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EDITOR'S SPOT

There will be a business meeting during the session, when nominations for 2012 officers will be accepted from the floor. Be sure the person you nominate is a current member, and is willing to accept the nomination.

The slate prepared by the Nominating Committee, Jan & Ellie Buhlert, follows.
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Nominations from the floor are in lieu of write-ins, so if none are forthcoming, paper ballots will not be used in December.

Memberships for 2012 are on sale now. To avoid standing in line to renew, mail your renewal to the address on the back page. Note that if you can't get to the jazz sessions, you can read news of your friends by sending \$8.00 for a Delta Rag subscription for 2012.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

In October, Admissions came to \$383, Raffle \$59, Donations \$100, Misc. \$30. Rent was \$490, Band \$500, Delta Rag printing \$44.71, ASCAP \$9.50, Supplies \$32.33.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dick Lockwood



November will feature the Midnight Rose Band. That promises to be a meeting you don't want to miss. Our October Fest, minus the beer, schnitzels and pretzels, went very well indeed.

The toe tapping, hand clapping, parasol twirling, grinning and dancing were the direct result of the Mission Gold Jazz Band. As an extra treat, Rick Holzgrafe on Cornet and John Soulis on Trombone, sat in with the final set of the day. The dancers were there until we had to throw them out at 5 PM.

John Soulis, the Leader of Mission Gold Band, and I have a much in common. Our families have been associated for three generations now. John Blue, an Oakland Fireman, was John Soulis' grandfather. He once fought a house fire at my grandmother's house. He was up on the roof when he saw my 16 year old Uncle Bill Lockwood below. When he asked what Bill was doing there, the reply was "This is my house." With a big grin on his face, Fireman John reportedly said "Let 'er burn boys, this is Bill Lockwood's house." Of course, they put out the fire!

John's Uncle Jack (Blue) was in the Mc Clymond's High School Band with my Dad, Duke Lockwood. Jack played trumpet and Dad played trombone. The two later played at the Awahnee Lodge in Yosemite and with many Bay Area Bands in the 30s, 40s and 50s. They were also together in the St.

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MIDNIGHT ROSE JAZZ BAND

The town of Wallace used to be famous for Rosetti's restaurant, but now it is famous as the home of the *Midnight Rose Jazz Band*. The band members are no strangers to SJDJS. All but 1 are Gold Card musician members, and Dannie and Reuben have both served as club officers in the past. All have often graced our stage as jammers.

The band was formed in 1980, and started out with 4 members of the Balser family, plus Reuben on tuba only, and the late Ken O'Brien. The band has evolved some since then, and the music suits this club even better. The sound is somewhat more mellow, and the beat just pulls the dancers out on the dance floor. The "heart" of the band is still beating, and you can tell you are hearing the *Midnight Rose Jazz Band*.

Although the late Ken O'Brien is in the photo on page one, he will be with the band in spirit only. I can't wait to hear the new sound with Tim Kreis on tenor sax! I've heard Tim on various reed instruments in jam sets, and have no doubt that he will add something interesting to the *Midnight Rose Jazz Band*.

Band personnel:

Dannie Balser - Leader, Trumpet, Vocals

Nancy Kreis - Clarinet

Tim Kreis - Tenor sax

Ben Marcelo - Piano

Reuben Smith - String bass & Tuba

Carl Warmdahl - Drums

HEARD BETWEEN SETS

By Billie Ricker

I liked seeing the band looking as though they dressed up to play for us. I discovered the

Mission Gold secret weapon. At the end of the day, **Sharon Soulis** was putting all the matching ties on a hanger. I thought she was stealing them and was about to shout for the constabulary, when I recognized her.

It was nice to see **Ed Turner**, who hasn't been around for a while. He came especially to see **Earl Scheelar**. He said the 1st set he ever sat in with was with **Earl**, in 1956; at the Monkey's Inn.

