

Newsletter of the
Silicon Valley Accordion Society

June 2023

SVAS Next Meeting: Sunday July 9th
At Christ Episcopal Church
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
Program begins at 1:30PM
Doors open at 1:00PM

Independence Day Celebration



Join us to celebrate our Nations Birthday, accordion music, food and drink, and Jam band open to all.



Program will begin with individual players entertaining us with a variety of music. If you would like to volunteer to play, please contact Colette Ogata at colette.ogata@gmail.com so she can put you on the list.

We will then take a break with finger foods, Chicken wraps, chips, drinks, etc. available, and of course, our regular raffle.

After the break begins the Jam band where everyone can participate. Contact Colette at colette.ogata@gmail.com so she can mail you a copy of the music. You may practice the music and add cords if you like. Let's all sound great for this celebration.

If you wish, come dressed in your RED, WHITE and BLUE attire.

Note: Sunday July 9th is on the second Sunday of July.

Happy June Accordion Friends!

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you to all who came to the club Sunday! We had a wonderful turnout with 40 folks, a crowd we haven't seen since pre pandemic. Of course, you simply can't beat the featured performer we had... Lou DiMaggio! AND we ALL had a spectacular time! Lou, I am honored you played for us and I want to thank you for making our day at the club a special one to be remembered for years to come!

Happy 99th Birthday, Ed Massolo! What a special treat it was to hear you play so beautifully for us. Thank you! Speaking of special treats, we sure had a lot of volunteers play for us... Thank you Ed Burgle, Paul Aebersold, Bill Liken, Tseli Wu, Reno Di Bono and Don Savant for playing for us as well. You are what makes our club so fun.

Thank you, Steve Marshall for gathering up a few of our members and kindly bringing them to the club. It was so nice to see many people who we haven't seen for quite a while.

Welcome Bruce Aseltine, our newest member to SVAS.

For July We will be having an SVAS Jam Band, (US) for the featured performer. Please send me an email if you would like to receive the music beforehand to practice. Feel free to put in chords if you wish. We are also having volunteers to play as well. Please contact me if you haven't already

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Gloria and Rosemary
 SVAS Greeters

S.V.A.S. is so blessed to have so many truly talented members. We were entertained by seven members who, because of time, were limited to the number of pieces they could perform. Everyone of these gifted performers could qualify as a headliner. The choice in songs was so diversified you would have thought that it had been orchestrated.



Ed Massolo HAPPY 99th BIRTHDAY dear friend. Ed played "Le Gamin De Paris" with beautiful expression. He also played Harry Gay's speedy version of "Flight of the Angels" with great runs, and two love songs, "Anima e Chore" with a smooth transition. Ed did not play for three years. Lots of hard work and it paid off. We look forward to hearing more from Ed in the coming months. It has been scheduled!

Ed Burple also played a version of "Flight of the Angels". It was interesting to hear the difference both so enjoyable. Ed makes playing look effortless. His accordion is electronic & weighs 27 lbs. It sounds more like a reed accordion by his use of the bellows.



Paul Abersold treated us to a medley of Disney tunes, "When You Wish Upon a Star", "Some Where Over the Rainbow", & "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes". Paul's beautiful accordion is new, but fashioned after an antique. It has a beautiful clear tenor tone.

Bill Liken played and sang three German songs. Yes! He sang them in German. Bill always gives us the story behind the songs. The first song was about a street musician that Bill sang it in High German. The second song was about a fellow who didn't want a skinny girl, but one with nice legs. The last was about "Rosie" who was from the red-light district. It was very fast.



Tseli Wu just keeps amazing us with her accordion skill. She played "Ricardo" by memory with all the expression that only Tseli is capable of demonstrating. She also played, "Light and Shadow" which is interesting with its integral parts, going back to the melody. She also played "Accordion Princess", where the left hand accentuates the right.



Reno Di Bono certainly demonstrated his showmanship today. His knowledge of music from different countries is unbelievable and he has it categorized by country. He treated us to French, German, Italian, Irish, and even a couple of Greek songs. Reno has truly perfected the many skills necessary in playing the accordion. We enjoyed the bellow shake.



Don Savant finished our first half by playing three love songs which he played as love songs should be played. Don's mellow relaxed style is a plus in this category. He played a Beatles song, "Here, There, & Everywhere", "What I Did for Love", and "People" which could be considered the ultimate in love songs. Don's fade out endings really add so much.



Breaktime was very special as Ed Massolo was given a cake and we treated him to an off key version of "Happy Birthday". Ed was generous enough to share his cake, which was followed by 3 pies, chocolate cookies, & a bowl of cherries.

Once back in our chairs we were anxious to be entertained. Lou Maggio was the perfect performer to finish a fun afternoon. He played a variety of oldies, which for some reason we all enjoyed. Lou set it up for us to play, "Name that Tune". Lou was able to demonstrate his great finger dexterity by playing "Dizzy Fingers" by Zez Confrey, 1923, and "The Twelfth Street Rag" by Euday Bopman 1914. Lou plays with a jazz style. It could be heard in "Besame Mucho" by Consuelo Velazquez, "S' Wonderful" by Gershwin, "All of Me" and Cole Porter's, "I Love Paris". In between songs Lou entertained us by telling jokes. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you, Lou Maggio.



Raffle Winners




Cotati Accordion Student Stage (CASS) 2023 (August 19-20, 2023.)

Cass is designed to reward students based on merit with cash awards in addition to student scholarships. Application deadline is July 1, 2023. Further details and applications can be found at: <https://www.academia.edu>

Alpine Sound, Silicon Valley's German Music Band

Our very own SVAS member, Bill Likens, with his band, Alpine Sound, plays at Esther's Bakery, Los Altos, and around the Silicon Valley area! When you are in need of your German Music fix, log on to their website to find out when and where they are playing next!! Lots of fun! <https://alpinesound.net>

Webpage: <https://folkaccordion.webs.com/musikantenstammtisch.htm>



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Celebration**

June 22-25, 2023

Website: Accordioncelebration.org



**La Plaza Park
August 19th &
20th, 2023
Cotati.**

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