

# NEWSLETTER OF THE

# Silicon Valley Accordion Society

September 2015

## SVAS NEXT MEETING:

October 4, 2015 at Harry's Hofbrau



### Sheri Mignano and Michael Van Why

Due Zighi Baci (Two Gypsy Kisses) includes Michael Van Why, tenor, and Sheri Mignano Crawford, accordionist.

Over the past year or so, they have been busy integrating American standards and Latin cha-chas into their vast Italian and French repertoire. If you saw them last year at the Cotati Accordion Festival, they received an enthusiastic reception for their 'global tour' of music presented on the stage. They will share a few new American classics and mix in some favorites for the SVAS meeting on October 4, 2015. Here's what you're likely to hear during their concert: "Sway," "Come Prima," "Blue Skies," "Lady is a Tramp," "Brazil," "Mack the Knife," "Perhaps," & "Quando M'innamora." Some titles were made famous by American pop singers

like Bobby Darren and Dean Martin, and others are rarely heard jewels such as "Luna Caprese," a Neapolitan canzone with a haunting Arabic scale.

Their selections represent a bountiful harvest from the finest composers. You want to hear their own special music arrangements by Sheri and the exquisitely rendered passionate melodies as sung by Michael. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon with a glass of wine and be swept away by the Gypsy Kisses!

For more information and concert schedule, visit [www.EuroCafeMusic.com](http://www.EuroCafeMusic.com) You can also visit them and enjoy live concert recordings at various theatrical venues such as Cinnabar theater. Enter the channel name "Due Zighi Baci" on Youtube to take a listen. In addition, Sheri has recorded dozens of bal musette, ballo liscio, and American standards on her Youtube channel under her name: Sheri Mignano.

**Attention all Accordion Players:** We are having another pre-program **OPEN PLAY** this month beginning at 1:00 pm. Bring your accordion to play as an individual, duo, trio or group. No Jam this month.



Ken Caple, President

CAMPFIRE ACCORDION

It won't be long and the campfires will go out and camping season will end. We will be winterizing the high elevation summer homes and the accordions will go indoors. The leaves will fall, then winter races in and before you know it another year arrives.

In the meantime we are presently in the middle of **Accordion Party Season**. From August to November the Europeans and other cultures begin to celebrate everything from the harvest to the latest batches of beer, wine, and whiskey produced. It doesn't take much to trigger a party when the crops have come in. The Italians celebrate the discovery of America on August 12, 1492. The Bavarians have celebrated Oktoberfest since 1810. We need to keep up this tradition and be a party animal as long as we can still do it.

We, at SVAS, are doing our job to keep the accordion alive. Our last meeting had a wonderful array of accordions and players of all ages from 5 to ???.

On October 17 & 18, your SVAS accordion bands will gravitate to downtown Campbell to play for two days. Come on down to see us. Ken Caple



Bill Tapogna  
Master of Ceremonies



The SVAS Jam Band made a much anticipated return to Harry's this month! Organized by **Barbara and Vic Corsiglia**, Jam Band provides an opportunity for a group of musicians with a variety of experiences and levels of ability to perform for an appreciative audience.

SVAS Jam Band is about working and playing together (you know: the power of the team is greater than the sum of its individuals). More importantly, music, like all art forms, is about giving. The songs that Barb and Vic

selected for us were well loved favorites and it was easy to get into the feel of the songs. Those of us who played are already looking forward to our next opportunity to perform together.



Marybarbara Zorio  
SVAS Reporter



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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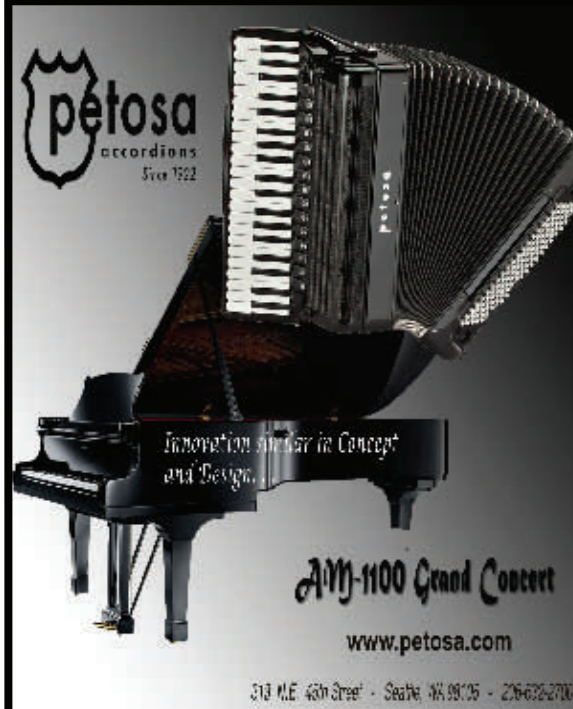
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**Garland Cheatham** played some of his favorite memorized songs to open our program.



