



DELTA RAG

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A non-profit organization dedicated to the education, preservation, and promotion of Traditional Jazz

Bill Dendle's Muscat Ramblers on stage November 3rd. (Really!)



We have been waiting since last February to hear this group again. Shelley Burns, known as a vocalist/entertainer, keeps a nice danceable beat on the drums, and gives the vocals her own special treatment, accent on “treat.”

Mr. Dendle himself is a man famous for many things. Among these is his direction of three jazz camp programs. Bill is master of the one-liner, unless you are French, and then he's a raconteur. Oh yes, he plays the banjo like nobody's business!

Bob Sakoi on trumpet and flugelhorn, is always a treat to hear. To be sure of having enough Bobs, we will have Bob Williams playing trombone. He knows which end of the horn to blow into, and the trombone knows who is boss.

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EDITOR'S SPOT



Are you seeing double? Does this look just like last month's Delta Rag? No, only the cover is the same, really! I kid you not, after I sent out the newsletter, there were 2 changes in the guest band last month. But you know you will have a good time no matter who is playing, so come out just to see if there will be any surprises. I may try to beat the system this month by publishing a little later. Let me know if this is a problem for you. But, as you have no doubt found, if they are gonna get you, they're gonna get you. So roll with the punches.

There will be a business meeting during the November session, when nominations for 2014 officers will be announced, and further nominations will be accepted from the floor. I hope you have made a decision to contribute your time and effort to keeping this a fun and successful jazz society.

Thanks to Kathy Felkins for all the photos and records!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dick Lockwood

Some days just go a whole lot better than others. Last Sunday, October 6, was one day that went that way. File this one under OOPS! When I wrote the Prez's Article for the October Delta Rag issue, around the first week of September, I was pretty sure about our band for the coming month. However, due to scheduling conflicts, about two weeks before our Sunday date, we found that we were not going to have the band I thought as our guest band in October. The correction appeared, in time, on our website but the Delta Rag was already published and mailed or e mailed out.

VP Bill Sharp quickly organized what I would rate as one of the best bands we have had for many a year! Kristy (Reed) Cocuzzi, John Cocuzzi piano (aka: The Newlyweds), John Soulis on trombone, Ev Farey on trumpet and Randy McMillian on drums and vibes. They joined the aforementioned Mr. Sharp who was on bass. The joint was rockin' and much dancin' was happening also. The group, known as the Big Surprise Jazz Band was certainly that promised surprise band. Outstanding! But then, how could they miss with that lineup? As is always his custom, VP Sharp donated his time, talent and pay to our Society. Very nice and well received. . . Thank You Bill.

What fun, during the jam sets, to be joined by Randy McMillan on vibes. That lent a sound not often heard in our halls. It put me in mind of the Benny Goodman movie when supposedly the Goodman band met, and was joined, by Lionel Hampton on vibes. If memory serves me, it was in Avalon...at least the movie had us

believe that was the case.

It is that time of the year again when

we open the officers ranks of your Society for nominations. As per our By-Laws, all of your Board Members are up for re-election. Many of us are getting rather "Long in the Tooth." If not in age, then certainly in tenure. Please consider stepping up and running for office.

Please contact Jan or Ellie Buhkert to make your intention known to run for one of our Society Offices.

Give us some feedback. We know that many of you prefer to receive your Delta Rag via hard copy- U.S. Mail. That will continue. Those of you that receive the publication by email...how is that going for you? If you would like yours via email let us know by sending a message to deltarag@stocktondixielandjazz.org.

Personally I prefer the on line color pictures, but I totally understand those that want a hard-copy. Have you looked at our Society's Web Site lately? There are back issues of the Delta Rag and lots of pictures and stories for your enjoyment. News of upcoming events can always be found there too.

<http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org/>

Personal Medical Note 🎵🎵: All is going well. Not much appetite but I just completed day 15 of 27 radiation treatments and all is going rather well. No hair, but then I didn't start out with much either. Hanging in there and still kicking it's axe! Music cures much!

Dick Lockwood, AKA el Jefe
President, SJDJS



Welcome to our Modesto kissin' cousins. (Actually, more like "huggin'" cousins,

but close enough.) The first three 2014 memberships were sold to our friends from Modesto. We hope we'll see them often, they always add a lot to the festivities.

