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MIX & MATCH



On April 7, the guest band will be Mix and Match. Part of the band will be youthful, exuberant, and extremely talented musicians consisting of members of their own group, *The Replacements* from Sacramento. Personnel are Tim Kreis (Tenor Sax, leader), Matthew Seno (Piano), Dexter Williams (Bass), and Carson Messer (Drummer). Joining Tim on the front line will be a couple of "senior" musicians, Bob Williams (Trombone, and father of the bass player) and Bill Sharp (Trumpet). Adding any 3 of the youth member's ages almost totals the age of either of the senior members. The band will Mix up the age groups. Playing the same tunes is what will Match them up.

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EDITOR'S SPOT



May I suggest, dear friends, that you
 make every possible effort to get to our
 Sunday sessions? Especially if you hap-
 pen to be feeling a little “down in the
 dumps.” It is nothing short of amazing
 how music can chase away the blues.
 There is actually documented evidence
 that music aids in healing. So come on
 out to SJDJS and “Party like you’re a
 puppy, and someone left the gate open.”
 (I got that from a birthday card Larry
 sent.) That is kind of how I feel when I
 hear that upbeat music.

And then I hear *Memories of You*
 and feel a little bit sniffily; but even that
 feels good. If I can find a hanky, that is.
 Cliff hates it when I try to sniffle into
 his shirttail. Is that TMI? (Too much
 information)

I promise you will feel better if you
 come to our jazz session. If you don’t
 feel better than when you arrived, come
 and tell me why, and I will buy a caf-
 feine filled Pepsi, and split it with you.
 I don’t even like colas, so I’m not wor-
 ried about being forced to drink half of
 one.

BOARD SPLINTERS

President, Dick Lockwood, can-
 celled the March Board meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dick Lockwood

My April message may seem somewhat pessimistic. That is not my intent. I do, however, intend it to be a motivational wake-up call. Maybe a call to wake up and smell the blossoms of spring. Spring has sprung. It is just plain beautiful here on the Lockwood's Mountain.

April's Session is bringing a really good band to provide our listening and dancing pleasure. Have a look at VP/Music Director Bill Sharp's column for more information. You can also visit our website: stocktondixielandjazz.org.

Our March Session went very well. The day was filled with jammer musicians. We had a small, but very appreciative audience, with much dancing, raffeling, drinking, parasolling, laughter and carrying-on. However, we continue to experience a marked decline in attendance at our sessions.

When I was elected President of our Society, one long-term member told me that I was inheriting a dying club! "Not on my watch," I replied! Well, we are still treading water and sometimes swimming upstream. And we aren't dead by a long ways. However, age and health issues have taken their toll on our membership numbers.

That is nothing new. Looking back at old issues of the Delta Rag, we see the "In Need of Sunshine" pages filled with the names of members now long gone. What is new is the lack of large numbers of replacement members. Every month I suggest we each take the responsibility to bring

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The *Replacements* are a product of the youth education program sponsored by the STJS and supported by SJDJS. They teamed up after playing together at the Sacramento Jazz Camp. These guys are still high school students in the greater Sacramento area, coming up through the ranks of local youth trad jazz bands. Each performer was also selected as a youth all-star at the 2012 Sacramento Music Festival. Listening to them play is a real treat. They present a more modern approach to jazz; you won't be disappointed. So prepare to be impressed. Really - - you will be totally impressed and completely amazed at how well these young cats play. There is no doubt that you will be giving them many rounds of applause for their group work and exceptional soloing skills. This is youth at its finest. You can't get any better than this. Hopefully the old dogs can keep up.



PRESIDENT - CONTINUED

new people to our Session. Truly, if we are to survive we must all do exactly that! If we fail to substantially increase our membership, that prediction of a dying club may come true. And that, dear reader, IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ON MY WATCH! Let's all get busy and bring in those new people. Here's your smile for the month: *Whatever hits the fan will not be distributed evenly.*

HEARD BETWEEN SETS

By Billie Ricker

Don Rees played *Memories of You for Deck Hogin*. I just

soaked it up. I love that tune, and you can't find two nicer guys than **Don**, and the late **Deck**, who will always be missed by members of the Stockton and Modesto Jazz Societies.

