling with Heidi.

Joe left us a schedule of their performances for this Oktoberfest season. He would like to have our club members visit them at his play venues. As you may know, Alpiners,USA is the featured Band at Campbell's Oktoberfest in downtown Campbell on Oct 19 & 20. They will again be on the East Stage at the end of Campbell Avenue. Joe and Margo are both members of our Club. Margo is also President of the Accordion Club in the Rogue River area of Oregon.



Next on the agenda were the **Three B'G's: Bill Tapogna, Garland Cheatham and Gloria Tapogna**.

Their first piece was "Alley Cat" with a bit of meowing and with the accordions segmented through out the piece. It was a fun song for everyone.

The group played many nostalgia songs including but not limited to: Crusing down the River, Say Good bye to Broadway, Pennies from Heaven, Peg o my Heart, Love Me Tender, My Happiness , San Antonio Rose, Red Sails in the Sunset, etc.

I am sure they had fun practicing for this. Placing their sharps, flats and meows in the right place.



Our MC **Bill Tapogna** wished Lynn Ewing a Happy Birthday. Lynn is also the President of the San Francisco Club.

Bill introduced Newcomers to our meeting from lands beyond. Our first guest was Shea from Thailand and then May who recently moved here from New Jersey. May is also an accordionist and it is our hope we can get her to play for us at some time.

Bill thanked those who brought in goodies for our consumption. It is always nice to have treats for our break time.

We recessed for break and our lottery at this time.

A Note from The Board of Directors

At the Board of Directors meeting on Sept 12 we discussed changing our Pre-Program format. In the past our members were asked to play and then they were scheduled to play in the first part of our meeting from 1:15 to 2:00 pm every fourth month. We will now try a new approach. We will have an "OPEN PLAY" for anyone who wishes to play and brings their accordion. A sign up list will be on the front table so we know who is available to play. Our first Open Play Preprogram will be on Sunday , January 5, 2014 at 1:15 pm. Continued to page 7



Bob and Betty Lou Wille



Bernie Coullahan and Bob



Bob with Lynn Ewing and Norma Parsons

Bob Stanfield and Norma—Zonay Parsons conducted our drawing. Mary Lou won the Cash, Bernie won the Hofbrau gift and Lynn Ewing won the Roberto Rosa CD.

Roberto Rosa

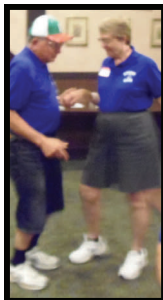


Roberto Rosa, from the Sacramento Area, brought his Imperial “H” model accordion and a lot of customized electronics to entertain us all. Roberto has been playing most of his life and has become an expert not only in developing his playing skills but how to blend the notes and add passion to his music. He also had total control over the many instruments his accordion is equipped with. He had a five position foot switch to control the rhythm section and a volume foot pedal. Roberto mentioned that many people listening to him play think that he is playing with pre-recorded music, however, he noted that all is original and live, there are no sections pre-recorded and blended.

Roberto appears to play “light fingered” with speed and precision but the sound came through as completely and accurately and expected. In all it was an amazing performance with multiple “standing ovations” This was a performance not to have been missed by anyone who may doubt the versatility of this instrument.

His music selection was a wide variety of nostalgia tunes to international. He mentioned that he plays at an Italian Restaurant in the Sacramento area every Friday and Saturday night. He also has several CD’s available for sale.

Roberto had more people on the dance floor than we have had in a long time. Thank You Roberto for such a memorable Performance.



RENO DiBONO is having another accordion class in November. Contact him to join up.

Go to **FACEBOOK** to make comments and upload your photos . **If you are a facebook user, logon and do a search on Silicon Valley Accordion Society, and become a member. We have news, photos and videos posted.**

COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: October 6 Meeting Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Sunday Seven Band

2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions

2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : Richard Schiller, Ed Massolo, Ernie Beran

3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing

3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Louis Rodriguez

November—Reno Di Bono Trio

December—AbsolutAccord

January—2014 — Mario Pedone

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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

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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.

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.



Sunday Seven Band plays at San Jose Giants game.

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game” was a big hit for the fans at the San Jose Giants baseball fans on Saturday, August 31. Our Sunday Seven accordion band played lively music at the main entrance to the ballpark for two hours prior to the baseball game, then they played “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” on the field during the 7th Inning stretch, with the ballpark fans singing along with the music. Participants in the band included Bob Stanfield, Vic and Barbara Corsiglia, Scott Williamson, Scott Stanfield, and Don Brayton. In addition, the band members were treated to ball caps, lunch, and beverages and sat in the VIP seats. A good time was had by all.

Board Notes continued:

We also discussed and were concerned about our shrinking membership. This is a common problem with the other accordion organizations. This affects the clubs income and becomes a problem with our fixed expenses such as the rent for the room at Harry's Hofbrau. We are looking for ways to cut our expenses. One item we are looking at is the picnic. We will be voting on whether to keep or end our picnic for next year in the coming months.

As a member please give us any input or feedback as to your ideas concerning this and other things that come to mind. - Ken

SVAS BANDS WILL PLAY OKTOBERFEST 2013 IN DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL AGAIN

Sat. October 19, Sunday October 20

SVAS Video Replay

Did you miss an SVAS meeting? Or did you want to see a performance again? You can see some of the performances on the internet! Many videos are posted if you go to www.youtube.com and then type in accordion-pam in the search field on top (next to the little magnifying glass). You should get most of the videos that Pam (the club webmaster) has taken at the club meetings as well as other venues of interest. It might be the Cotati Festival, a club meeting or a backyard, regardless, everyone has passion for the accordion! Check it out when you can!

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