



## San Francisco Accordion Club

SEPTEMBER 2012

# NEWSLETTER

## Next Meeting Sept. 16

### JAM SESSION 1 – 1:45 p.m.

before the September meeting. All who play accordion or any other instrument are invited to join in the fun. Bring your instrument and a music stand—easy to play music will be provided!

All levels are encouraged to participate.

If you don't want to play, please come and be our audience.

## Join us and VOTE!

The annual meeting and general election for the Executive Board will be held at the beginning of our September meeting. The only order of business is to conduct the election, so it won't take too long before the entertainment begins. Thanks to our nominating committee of Maryanne Romanowski, Gus Greyhosky, and Mike Zampiceni for nominating Don Savant, Jean Moshofsky Butler and Vinny Rinaldi. The Board position each candidate will be running for will be announced at the election. Returning Board members and the position they are running for:

*Lynn Ewing, President*

*Mike Zampiceni, Secretary*

*Maryanne Romanowski, Treasurer*

*Don Nurisso, Director*

*&*

*Scotty Williamson, Director*

## Time to RENEW!

It's renewal time again! If your membership is expiring at the end of this September, you should have received a renewal letter in the US Mail. Lifetime members and those who are already paid through next year will not be receiving letters. Membership is \$30 per household, and runs from October 2012 to September 2013. If you would like to make a donation to the SFAC, we are a 501 (c)(3) Charitable organization and your donation will be tax deductible. Donations help us defray the cost of our lovely facility at Oyster Point Yacht club, and providing you with quality entertainment month after month. Please send renewals to Mike Zampiceni, PO box 62484, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 - or, you can bring your renewal form to the next couple of club meetings.

## Featured Entertainment

The **Aurora Mandolin Ensemble**, with accordionist **Don Nurisso** will be playing for us this month. The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra (AMO), is the largest orchestra of its kind in the San Francisco Bay Area and consists of up to thirty professional and amateur musicians (mandolin, mandola, mandocello, guitar, string bass, accordion, flute and percussion). What makes this group unique is its varied repertoire including traditional and semi-classical Italian, Spanish, Russian, specialty ethnic and contemporary orchestral compositions. The Aurora Mandolin Ensemble (AME) is a subset of the orchestra that allows the group to perform for smaller venues, like our accordion club meeting.



### also playing in September . . .

**Ellen Karel** plays primarily French music, because she speaks it, teaches it, and loves it! She began her musical studies from scratch, taking lessons from Peter Di Bono for a number of years in the mid 1990's before moving to Marin. Ellen confesses that Peter cannot be held responsible for the way she plays because she rarely practices enough and never follows his advice: "Slow practice makes fast progress." She says she has been "practicing fast and progressing slowly" all these years.



*Ellen Karel*

**Grigoriy Krumik** is a native of the Ukraine, and began playing a 2 row traditional accordion called a Garmoshka when he was 6 years old. He switched to the Bayan at 9 years old and attended the Music College and the Academy of Music in the Ukraine. He taught music at the college as well as in the classroom as a specialist. 15 years ago Grigoriy immigrated to the United States where he plays the Bayan in concert and with the Accordion Chamber Ensemble and is the accompanist for a children's choir. If you need your piano tuned, Grigoriy is also the person to talk to. We are pleased to welcome tenor Vladimir Zagadskiy who will be joining Grigoriy.



*Grigoriy Krumik*



*Mike Zampiceni*

**Mike Zampiceni** is no stranger to accordions having been brought up with them since birth, because his father, Joseph Zampiceni was a noted accordion composer, arranger, and music publisher. Mike took his music studies very seriously, and eventually earned a Masters Degree in Music from San Jose State, where his performance concentrations were voice and classical organ. Mike has entertained audiences in innumerable venues, and has a broad repertoire ranging from American standards to jazz, and from European popular songs to classical music.

## COTATI 2012

The Cotati Accordion Festival was, as usual, a very special event this year. The Festival organizers do their best to bring in a diversity of music and acts that will appeal not only to accordionists, but to people from the general public who are interested in an eclectic mix of entertainment featuring the accordion in a multicultural stew. In its 22 year life span, the Festival has donated over \$350,000 to community groups, much of which has gone to the support of music and arts in the schools.

In this year's printed souvenir Festival Program, we were pleased and honored to see the tribute to Val Kieser, as well as those for SFAC members Frank Marocco and Tom Cordoni.