Speaking of **Don Rees**, he told us how he keeps losing things. We laughed as he told us about having to call **Mary** to bring his car keys to the golf course, and where she found them. (In the receptacle in the golf bag where the golf balls are contained.) When I asked if **Mary** was smiling, he said, "Of course she was. Because she was right!" Reminds me of one of the first lessons for married men: Always tell your wife she is right, especially if she is wrong!

Gladys Duncan heeded the president's word, and brought 2 charming guests, **Bob & Phylinda Stillwell**. I saw them enjoying the dance floor too. They are such an attractive couple that I took their picture. However, I promised them I would deep-six it if it didn't do them justice. Sure enough, you have to dive six fathoms down to see their photo. But here's a photo of **Kathleen & Stephen Smith**.



We had a lively group making use of the parasols that **Dave**

& Marlena always bring. Here is **Nora Dale** using one of them.



Marlena passed along the news that **Gabe Sallah** and some cohorts were written up in the Stockton Record for their daily lunch at Chuck's Hamburgers.

I was sorry to hear that **Don Burch** had a large tumor removed and is receiving chemo. He and **Joy** are "long-timers" at SJDJS. **Joy's** daughter is staying with her while **Don** is being treated. They are in El Centro, their winter digs, so check the address on page 6, and drop them a card.

I read the sad news in the Modesto Jazzette that **Lynn Russell** died. He was such a nice man. He loved to relate tales of "wing walking" when he was a flying clown, and also when he performed his clown act for the Shriners. He was a popular jammer on sax, and **Drew Mercer** may be the only one who remembers why he used to be called "Peep."

MUSIC SOLICITOR'S COLUMN

By Bill Sharp

Once upon a time there was a jazz club in Stockton to which, in the very merry month of March, instead of a guest band, a bunch of jammers came to revel in camaraderie and the joys of mixing it up on stage to play the music they love so well—Dixieland. Well, to tell the truth (and lord knows I always do), a few other styles got mixed into the sets, but still it was mostly dixie, so we held true enough to the canons of our society. (Speaking of canons, I fixed a special breakfast of poached eggs on behalf of the exit of the Pope: Ex (eggs) Benedict.

Those who played with passion and exuberance, and gave us beautiful songs to listen and dance to were: Steve Lee, Dick Lockwood, Steve Douville, Frank Linds-koog, Carl Warmdahl, Mark Kramer, Bob Edson, Don Rees, Larry Tyrell, Carl Kaiser, Loren Iversen, Bill Thieme, John Soulis, Ray Farley, and yours truly. I post their names so that they can tell their significant others, "See honey, I was at the jazz club." I do take bribes in the matter. By the way, we need to have more of those 3-trombone front lines. So . . . what would you think of us having a set with 3 drummers on the front line? (I do have a very sick side).

Now another very merry month approaches (always merry as long as there's Dixieland), so come enjoy it with us and listen to another round of fine renditions of tunes of yore played by the Mix and Match Jazz Band, described on the front page.

A surgeon at a local hospital wants to do amputations with his bare hands. This makes me wonder: Can he pull it off?

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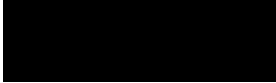
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RAFFLE RAMBLE

By Dave Tygett

Larry Tyrell supplied four wines, two ales and two potted plants.

Lucy Santos was the lucky one, with two winning tickets. She picked the orchid and the rose plants. The wines went to Kathleen Smith, Judy Griffiths, Irv Glandon, and Billie Ricker.



The special ales went to Edie Sanchez and Bob and Philinda Stillwell. Lester won an "I Love Jazz" bumper sticker. Total money raised was \$60.

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