Frank Solari says he talked to **Charlene Oneto**, and she asked him to say "Hello" to all her jazz friends. I sure wish she would come out from Florida for a visit.

Bob Allenby was resplendent in royal blue satin. Appropriate to the *Mission Gold* JB, **Marlena Tygett** was wearing a gorgeous gold colored dress.

Alice Hannen said she had no news, but no complaints either, and that's "good" news. **Dannie Balser** likewise said she had no news to offer. But she has that quirky smile that seems to say, "If you only knew what I'm not telling you." She really clams up though if you ask her to talk about herself! I tried to interview her, but couldn't get her to open up. Maybe it's just me.

Virginia Wiens and **Gene Mondro** enjoyed a bus trip with the Elk Grove Historical Society. They must have misbehaved really badly; there will be no more of the trips until next year. But maybe it wasn't their fault.

Loren Iversen took a group of volunteer musicians to play for the Widowed



Persons Assoc. of Calif. meeting at UJ's. **Judy Griffiths** reported that

the music was very well received. The stipend the musicians received was donated to our club general fund. Thank you, Loren & friends.

Roberta Conrad and **Don & Joy Burch** went across the Bay to hear the Professor Plum reunion band. They said they really enjoyed it, and there were some great dancers there. I believe it! I envy them the chance to hear that band. It brings back wonderful memories. **Roberta** is an amazing person. She exemplifies the, if not, "Merry Widow," at least the "Coping" Widow. (She wouldn't wish widowhood on anyone!) She said **Ray Catalan & Kathy Felkins** were a great help in getting her out when she was first widowed.

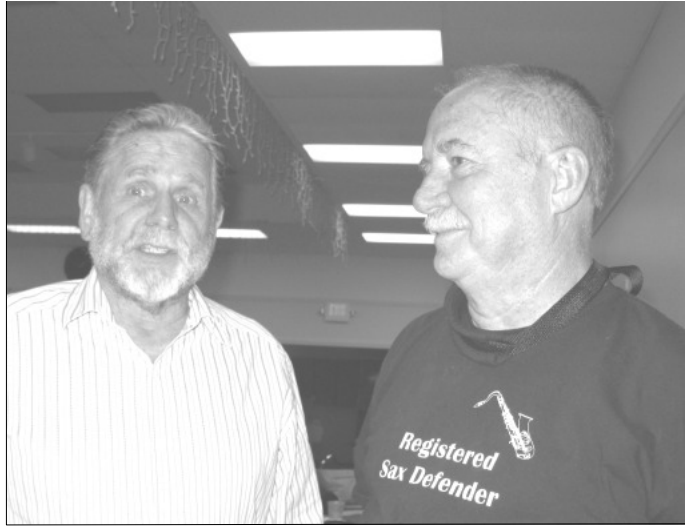
This year we have had an awesome set of officers running the club. Each one has had a special talent to contribute. **Loren** has been particularly valuable with his "outreach" efforts. I haven't space to list them all, but check out their names on page two, and give them a hug or a hand shake. We are also indebted to **Jan Buhlert** who sends email reminders to musicians each month.

RAFFLE NEWS

Reva Williams donated a 5-pc pasta set, and Geri Eckert donated a cute dress (5 year old size) decorated tastefully for Halloween. Joy won the pasta set and a tape, and Ellie won the dress. Other winners were Barbara and Audrey.



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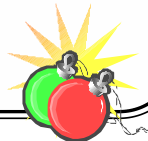
Mark your calendar now, for
December 11.

Dave, the raffle guy has cooked up a fun thing for us called

Before Christmas/After Christmas Sale.

On December 11, everyone bring an ornament from your collection, and/or a Christmas decoration. They will be put on a table in the Poolside Lounge area. At a time specified by Dave, we will all go to the table and buy an ornament for \$1 and/or a decoration for \$5.

Dave will give details.



