

## NEWSLETTER OF THE

# Silicon Valley Accordion Society

## September 2017

**SVAS Next Meeting:  
Sunday October 1, 2017 at Harry's Hofbrau**



### Gail Campanella

As a youngster growing up in a large Italian family, on a farm, in northeastern Colorado, Gail showed an interest in the only musical instrument in her home, her mother's old accordion. Her formal music lessons began at age 10 in Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

Gail became the town accordion teacher at age 14, when the local accordion teacher retired. During high school, she made monthly 80-mile train trips to Denver to study with Anthony Pennetti and to play in his accordion orchestra.

She majored in piano at Loretto Heights College in Denver while continuing her accordion studies with Prof. Robert Davine at the University of Denver.

After graduation, she played "honky-tonk" piano in Central City, Colorado, and taught 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade music in the Denver Public Schools. She studied the Orff and Kodaly methods of music education and received certification in Orff-Schulwerk.

Gail performed in the 2013 and 2017 Cotati Accordion Festivals. She has been guest artist for the Silicon Valley Accordion Society (2016), San Francisco Accordion Club (2015 – 2017), the 2015 Orange County Big Squeeze, the Chicago Acc-

ordion Club (2016), the Las Vegas Accordion Convention (2016), the Washington Metropolitan Accordion Society (2016), and the SB City College Jazz Band. She was a member of the 2015 National Accordion Orchestra in South Bend, IN, under the direction of Gene Van.

Gail is a member of the Los Angeles Accordionaires Pops Orchestra directed by Janet Hane, and is VP of Santa Barbara's Accordion International Music Society (AIMS). She gives private accordion lessons and performs on both accordion and piano. She is currently a member of a team to pilot a beginning accordion class in a Santa Barbara elementary school.

Gail's solo CD entitled, Discovery (2016), is dedicated to her family and life on the farm in Weldona, Colorado. The CD is available on [-cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com).

Gail and her husband, John, live in Santa Barbara, CA, and are parents to GianCarlo, Dino and Veronica.

**The Happy Days Band will play for us beginning at 1:30 to 2:30 pm.**

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



Ken Caple  
President

### Presidents Message

We all missed Bill at the meeting this time. He had an unscheduled mishap that created a diversion from his normal state of being. With that said, I hope he will be back next month with some new life experiences to share with us all.

The SVAS Jam Band had a great turn out. I am amazed to see that each time the jammers play they get better and better. It is always nice to see the entire group ending on the same note all at once. Thank You Vic and Barbara for leading this endeavor.

All of us that played together in one band or another has come to realize that it is far more difficult to play along accurately with each other rather than playing by ones self solo. We will be losing our sound equipment man, Scott Bader. He has been a loyal volunteer of our club for years now, bringing in the sound equipment and setting it up. Scott



will be moving out of state soon. His last month to help is next month. Thank You Scott for your years of service to our Club. We are looking for help in this area with the equipment storage and set up for our meetings. If anyone is available to help out please come forward.



Marcia Coullahan  
Reporter

Next month the Happy Days Band will be playing in addition to individual players in the beginning of the program. Please join us next month when we have Gail Campanella with her amazing command of the Accordion. -Ken

Vic and Barbara Corsiglia lead the Jam Band using their books. Compiling books is tedious work. Thanks you two.

“Bye Bye Blackbird,” “Five Foot Two,” “Just Because,” “Peg of My Heart,” and “My Blue Heaven,” were just some of the tunes played. Vic sang a few songs and Roldan did some lively fills on his sax. A dozen or so participated. A fun time!



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 .





**Peter Li** is a newcomer to our group. Peter plays accordion, piano, and guitar. He played in the Jam Band this time. We hope he will continue to join us. Peter has volunteered to help Scott set up and tear down our audio equipment. We do appreciate your help. Peter is a student. It is part of his school program to experience 5 different musical programs. We are delighted that he chose our accordion club. He will be transferring in January to a four-year school majoring in music. It was obvious that he also enjoyed our headliners

## A Tribute to Joseph Zampiceni



**Joe & Mike Zampiceni around 1959**

While during the "Golden Age" of the accordion, much attention was paid to what was going on in San Francisco, an equally influential force was active in San Jose and the Peninsula. **Joseph Zampiceni** began his career as a noted accordionist, teacher, composer and arranger in Barre, Vermont. In 1953, he moved with his family to San Jose and quickly established himself in the local accordion community. In 1955, he acquired Quattrociocche Publishing, the oldest publisher of accordion music in the United States, dating back to 1916, and Joseph became one of the most prominent accordion music publishers on the west coast. He was one of four publishers of compositions and arrangements by Guido Deiro.

Through his publishing, teaching, performing and the arrangement and composition of many pieces - including his own method for the accordion, Joseph made a deep and lasting contribution to the accordion and the accordion community in the Bay Area. We are fortunate that Joseph's legacy lives on through his son, Mike Zampiceni. Father and son are pictured above around 1959. Mike himself is an accomplished accordionist, teacher and vocalist and is truly an accordionist's accordionist.

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