The first greeters (and money takers) at the Admission table were **Bev Martin & Roberta Conrad**. Then **Tony & Dolores Moreira**, **Edie Sanchez & Kathryn Clardy** and finally **Alice Hannan & Judy Griffiths**. We missed **Mary Jane Gill**, who is usually early, and has the Admission table all set up and ready for the early arrivals. Give these people, and **Dave & Marlana Tygett**, plus the Board members listed on page 2, a special pat on the back, handshake, or hug (depending on what you can get away with) to thank them for the extra effort they put in toward making ours such a fun and friendly club. We like to give special recognition to the folks who participate in making things run smoothly each month, but I am going to also give a big hand to the people who just show up and enjoy themselves nearly every month. We wouldn't be here without them, so may they stay happy and healthy! Here are the names of a few. See how many of them you recognize. **Albert Galaviz, Marge Ramirez, Roberta Conrad, Jesse & Connie Sandoval, Audrey Gulick, Larry Alldredge, Kathleen & Stephen Smith, Ilene Harris, Bob Breckenridge, Reid & Doray Johnson, Vic & Ruth Grijalva**, and all you whose names I didn't list. **THANKS FOR COMING!**

HEARD BETWEEN SETS

By Billie Ricker

I enjoyed looking at the pictures that **Kathy Felkins** donated. Thanks to

Marlena for putting them in an album.

Among the wonderful sounds I have heard at SJDJS sessions are a few that stand out as tugging at my heart strings. One of them is **Don Rees** playing "Memories of you," for Deck Hogin. Another is **Dick Lockwood** playing "Louisiana Fairytale." I'm thinking of gathering rose petals to throw at **Dick's** feet the next time he plays it. I have a slew of other favorite tunes, but these are my favorite favorites. (Uh oh, I just felt a jab from Mother. She wants me to edit that sentence!)

Either **Paul Stolberg** has a fondness for cupcakes with flaming candles in them, or he was celebrating a birthday. His picture, with **Irene**, is on page 6. You'll have to count the pages to get to 6. The page numbers have been spirited away by Halloween hobgoblins.

What a hero **Bob Noren** is for donating his CDs. We haven't seen him for a while, and I miss him.

DON REES



(HE PLAYS
"MEMORIES OF
YOU" ON THE
CLARINET. THIS SAX
IS FOR PEOPLE HE
DOESN'T
REMEMBER.)



RAFFLE RAMBLE

By Dave Tygett

There were lots of great prizes this month. Larry Tyrell, our intrepid supplier, brought 6 wines, one beer, one orchid, and two packages of Halloween muffins. JJ and Gerry donated a pumpkin, a bottle of wine and a box of crackers. The wines were won by Audrey Gulick x 2, Kathleen Smith, Reid Johnson, Nora Dale and Ruth Grijalva. Muffins were won by Ruth Grijalva and Audrey Gulick. Kathleen Smith got the pumpkin, (looked like a big garlic bulb to me) wine and crackers. Paul Stolberg got the beer and Barbara Baughman the orchid.

Bob Noren donated 24 CD's which were sold for \$2 each. He has some more coming. Thanks Bob!

Thanks to all, we raised \$179.



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MARLENA & DAVE TYGETT AT THE RAFFLE TABLE



RUTH GRIJALVA

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NORA DALE



KATHLEEN SMITH



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MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Bill Sharp

On October 6th, not only did the Elk's Lodge reverberate with the sounds coming from the Big Surprise Jazz Band, but from the audience as well, as they cheered on the marvelous sounds produced by John and Kristy Cocuzzi (piano and reeds), Ev Farey (trumpet), John Soulis (trombone), Randy McMillan (drums), and Bill Sharp (bass). So good to hear Ev and John "blowin' hot".



Sweet, sweet, sweeter than sugar were the sounds produced on reeds and vocals by Kristy. She and her brand-spanking-new groom are apparently a perfect match when it comes to musical pairings. (I almost twisted the words into brand-new-spanking groom). I was personally thrilled to be standing on the same stage with them. Ev, John, and Randy topped off the delight I felt, with no spanking involved. Man, did that new kid on the block, Randy McMillan, add sparks to the joint, nearly burning it down, with his hot vibes playing. My ears still pleurably ring, just thinking about it.

Next month (November 3rd) the pair of brand-spanking-older duo of Bill Dendle, and spouse Shelly Burns, along with their Muscats (no, not Muskrats- - muscat, like the grape) will grace the stage and once again make the Elks Lodge the "go-to" place to be for anyone who loves fine music and dancing.

Bob Noren has donated many fine CDs to the club, and each month some are placed

on a table for sale. The initial set of 20 went as soon as they were

put out. Thanks to Bob for this swell contribution. He put his entire CD collection on his computer, then gave the CDs to the club. Now there's an idea for you to consider, as far as helping our club remain afloat. Bob tossed us a life jacket. Anything you could donate to the club would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps think along the lines of something to use for the raffle.

By the way, it is such a great feeling to be up on that stage and look out to see so many happy big-grinned faces in the audience. Thanks to the jammers who help keep the crowd happy when the guest band is taking a break. Remember that this organization is run completely by volunteers, and ain't it simply amazing that it has existed for so dang long. It's because you keep coming. Do come in November, and bring someone - - even if dragged in screaming off the streets.

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