**PAT FUSARO
(I THINK SHE'S SAYING, "KEEP
FIGHTING HER OFF, JIM!" OR MAYBE
NOT.)**



**GINGER DEVANY ASKING JIM FUSARO
FOR A DANCE. (OR SOMETHING.)**

ATTENTION FRIENDS

If you know of someone who is ill or in need of cheering up and would like their name on the Sunshine list, please phone **Marlena Tygett** at [REDACTED].

OCTOBER JAMMERS



Heaps of gratitude to these jammers.

Trumpet: Dannie Balsler, Bill Sharp, Rick Holzgrafe. **Reeds:** Don Rees, Gene Mondro, Dick Lockwood, Cliff Ricker, Dominic Ruggieri. **Trombone:** Bill Thieme, Larry Tyrell, Bob Edson, John Soulis.

Bass/Tuba: Ray Farley, Bill Sharp.

Banjo/Guitar: Jan Buhlert, Ted Shaffer, Mark Kramer. **Piano:** Frank Lindskoog, Pat Bradley, Bob Edson. **Drums:** Stephen Lee, Carl Warmdahl, Steve Douville.

Vocals: Geri Eckert, Jim Fusaro, Claude Purcell, Judy Noren.



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2nd Sunday: **Sacramento Traditional Jazz Soc.** Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Nov. 13, *Brian Casserly*.

3rd Sunday: **Modesto Traditional Jazz Soc.** Clarion Inn, 1612 Sisk Rd. Nov. 20, *Knight Sounds Big Band*

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MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Bob Noren

Once again we filled all the instrumental slots in the Ballroom and in all but set #5 in the Poolside Lounge. We did have to rely on some double duty work but everything worked smooth as glass----- just as if we had planned it that way-----
THANKS GUYS AND GALS.



It is easy for me to heap praise on all of the jammer bands but the real test of the playing was to see the large group of dancers and listeners who stayed till 5:00 P.M. when we closed the doors-----SOOOooo, a big thanks to the jammers, the dancers and the listeners.

Saving some of the good frosting for last; a great big thanks to John Soulis and the **Mission Gold Jazz Band**. You all kept the dancing feet DANCING and the listeners either tapping their feet or bouncing in their chairs. In addition to the great dixieland music I want to thank those **MGJB** members who joined in jam sets and did a truly super job.

Remember: At our next Stockton Jazz Sunday, November 6, we will have Dannie Balser and the **Midnight Rose Jazz Band** as our guest band. You saw and heard samples with Dannie this past Sunday, now don't miss her and the **Midnight Rose Jazz Band** next month.

Musical Pastoral Notes from da Rev.

Wow---jammers, you all done good. I heard much less competition and much more true musicianship on the bandstands Sunday than in the past. Most of the front line

MUSIC DIRECTOR- *Continued*

members dropped completely out for the soloists and that was great. Ya see guys (& gals) you don't have to play notes on every beat to make good music; just let the soloist shine----You will always get your turn in the trenches.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Mary's College Band and in the Forty Niner's band at Kezar. John Blue's daughter married Charlie Soulis. My Dad (Duke) went with Charlie and "little John (age 9) to buy his first trombone...@ \$25.

John's father, Charlie, was also an Oakland Fireman. Quite the handyman, he built the Soulis' Cabin up in Twain Harte. Our family rented that wonderful cabin for many summer vacations. Perhaps that explains my love of the Sierra's and the reason that Kerry and I live way up here at the 3500' elevation in Pioneer.

I am proud to tell you that we get many compliments on the friendly and welcoming nature of our club. Other area clubs are great too; but there's no place like Home. Let's see if we can find more new members for our club. To remain healthy we always need new members.

My heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers; the set up/tear down crew, the admission door crew, the rafflers, Madame Editor and, of course Our Board of Directors. I probably forgot to thank someone so, if the shoe fits you, please wear it!

Question: *Where can men over 60 find younger women who are interested in them?*

Answer: *Try a bookstore under "Fiction."*

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