

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

February 2017

**SVAS Next Meeting :
Sunday March 5, 2017 at Harry's Hofbrau**



Due Zighi Baci Performing early at 1: PM

One tenor, one accordionist, hours of memorable music!

Specializing in French chanson, Italian and Neapolitan canzone, Two Little Gypsy Kisses works its charm and whisks you away to magical, far away places like the old dance halls of Paris or the music salons of Italy and Old Europe. Due Zighi Baci adds its unique style and panache to every song.

Tenor Michael Van Why holds a B.A. in music from SSU where he studied Vocal Performance. He specializes in 20th century French chanson, Italian/Neapolitan canzone and German art song. He is frequently featured in leading musical theater roles in the bay area, but his true love is solo concert work. Michael has most recently been nominated for 2011 Sonoma County Artist Awards for Performing, Music and Literary Arts and is currently working on a recording of the American song book. He is the founder and executive director of Project Applause, a non-profit organization based in Sonoma County that provides vocal opportunities for emerging, classically trained singers to be help them gain experience.
www.projectapplause.com

Sheri Mignano Crawford, learned to play accordion in "Goosetown" the Italian ghetto in San Jose. She went on to earn various college degrees, teaching humanities at the college level. Upon retirement, she published "Mandolins, Like Salami," a social history of 20th century Italian American mandolinists, and arranges dance music in the ballo liscio style. Her mandolin ensemble can be heard Saturday mornings at Caffè Trieste, North Beach. Her dance band Zighi Baci has appeared on the Cotati stage in 2005 and 2006. She's currently at work on a social history of accordionists in the bay area. www.zighibaci.com Due Zighi Baci* is honored to be scheduled on Saturday morning to kick off the 20th anniversary festival in Cotati. We hope you'll be a part of the fun as well! Come at:

1:00 pm. For the show.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE at SVASociety.org and visit us on Facebook
[Watch our Videos on: youtube](#)**



Ken Caple
President



Bill Tapogna
Master of Ceremonies



Sue Douglas
SVAS Reporter

What a sick season we all have been through this year. It seems from December until now everyone has caught something or another. I think we should all just get together and have an accordion Ho-Down to get cheered up.

I am sorry to say that we lost one of our more active club members on January 29 last month. Eric Scheel is no longer with this world and has passed on to Accordion Heaven behind the Pearly Gates. He so loved playing this instrument that he often played for us at the Club and amassed a collection of accordions. He also enjoyed helping his fellow musicians with their sheet music problems by rewriting it with the software that he had. We will miss him. My condolences to his son Ted and other family members.

Joe Petosa of Petosa Accordions and I talked at the Leavenworth Festival about the line of small lightweight accordions that he has. Recently he has ordered enough of them that he is willing to send us one to evaluate. With many of us aging and having difficulty lifting the 20-30 pounders we will all be looking to the lighter weight units. Also they would be good strollers for those of you that are so lucky to have memorized your songs. He will ship me The "Little Pro" in a week or two so I can bring it into the March Meeting for show and tell.

We all must remember that Sheri Mignano and Michael Van Why will be our featured performers next month. They will be performing beginning at 1:00 pm so we all must come early for this one.

In addition to this you will see three of your Board Members playing songs for a "NAME THAT TUNE" event from 3:30-4:30 with scrumptious bottles of wine as prizes to the winners. They may even bring playmates to join in the fun. Ooo La La.

We do have a lot of playful people in our group and it is always fun to see them perform.



Mardi Gras Celebration

with—**Due Zighi Baci: Sheri Mignano & Michael Van Why**

At: 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm on Sunday March 5

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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All of Vic and Barbara Corsiglia’s Jam Band players filled the room with fun and splendid polkas, country style songs and old time songs. I was awe-struck to hear Vic sing the Tick Tock Polka in Italian! He also sang the Just Because Polka, Your Cheatin’ Heart, Margie and San Antonio Rose. And Barbara sang Peg O’ My Heart while she was playing her stringed instrument. Wow!

Reno Di Bono played music in honor of Eric Scheel, who died on January 29th this year. Reno played Volare. Eric’s son, Ted, said there will be an honorary gathering in memory of Eric, and he has invited all who wish to attend.

Ron Harris, playing a small accordion, entertained us with All of Me, and some of us sang it. We enjoy being “part of the performance”.

Ed Massolo played the Penthouse Serenade and Pennsylvania Polka with phenomenal fingering! He didn’t just play single notes, he used 5 or 6 separate notes to identify the note sound. He also played Jalousie, Luci e Ombre, Anemia core, Mal Fermina and Monlere Letta Polka.

Then we were introduced to young man, Alex Grambow, Norma Parson’s accordion student, who entertained us with Apple Peaches Pumpkin Pie, The EIO Polka, The Baby Elephant Waltz (or Blues March), and Largo. Alex plays several notes even on the base side! He played El Comanchero, and when he played Amazing Grace, he sang it. He is so good at using chords, not just single notes!



