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Art Bregante and his Orchestra



Many of our members wait all year to come and listen to Art Bregante & his Orchestra play that beautiful music from the "Swing Era."

You don't need to have heard these tunes in the '40s and '50s. You just need to love to dance or listen to lovely swing music.

If you enjoy dancing, mark August 4th

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dick Lockwood

We were treated to great Traditional Music by the Mission Gold Jazz Band at our July Session. As some of you may know, their leader (John Soulis) and his family have been my friends since childhood. John's Uncle (Jack Blue) and my Dad ("Duke" Lockwood) were musicians and played in several bands together. John's Dad was an Oakland fireman. He and his family built a cabin in Twain Harte. Our family spent two weeks every year in the 50s at the Soulis Cabin in Twain Harte. This is undoubtedly the reason I now live, with Kerry, in the Sierra Mountains.

Next month is Dancer's Month for sure. Our guest band is the Art Bregante Orchestra. Great tunes from the 40s, 50s and music of all types for you dancers. Be sure to shine your dancing shoes and put this date on your calendar.

I joined the SJDJS some time in 1981 or 82. At that time, Vince Marino broadcasted Dixieland Jazz every Sunday from 9 until noon as I recall. You could listen to the music on KUOP FM while driving to the Session. Many music students attended our sessions to get credit for band and music appreciation classes. It was like a blast from the past this July. Aaron and Delores attended our Session. They were there to gather information for a paper they were writing for their music appreciation course at Delta College. We hope they will return. Perhaps, through their instructor, we will find other students attending in the near future.



ART BREGANTE AND HIS ORCHESTRA

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on your calendar. You won't be sorry. Art's music suits the young folks, and the very same music suits the not-so-young folks. (Think smooth jitterbugs.) It is all in the execution. I just hope they don't play the old "Bunny Hop." I get out of breath just typing the words.

Did you know that Art Bregante donates his wonderful band for our pleasure? Give him your thanks on August 4th.

Interesting fact; five of the band members have served on our Board of Directors.

Band personnel:

Emmett O'Sullivan - Tenor sax, clarinet
Andy Rosenblum - Alto sax, clarinet
Dick Lockwood - Baritone sax
Mike Rosenblum - Trumpet
Michael Rosenblum - Trumpet
Wayne Peace - Flugelhorn
Bill Sharp - String bass
Stephen Douville - Drums
Milt Bowerman - Piano
Geri Eckert - Vocalist
Art Bregante - Leader



HEARD BETWEEN SETS

By Billie Ricker

Let's give a hand to **Marlena & Dave Tygett** 🖐️ for putting

up the patriotic decorations. And the table clothes definitely added a touch of class.

Lucky me. I got to hear *Louisiana Fairy Tale* twice. Once, with **Gene Mondro, & Dominic Ruggieri** on reeds, and **Lee Monthei, Frank Lindskoog, Larry Tyrell, Jan Buhlert, Bill Sharp, & Steve Lee** filling out the jam. Then I heard it again in the last set, with a vocal. No, not **Dick Lockwood**, I think it was **Earl Scheelar** vocalizing.

Congratulations to **Sharon & John Soulis**. They were "celebrating" their wedding anniversary at our session. He scheduled this gig on their anniversary, and **Sharon** let him get away with it. See her photo on pg two.

Lorraine Ladouceur and friend **Connie** were enjoying the music. They have known each other since **Lorraine** was in 8th grade. **Lorraine** has been absent with leave. Medical excuses are about all we accept here. But she looks great, and plans to stay healthy forever. Sounds good to me!

Bev Romans moved to Ezie Ave. That's probably as close to Easy Street as she is ever gonna get! But I hope her life is "Ezie" there.

Here is a nice quote from **Gene Mondro**. When I asked him if he has been having a wonderful time, he said, "As wonderful as time will allow." No wonder **Virginia Wiens** always wears a smile! That is a nice positive attitude.

Here is a picture of **Irene Stolberg**, her Aunt **Marion**, and friend **Gerda** dancing

together. **Marion** is a young 93 year old. After her husband's

death, she lived alone until very recently. Her husband was first violin in a symphony orchestra. **Marion** loves music, as you can see. That's **Irene** on the right.