Headlining the Festival this year was the legendary **Dick Contino**, supported by the piano playing of well known SFAC member, **Ron Borelli**. Also notable were the performances of the up and coming young artist **Alicia Baker**, the great **Santiago Jimenez Band** and for the first time this Festival, "Future Accordion Stars", featuring an impressive roster of young accordion talent from the area. There was, of course, the traditional and much anticipated "Lady-of-Spain-A-Ring", led by the Accordion Princess herself - Big Lou (also an SFAC member), who later appeared in her own act "Big Lou's Dance Party." I'll bet you didn't know we can boast Royalty among our membership! The Accordion Babes were featured in their own showcase - stay tuned for our January meeting when we plan to bring them to our stage. Several rocking bands of young players such as **Chervona and The Black-Eyed Dempseys**, and performers who are already familiar to us, such as **Tatiana Semichastany** and **Steve Albini** and **the Great Morgani** (coming in December) added to the festivities.

The San Francisco Accordion Club made its presence known at the Festival with a sheet music sale and a special membership offer for Festival attendees who have never been San Francisco Accordion Club members before. We sold almost \$300 worth of music and books generously donated by members and we gained two new members. We welcome fellow accordionists Pamela Tom of Davis and Sima Zeiger of San Rafael to the club! A very special Thank You to Don and Carol Nurisso, Mike Zampiceni, Scotty Williamson and Sharon and Gus Greyhosky for "holding down the fort."



*Dick Contino the legend*

*and*

*THAT Damned Band*



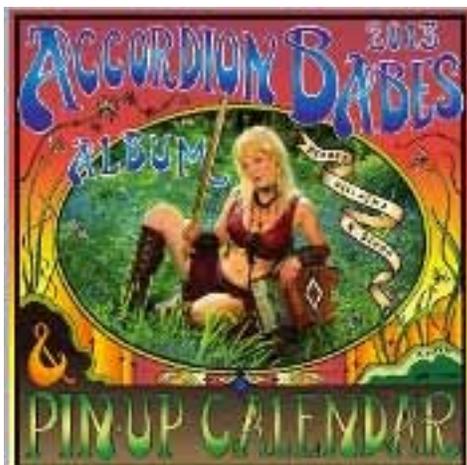
## PLAY FOR US!

We are always grateful and accepting of anyone who wishes to play for us as warm up before the meeting starts, during the break, or in the first part of the program.. Share your talent and hone your performance skills! Call Domenic Palmisano, 415-587-4423, or email him : accord47@gmail.com to sign up.

### Please Remember!

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

The San Francisco Accordion Club is happy to support Renee de la Prade's **2012 Accordion Babes Calendar** this year, as we have in the past. Calendars will be available at our club meetings while they last beginning this month. For the low price of \$15 you will receive the collectible Accordion Babes Pin-up Calendar for 2013 and accompanying CD, which combines folk music, pop tunes and dance tunes from 13 fine bands into one awesome indie compilation. Bring your calendar back for autographs when the Babes play for us in January of 2013!



## Scholarship Applications Due

Twice a year, our club awards scholarships to accordion students who have a financial need and demonstrate dedication to pursuing their study of the accordion. Students must study with a teacher who is an SFAC member in good standing. Completed applications should be returned to Mike Zampiceni, 220 Tasman Dr, #106, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Scholarship Guidelines and application forms may be obtained from current club secretary, Randall Hicks by emailing hickr01@sprintmail.com



*Cory Pesaturo*

## ACCORDION EVENTS

**13th annual Las Vegas International Accordion Convention**, September 24-27 at the Gold Coast, Las Vegas, Nevada.  
[www.accordionstars.com](http://www.accordionstars.com)

### AccordionUSA.com

is an information packed web site featuring articles about worldwide and local events music, theater and art. I read an article about Bruce Gassman, our contemporary Rock'n Roll Accordion King, saw that Joan C. Sommers has just conducted the World Accordion Orchestra in Italy and that Henry Doktorski performed in the Kurt Weill Opera 'Lost in the Stars' at the Glimmerglass Music Festival, at the Alice Busch Opera Theater, Otsego Lake, New York State; Cory Pesaturo's North American Appearance and Kimmo Pohjonen Presents *USA Premiere of Accordion Wrestling!*

## President's Message

As elections roll around again, I am thinking with gratitude of the people who have done so much behind the scenes to make this club the great organization it is! First, let me give sincere thanks to outgoing Board members, Dominic Palmisano, Skyler Fell and Randy Hicks.

