

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

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September 2021

Next Zoom Meeting for SVAS

Reno Di Bono Trio

Sunday, October 3, 2021 @ 3:15pm PDT

RSVP: Colette.ogata@gmail.com for Zoom Link



San Francisco native Reno Di Bono, will be playing via Zoom for us in October. Reno will be playing along with guitarist Rick Vandiver of Palo Alto, who is a well known jazz guitarist/teacher. Rick has played in Reno's trio since the 1990s. Bob Rizetto will be playing the bass, and he also plays the mandolin with Aurora mandolins.

Reno specializes in German, French, Italian American and Old-World Italian, American Standards and Jazz using big block chords and octaves.

Reno teaches Zoom accordion lessons each Sunday from 11:00 to 11:30 am. Please contact Reno at ourhike@aol.com for more information.

Hello SVAS Friends!!!

Hoping all had a very fun but safe Labor Day Holiday Weekend. We have a few Exciting Zoom Meetings coming up... We are skipping September but will be back up and running via Zoom for October 3rd featuring The Reno Di Bono Trio, and November 7th featuring Gail Campanella - both via ZOOM. I can't wait to see these two very musically talented players.

More than likely we will skip a Zoom meeting for December... and we will see what January looks like as to whether we will be able to come back to in-person meetings. In the meantime, please take care and hope to see you soon.

Colette Ogata

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Norma Zonay Parsons
February 10, 1927- August 23, 2021

When you picture Norma, first to mind is that winning smile. She greeted everyone with a cheerful countenance. That smile fit into every facet of her life. Norma was well educated beyond her school years. She was an avid reader, interested in a variety of subjects, a good listener with high retention, and willing to embrace new technology and thought.

At age 19, she and her Accordion joined two other girls, one playing bass and one playing guitar. They hired an agent and went on the road. In the late 40's this was unheard of for females. Norma was the youngest but fell into the role of managing and dealing with the agent. Besides their regular performances they did live radio, entertained at veteran hospitals, and homes for the elderly. Norma continued playing at community living centers until just a few years ago.

Norma had an interest in accordion and started lessons at the age of 10. Music stayed an integral part of her entire life. She played accordion and organ and was blessed with a fine alto voice. You can see that a winning smile combined with singing and playing was an asset for her. Norma had an uncanny memory for lyrics. After three notes she could finish almost any song. If she wanted an accent, it was a snap for her to pick up.

Norma also worked as a secretary for her husband, Bob for some years and later for another electronic company after he retired. At this time, she took an evening class from John Powers and did some high-end modeling. That smile must have come in handy!

In 2003 Silicon Valley Accordion Society was founded. Norma served as the first vice president and program director. She made it possible for SVAS to make Harry's Hofbrau its permanent home. Norma was fond of duets. She played several years with violinist, Tyanne Boye. After "Bellows & Bows," Norma played with "Absolute Accord." They had lots of gigs and many hours together in practice. They had a terrific sound, and they formed everlasting friendships. Through the years our lady played various duets on stage and off. Hope you were one of the lucky ones!

Norma taught many to play. If you were lucky enough to be her student, you soon became one of her many friends.

Through the years, although Norma left home at 19, she wrote faithfully to her parents, and they visited her on the road. Her Dad's favorite memory was visiting Jackson WY, catching cutthroat trout with the girls, and watching them perform at night. Norma will be laid to rest in Inglewood, CA next to her parents.

We will always remember Norma and that beautiful smile.



Anthony Mazzara, beloved husband of Nora Mazzara for almost 63 years and beloved father of their five children passed away July 10, 2021!

Tony was an Engineer in Satellite Communications.

He shared a love of music throughout his married life.

Tony joyfully attended symphonies, outdoor concerts, and operas on both East and West coast.

Having been raised in New York City in an Italian family and having attended City Colleges there, he, and his wife both had a lot in common!

His self-taught father and brother even played accordion!

The Accordion clubs here provided years of enjoyment!

In his last year during restrictions of COVID, he delighted seeing and hearing all the performances of Zoom meetings on the phone!

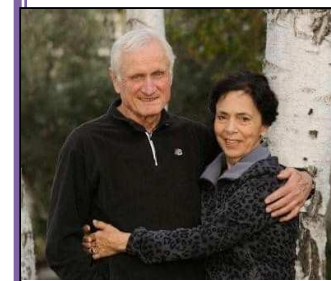
Tony will be sorely missed by friends and family!



I'm sorry to hear that Nora's husband passed away. A very sweet couple that always attended our meetings. Nora used to dance with him, and I will miss him. My deepest sympathy to Nora and the family.

Rosemary Miceli

Dear Nora, we are sending you our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Always loved seeing you,



Tony and your doggie Coco in the car while on Zoom.

Please take care,
SVAS

Welcome to our newest member, Sonja Krave, from Santa Clara! Looking forward to meeting you on Zoom.

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