**Ron Harris**, retired Atherton police officer, entertained us with a selection of favorites from the great American songbook: Ain't Misbehavin', Misty, I'm Confessing.



Our featured performer, **Mike Zampiceni**, plays well-known favorite songs from all over the world. Mike is a multi-talented musician with a beautiful tenor voice who has been entertaining audiences since he was a young child. Well versed in multiple styles and with a large repertoire, Mike performed on his 140 base Giuliani accordion. Tangos, polkas, a few Beatles tunes were among Sunday's musical offerings. Mike played a medley of Jewish folk songs in honor of Rosh Hashanah, which will be celebrated on Sept. 13. The youngest of Mike's current students, 5 year old Siyuan, was in the audience with his parents. Mike dedicated Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah and Do-Re-Mi to the young accordionist. Although Mike claimed to be recovering from a cold, you never would have known it when he sang along to these classic songs. In anticipation of the coming of fall, Mike played a selection of autumn songs. An accomplished and responsive accordionist, Mike took requests from an appreciative audience. One couple who was celebrating their 32nd anniversary was serenaded with the Anniversary Waltz. If you would like to hear more of Mike's music, you can hear him at Paesano's in San Jose on Sunday nights and at Tee Nee Thai on The Alameda on Saturday nights. It's always a special occasion when Mike comes to visit us at Harry's. Mike is a remarkable teacher (as this author can attest) and is accepting new students 408-569-2579.



Today's meeting continued with music from our president, **Ken Caple**, who treated us to songs played on his beautiful new Concerto Midi Accordion. Ken presented a brief narrative on the inner workings of his new "toy", and demonstrated various sounds avail-

able. He stated (probably correctly!) that it may well take him 2 life-times to learn how to get the most from it! Ken was joined by our master-of-ceremonies, **Bill Topagna** and SVAS treasurer, **Bob Stanfield**. This dynamic trio performed rousing renditions of 4 popular polkas. Bob and Bill continued to dazzle us with a few more lively pieces to the great appreciation and thunderous applause of all! Bob then showcased his individual talent by playing a few tunes.



**Welcome New Members:**





Recognizing talent when he sees it and being the thoughtful and considerate person we all know and love, Bill relinquished his time-spot to a very vibrant and truly exciting up-and-comer, 5 year old **Siyuan**, who REALLY wowed the audience with his performance! Having heard him play during the intermission, the crowd clamored for more! Siyuan has been taking lessons from Mike Zampiceni for about 2 months. He is absolutely amazing - not just his playing, but his personality. Instead of being intimidated by the crowd, he was playing to it like a seasoned troubadour! There is no doubt in this author's mind that we will be hearing a lot more from Siyuan. . . and I, for one, can't wait!



Your Board of Directors had a lively meeting last night. We are progressing with the scheduling of performers of the 2016 entertainment program. When we want to get things done we have **Pam** bring out the Big Guns. She has been an effective agent in bringing in our performers. Here she is with a 50 caliber gun on a B-24 Bomber which her dad flew as navigator during WWII.

This is what she used to do for fun before playing her accordion. I guess she needed more of a challenge and then started taking accordion lessons.

Pam and the rest of the Board of Directors would like your input on things we can do to make your SVAS Meeting experience more enjoyable. Please let your Board members know of any ideas you may have in this area.

## Coming Events at SVAS: Sunday October 4 , 2015 Meeting Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:00-2:00 pm Individual Players ; Anyone can play,

1:55-2:00— Master of Ceremonies Remarks

2:00-3:00pm Happy Days Band

3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing

3:30-4:30pm *Due Zighi Baci*

November- Karl Leberz Band

December— Aurora Mandolin Orchestra

January-3—Absolut Accord

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### ♫ Who's Playing???