Domenic has not only been the *King of the Entrance Table* for more years than I can count, he has given generously of his wisdom and knowledge of this club, guided us through setting up systems for working with our performers, and has been the driving force behind booking our performers for the next year. Lucky us, Dominic will continue to be our wonderful greeter and controller, and also help with our programs.

Skyler Fell has been a great source of fresh ideas and contacts for our club, and spent hours helping to assess and pack the accordions which we sent to Japan. She has served as emcee, completely coordinated numerous meetings, and has initiated a program in which she works with the club to rent 12 bass accordions to students through her business, Accordion Apocalypse, thereby helping youngsters to begin studying accordion and providing SFAC with income! Skyler will continue to emcee and will be coordinating our January 2013 meeting with the Accordion Babes.

Randy Hicks has served as our secretary and so much more. He has completely revamped our website, and serves as our webmaster, has revised all of our forms, kept the membership data base up to date, works on the Newsletter every month, keeps lists of our property and writes notes to those of you who have generously donated to our club, provides the minutes, and has spent hours researching various things relating to our club history and our non-profit status! Randy will continue to keep a finger in the pie – in helping with SFAC 's routine business, especially our website.

A big THANKS to those who perform the jobs month after month, without which we could not function. Frank Montoro, along with his friend Jonelle picks up the hard copy of the newsletter from the printer every month, and folds, labels, stamps and mails them out. Chris Knapp spends many hours every month producing our newsletter, not an easy task with our usual last minute changes! Paul Cain and Vinny Rinaldi, with occasional help from Steve

Mobia set up our stage and run our sound system, and help us all to have a great experience of listening to our performers. Gus Greyhosky picks up our mail from the post office box, emcees, trouble shoots with our small accordions and he and Sharon sit at our tables wherever and whenever needed.

I am so pleased that Mike Zampiceni, Don Nurisso, Scotty Williamson, and Maryanne Romanowski, who have all been hard working and valuable Board members, will continue to serve on the Board, and I look forward to our incoming Board members who will be elected at the September meeting.

Our most sincere thanks to all these wonderful people, and please, if you see them, go up and express your appreciation.

*Lynn Ewing*



## SFAC Newsletter Ad Policy

Members may place one small ad (business-card-size) for one month free of charge in a given year; after that the charge is \$10 per issue or \$100 per year.

**Monthly ad prices for members:** quarter-page ad \$25.00; half-page ad \$50, and a full-page ad \$100. Non-member rates are double the member rates. A flyer (no larger than 5" x 8") advertising an event may be included in one issue for \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members.

## 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  
\$3 admission donation Contact: Tony Mustaro—  
President (707) 318-0474; [dcdacapo@gmail.com](mailto:dcdacapo@gmail.com)

### Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC)

President/CEO: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359  
[gsaccordionclub.netfirms.com](http://gsaccordionclub.netfirms.com)

*The Vacaville Chapter* meets monthly on the second  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Pietro's No. 2 at 679 Merchant  
Street, Vacaville, CA 95688  
707 448-4588

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

*The Sacramento Chapter* meets monthly on the fourth  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401  
Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova. 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 Es-  
calon 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: Jerry Keifer  
(916) 652-0836

### 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.

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**Club & Musical Meeting • next meeting Sept. 16 @ 2 p.m.**

**DIRECTIONS:**

From 101 traveling either North or South, take the Oyster Point exit. Turn right onto Marina Blvd. (be careful not to turn right onto Gull Drive, just before Marina Blvd.) Continue past the gate house to the sign Oyster Point Yacht Club. There is plenty of parking and ramp access.

Visit us online @ [www.sfaccordionclub.com](http://www.sfaccordionclub.com)

**P A R K I N G   N O T I C E**

The new Ferry Terminal is now operational, and parking behind the yacht club is again possible.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE  
Commodore's designated space!**

**SFAC Membership is**

\$30.00 per year for individual or family.  
Meeting admission is \$6 per member & \$8 per guest. For membership renewal, please send a check to: S.F.A.C., c/o Mike Zampiceni, PO box 62484, Sunnyvale, CA 94088  
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