I have some very sad news to tell you. **Arline Moore**, one of the most courageous women I have ever known, or ever will know, has lost her valiant battle with bone cancer. **Arline & Vic** were charter members of SJDJS, and were faithful attendees whenever possible. Out condolences to **Vic**.

Alice Peters passed away in June. She was a lovely lady who had many friends at SJDJS. She has been missed for several years, as ill health kept her away from the music she enjoyed.

And finally, how very sad that **Hal Needham** is no longer with us. He passed away, to join his beloved wife, **Joan**, whom he missed so much. I know the members of his band, *Black Tuesday*, are devastated.

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

By Bill Sharp



Gadzooks - - a nonsense term of incredibility, used to describe what Robin would say to Batman to describe the no-nonsense sounds of Mission Gold as the July guest band. Based on their performance, they need to change their name to Mission Platinum. Being highly popular, Mission Gold will return in December.

Both gold and platinum notes filled the air from the jammers as well, as more and more qualified musicians appeared to fill both the main stage and the room in the poolside lounge area.

In July we made a special effort to bring down the volume of the jamming musicians by announcing to them that they needed to attempt to play as though they were playing just ambiance music in a church. It really worked well, even though there were a couple who really struggled with the notion. Most went with the play-softer notion, and it sounded great!!! No one got hurt in the process. No medical assistance was needed.

Next month is basically what one might consider to be dance month. In August the august Art Bregante Orchestra will tune up and play tunes of days-gone-by. Bregante plays "glide-across-the floor" music of the big band era, which includes the melodious vocal stylings of Geri Eckert.

RAFFLE RAMBLE

By Dave Tygett

Larry Tyrell picked wine, ale, 2 plants and a tee shirt for this month's raffle. We also had a CD donated by the guest band, Mission Gold, and Irene Stolberg donated \$20 as a raffle prize.



Our winners were wine: Reva Williams, who also won the tee shirt, Don Rees, Margaret Vulkin, Irene Stolberg, and Billie Rick-er; ale: Gene Mondro. Ellie Buhlert won the Mission Gold CD. The plants were won by Delores Moreira and Don Rees. The \$20 went to Reid Johnson. We raised \$141 for the cause. Thanks!



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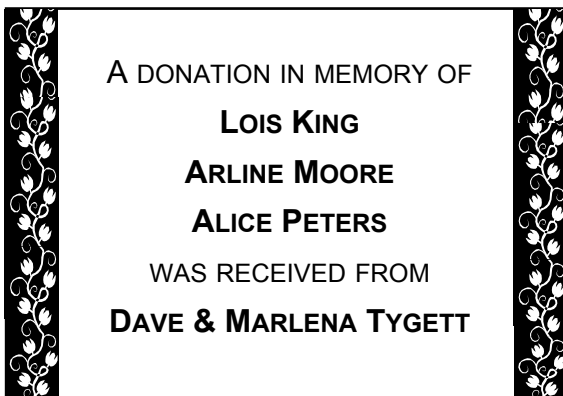
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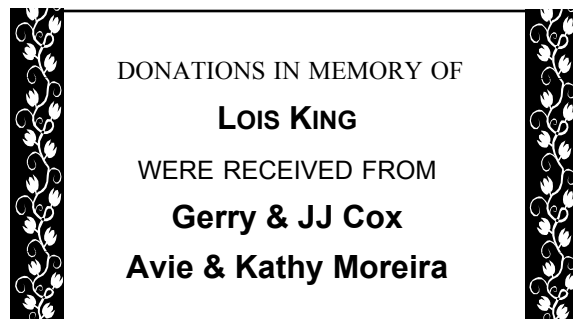
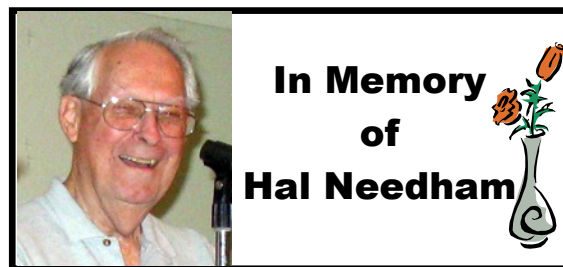
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