Reno

Ed



Alex



Ron



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President, Ken Caple, announced that there was a small 14 pound accordion available from Petosa Accordions. It will be available next month for people to check out.

Raffle-time, and Don Savant won wine and a little bear. George Chavez won a pen. Caroline won wine. Rudy won candy. Barbara Corsiglia won wine, wine stopper and a CD. Pam Kawashima won 4 Mario Pedone CD’s.



Don



George



Rudy



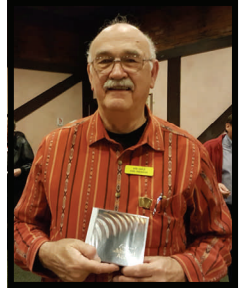
Caroline



Pam



Barbara



Ken



Mario Pedone

Our featured player, **Mario Pedone**, all the way from Sugarland Texas, didn't even need sheet music. He focused entirely on the audience and smiled while he played. Mario can play separate notes "a mile a minute"! He played in a way that communicated with us saying, "I like the way your heads are nodding, your feet are tapping and your hands are clapping and your lips are smiling." No wonder Mario is a popular teacher in his home area. Also, as was announced, we want to thank Marcia and Bernie Coullahan for having Mario stay with them over night. I can imagine that they had some interesting music conversations for a while. And we also thank Mario for coming all the way here to entertain us!

Next Month: Join our **"NAME THAT TUNE CONTEST"** AT 3:30 PM
 Bill, Bob & Ken will serve up a bunch of "American" tunes for you to guess.
 Winner will receive a bottle of imbibment that will knock you socks off.
 One bottle per participant.

30th Anniversary Convention!! 2017 National Accordion Convention

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson, Texas
 March 8 - 11, 2017

Go to **FACEBOOK** to make comments and upload your photos

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Coming Events at SVAS:
Sunday March 5, 2017

Meeting : Doors open at 1:00 pm
1:00-2:00pm Due Zighi Baci
New Orleans show
2:00—3:00 pm Individual Players

3:00—3:30 pm Break & Drawing

Master of Ceremonies Remarks

3:30—4:30 Name that Tune Contest
With Bob, Ken & Bill

April 2: Richard and Larry Denier, Dave
Daily group @ 3:00 pm

May 7: Spring Festival

June 4: Gordon Kohl

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♫ **Who's Playing???** ♫

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/AlpinersUSA— see www.alpinersusa.com or www.capricious-accordion.com or call 408-255-1259

Happy Days Band— Schedule Concerts with Ken Caple (408) 892-2760

Due Zighi Baci— Schedule Performances with Sheri Mignano at sfmignano@yahoo.com

Ernie Beran— Plays at the Tyrolean Inn Restaurant in Ben Lomond, CA every Saturday 6:00-9:00 pm

Sunday 7 Band—Plays every first Friday of the month in Los Altos in front of Le Boulanger bakery on the corner of main street and Second street in the down town area. Schedule Concerts with Bob Stanfield (650) 888-3701

Mike Zampiceni—Plays at Tee Nee Thai Restaurant on Friday nights 6:30-8:30 and some Saturdays.

ACCORDION CLUB MEETING SCHEDULES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Accordion Club of the Redwoods (ACR) meets on the third Monday of every other month beginning in February 2017. 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.

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.

Eric Scheel

Eric Scheel, a long time active member of SVAS, passed away on Jan 29, 2017. Eric died of a heart attack that was initiated by a short bout with the Flu.

Eric was always a generous and helpful person to anyone that needed help with their sheet music or in finding songs. He performed regularly in the SVAS Preprogram and many times played with other musicians. Eric loved the accordion and playing for us. He was taking lessons from Reno DiBono.



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To Parents, Teachers, and Accordion Students:

The Cotati Accordion Festival is investing in the future generation of accordionists. Last year, nearly \$1000 in scholarships was awarded. The Student Stage celebrates its third year as part of the festival. Accordion students 18 and under will be competing for a scholarship during the festival weekend: Saturday August 19, 2017. What better way to encourage young accordionists to achieve their goals! It's a win-win for students, parents, and teachers. It is an opportunity for students to experience a public performance, be adjudicated, and win cash prize(s).

Students apply with documentation (which will be posted on the website soon: cotatiaccordionstudentstage.com). Teachers prepare up to four songs (10-15 minutes); students are judged based on length of study and age.

There is an open-to-the-public student scholarship fundraiser on Friday, August 18, 2017 at Redwood Caf  (downtown Cotati). Everyone is welcome and invited to contribute to the scholarship fund. Your tax deductible support will help us! Come out to hear inspirational professional accordionists in an intimate setting!

More details will be posted on the Cotati festival website and you can contact Sheri directly at email:

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or

Sheri Mignano Crawford, Student Stage Coordinator

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