

December • 2010

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month
@ the Oyster Point Yacht Club in South San Francisco

the San Francisco Accordion Club NEWSLETTER



November 19 • Music & MORE

President, **Lynn Ewing** began last month's meeting with a few announcements and mentioned the *Accordion Babes Calendar* (for sale at the front table).

The music program then began, featuring primarily our board members. **Anne Métais**, our MC for the afternoon, did a terrific job and also inserted some humor and historical tidbits whenever she could.



Val Kieser

Gus Greyhosky, Director surprised us by bringing two accordions and played a jazzy tune as well as a *Bossa Nova* on his vintage Scandalli Chromatic Accordion, purchased in the 50s. He demonstrated how to play open chords and harmonies on button accordion. Some of the same chords on a piano accordion, are almost impossible to reach. Finally, he played a light jazzy arrangement of *Tenderly*, on his piano accordion.



Randy Hicks

Randy Hicks, Board Secretary treated us to his version of *Flick Flack*. Randy studied piano and only recently began studying accordion with Lou Jacklich. Randy and Val played a duet, *El Paso Pierino*.

Val Kieser, Director, played a French song, *Le Gamin de Paris* (the Paris Urchin), and a few more requests.



Gus Greyhosky

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Skyler Fell (on vintage Dallapé accordion) and Melody Guzman on “gut bucket” played one of their signature pieces: *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?*

Skyler’s other group, **Tumbleweed Time Machine**, performed, with Ariel McGurty on her La Melodiosa accordion and Jason Hallyburton on mandolin. Ariel wrote the first song they played, a “cold punk” song written for the Accordion Babes calendar CD, followed by *The Chocolate Shop*. Skyler and her musical groups play a different kind of music—adding spice to our usual fare.

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Skyler Fell



Tumbleweed Time Machine

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Frank Montoro

Following the break and refreshments we had drawings for the door prizes and raffle. Board member, **Frank Montoro** then played for us: *All The Things You Are*, *Time Was* (South American beat), *La Ultima Noche*, *O Amor En Paz* (Portuguese), and *Chiquilin de Bachin*.



David Perry

Dave Perry, who plays with both the SF Accordion Chamber Ensemble (ACE) and AbsolutAccord, played *Peg O' My Heart*, *El Choclo*, Piazzola's *Libertango*, *La Cumparsita* and *Ciribiribin*.

Our President, **Lynn Ewing** played solos: *Stormy Weather* and a concert tango.



Lynn Ewing

Marian Kelly's solos were a Frank Marocco arrangement of *Over The Rainbow*, and *On The Trail from Grand Canyon Suite*, with lots of wonderful effects.

Lynn and Marian then played a duet, *Happy Threes*. and a duet version of Monti's *Czardas*.



Marian Kelly

December Music Meeting

Reno Di Bono will be entertaining us at the beginning of the meeting.

Val Kieser and the *Fun Band* will be playing for the first part of the program.

ACE, Accordion Chamber Ensemble will play during the 2nd half of the afternoon.

Members of the ACE Ensemble are:
Peter Di Bono, Marian Kelly, Frank Montoro,
Nora Mazarra, Lynn Ewing, Sharon Greyhosky,
Ron Harris, Reno Di Bono, Dave Perry,
Jerry Kramer, Val Kieser, Caroline Grannan,
Anne Metais, Taylor Pederson and
Mary Alice Eldon.

We mourn the loss of three of our players recently - Aldo Argenti, Roger Cromwell, and our drummer Kevin McCarthy.

The ACE Ensemble is under the direction of **Maestro Joe Smiell**. He has arranged over 200 pieces of music in 10 parts for us. The ensemble was started as a small group playing informally together in 1995, and has continued to grow and progress through the intervening years. Joe's arrangements are created in an orchestral manner, with accordions taking the parts of the various orchestra instruments, violin, cello, horns, etc. We are delighted to continue our traditional annual performance at the San Francisco Accordion club this December.



ACE Ensemble—Photo by Jinx McCombs

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Play at our Meeting!

We are always grateful and accepting of anyone who wishes to play for us during the breaks or before the meeting starts. Share your talent and hone your performance skills! Contact Val Kieser to sign up.

Scholarship Awards

Twice a year, our club awards scholarships to accordion students demonstrating promise to further their study and knowledge of the accordion. We are very pleased to award scholarships to the two young gentlemen who performed for our club in October – brothers Adonis and Brandon Diaz. Adonis and Brandon are students of Peter Di Bono. They have been past scholarship recipients and we are delighted to support these young fellows as they continue their interest in the accordion. Scholarship Guidelines and Applications forms can be obtained from the club secretary, Randy Hicks – by emailing: hickr01@sprintmail.com. (see photo pg. 2)

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**New Members**

Welcome Mary Catherine Robertson of Daly City and Gisele B. Oakes. They both love classical, European, Latin, Tex/Mex and Cajun/Zydeco.