**William DeMichelis**—Music with an accent, 408-375-0001, [accordionist.sanjose@comcast.net](mailto: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/Alpiners**— see [www.alpinersusa.com](http://www.alpinersusa.com) or [www.capricious-accordion.com](http://www.capricious-accordion.com) or call 408-255-1259

**Mike Zampiceni** - Accordionist 408 734-1565, Plays on Friday nights at Paesano Restuarant

**AbsolutAccord**— Schedule Concerts with Norma Parsons (408) 246-3073, [www.absolutaccord.com](http://www.absolutaccord.com)

**Sunday 7** — Schedule Concerts with Bob Stanfield (650) 888-3701

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

**Due Zighi Baci**— Schedule Performances with Sheri Mignano @ [sfmignano@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

*Lets Please support our Clubs Professional Musicians*

## ACCORDION CLUBS MEETING SCHEDULES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Accordion Club of the Redwoods (ACR)** meets on the third Monday of the month. 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, Starting July 12, 2012, Except for June and December.

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.

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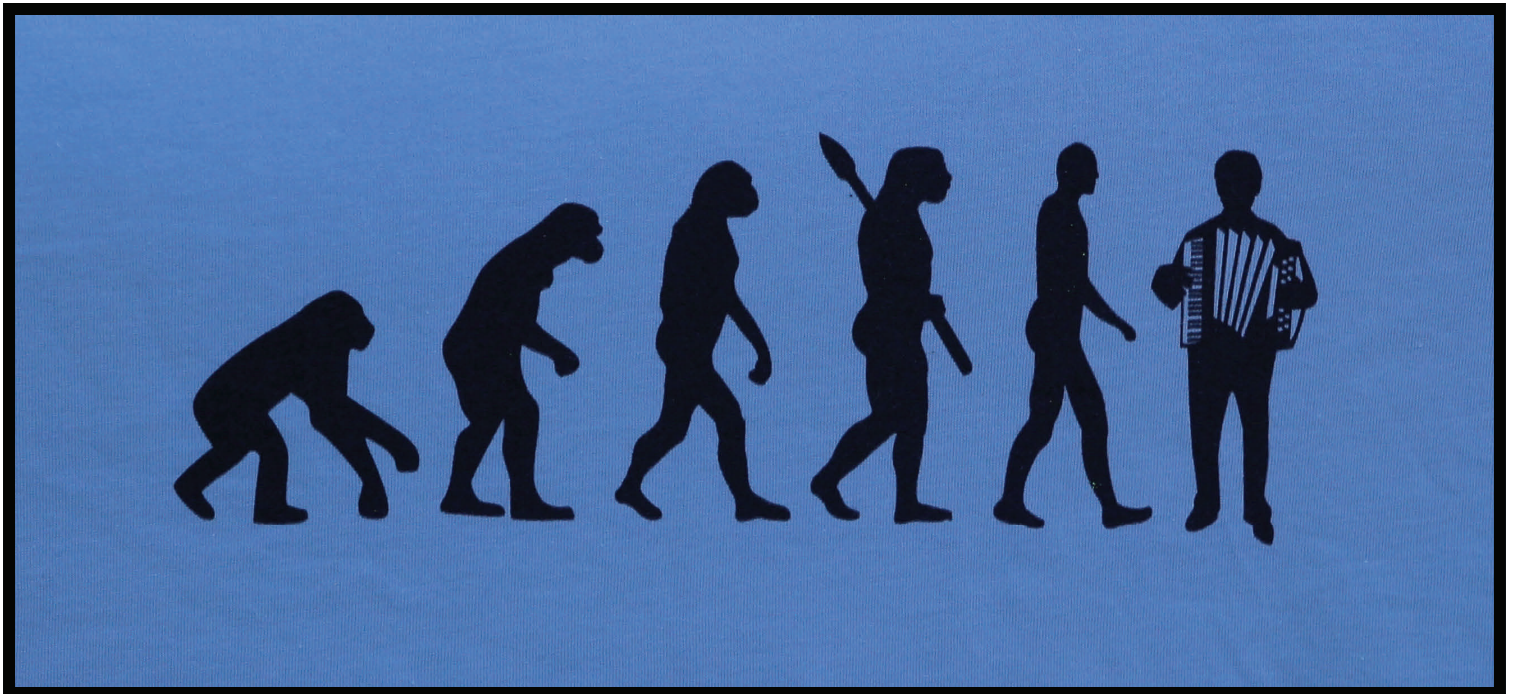
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