Accordion Band News

Band Practice is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, monthly @ 7 p.m. at Val Kieser's home in Oakland. Please CALL AHEAD in case there is a change. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information, contact Val (510) 531-4836 or vtkacc@ifn.net

Please Remember!

To leave our meeting hall at the Oyster Point Yacht Club clean! Clean up food or drink spills and recycle all trash. *Thanks.*

Nearby Club Meetings

Accordion Club of the Redwoods

3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Hermann Sons Hall • 860 Western, Petaluma, CA
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Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC)

President/CEO: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359
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The Vacaville Chapter meets monthly on the second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Creekside Bar & Grill, 555 Main Street, Vacaville.

The Humboldt Chapter meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Humboldt Swiss Club, 5403 Tompkins Hill Road, Loleta.

The Sacramento Chapter meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento. Contact for all three Chapters: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359

Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC)

meets monthly on the second Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Escalon Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave, Escalon. Contact: (209) 545-3603

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS)

meets monthly on the first Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church Hall, 6365 Douglas, Blvd, off Hwy 80, Granite Bay, CA. Contact: Vince Cukar (916) 791-304

Silicon Valley Accordion Club (SVAC)

meets 1st Sun. of each month at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, corner of Kiely. 1 p.m. \$5, under 16 - no charge.

We Need You!

We are seeking to increase participation with you, the Club members. We hope that you will consider helping with some of our Club's routine jobs, including emcee, helping at the door, newsletter articles, and assistance with newsletter distribution. We also hope that you will be willing to play a few numbers for warm up or the first part of the program, so that we can not only get to know you, but enjoy your music! We want to increase the diversity of music we offer on our musical afternoons, so we ask you to come with a sense of curiosity and a willingness to hear players that may not be familiar to you.

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SFAC Membership

\$30.00 per year for individual or family membership. Meeting admission is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for guests.

For membership renewal, please send a check to: S.F.A.C., c/o Valerie Kieser, 3437 Crane Way, Oakland, CA 94602. For new members, please include your name and address along with your check, as well as a phone number and email address, if available.

Accordion Babes

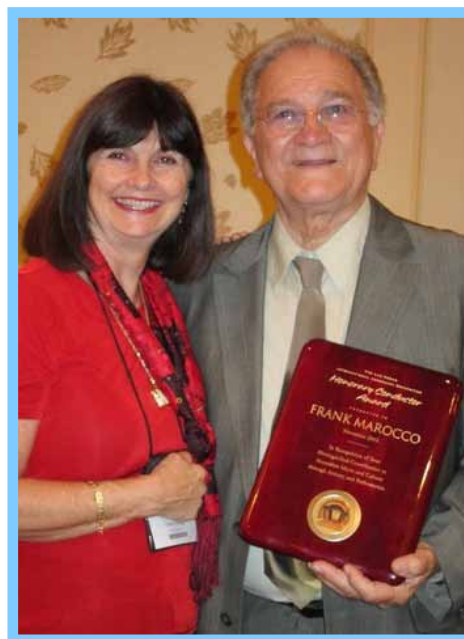
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Thank-you!

Frank's nephew, **Ron Montoro** won the raffle prize at the Nov. meeting, and he donated that \$50 back to the club. Very nice and generous of them, especially when they are not even members and live in San Diego.

Lamorinda Music in Moraga, who generously loaned us a brand new cello for Stas' wife Roza to play last spring, has donated two old accordions to Skyler Fell's **Accordion Apocalypse Repair Shop**, to either to restore or use for parts in her repair operation. We thank Lamorinda Music! (See ad on page 8)



SFAC president Lynn Ewing congratulates Frank Marocco on receiving Honorary Director of the Las Vegas Accordion Convention."

Our Sincere Thanks! *To those who generously donate to the Club.*


With each new membership year we start a new cumulative list of donors. If you have donated and your name doesn't show up in this column, please contact Val at (510) 531-4836 or vtkacc@ifn.net and let her know. We greatly appreciate your support and we want to be sure you are recognized. We gratefully acknowledge donations from: Alex Roitman, Lynn Ewing, Sharon & Gus Greyhosky, Ron Harris, Randall Hicks, Sue & Mike Hirigoyen (In memory of John Puppo), Valerie Kieser, Carley Koliha, James Monfredini, Frank Montoro, Kenneth Nimmo, Sundi O'Mara, Maryanne Romanowski (and employer matching gift), Julia Scafani, Richard Selfridge, Paul Thiel, Louis Traverso, Lore Warren, Barbara Winter, Richard Yaus, Mary Catherine Robertson, Gisèle B. Oakes, Michael Sanossian, and Ron Montoro.

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