



THE DELTA RAG

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Sunday - February 1st 2015 - Noon to Five PM

IT'S JAM-A-ROO DAY - JAM SETS ALL DAY

We are at the **ELKS LODGE: 8900 Thornton Ave. Stockton, CA**

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The month of February Brings us the **MARDI GRAS**

It also brings **JAM-A-ROO DAY** to the **S.J.D.J.S.**

We are hosting jam sets all day long.

If you are a musician...



I WANT YOU

YES....YOU! So get your 'AXE' on down to the Stockton Elks Club on Sunday, February 1st and sit in with us. **YOU** will be the featured musician. We will be operating continuous jam sets all day long. Trad and Swing tunes allowed. No, make that **MANDATORY!**

PAY? You want pay? Other than you and one guest getting in the door for free, your pay is: **ZIP, SQUAT, NADA AND ZILCH.** However, you do get to entertain some really great folks.. If you want to organize a band for a jam set, please contact our V.P. Music Director...Carl Kaiser (keybonekaiser@hotmail.com). Do that ASAP...as the sets are filling up rather quickly.

See his VP/Music Director's article (page 9) for more information.

What's that? You aren't a musician? We have that covered too. If you like to dance, toe tap or just sit and listen to O.K.O.M (Our Kind of Music) then this is the day for **YOU!**

Wont-cha Come on down and join us?

IT'S MARDI GRAS AND JAM-A-ROO DAY AT SJDJS

Our Web Site: <http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org/>

The San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society

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President's Article – February 2015 Delta Rag



Greetings to you all as we enter the month of prominent-presidents birthday anniversaries, this President curiously is not among them. I guess there are presidents and there are presidents. (*Ed Note: Does our Prez. Frank refer to himself or to the current occupant at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave? Hmmm!*)

Listen up all you wanna-be trumpeters. Serious contests for best simulation of that beloved leadership instrument by way of vocal chords and lips vibration have again become faddish, as they have a couple of times during my lifetime. It is quite remarkable how near-genuine a trumpet sound can be produced by clever pursing of the lips while humming.

A loyal active group, listeners/dancers/musicians, within our total membership continues to maintain the viability of SJDJS. And our newly minted Music Director Carl Kaiser has plunged into his assignment with vigor and enthusiasm. He plans to encourage pre-jam session selection of musicians. More to come in his article.

I am saddened when I report the loss of another of our members... Mary Jane Gill. More about her passing can be found in Editor Emeritus' Billie Ricker's Article.

Volunteers, we need you urgently! Our past president Rich. Lockwood generously continues his double duty, as P.P. and Editor/Publisher of the Newsletter, both electronic and paper modes. It would take one of you computer-literate members to relieve him as editor/publisher. To those with that talent: search your consciences and help out if you can. Also, we need a pair of you to donate one single hour per month to act as door-greeters at our sessions. More on that request will be found in Member at Large Judy Griffith's article.

URT of the month: This latest year brought us an excellent movie, Capt. Phillips, which in my opinion demonstrates beyond any doubt why our country, or any for that matter, ought not submit to international governance of any kind. Treaties, pacts, etc. are useful but governance, no. This movie depicts the true and pathetic story of a huge container ship, 100 or more feet of free-board, successfully chased, boarded and hijacked by ignorant native pirates with military-type automatic weapons, in a 17 foot ramshackle fishing boat propelled by an out-board motor! This insulting and ridiculous event was enabled by international governance decree proscribing defensive firearms aboard commercial vessels.

At my age one is liable to get queries like this: "Where do you want your remains buried?" Oh I don't know, surprise me." [full disclosure: purloined from Bob Hope]
Keep on singing [or humming]

**Our next SJDJS Board Meeting will immediately follow the February 1st session.
The Prez. - AKA: Frank Lindskoog**

“High Society”

Seen at the Scene in January 2015



A word to the unwise: I hasten to express my thanks to **Bill Sharp**, for dedicating so much of his time and talent to our happy club. Thanks **Bill**, my compliments on an impressive job. Exemplary even. I tried to knit you a Hawaiian shirt as a reward, but found out knitting needles aren't really needles at all. They are large unwieldy things unsuited to my delicate hands. (Don't tell anybody, but delicate is code word for arthritic.)

I would also like to offer my extremely enthusiastic welcome to **Carl Kaiser** into the Kingdom known as "Board of Directors," as First (and only) Vice President slash Music Director. I hope it wasn't the word, *Vice* that convinced you to accept this exalted position. It will be a lot of work, no doubt, but I hope it will be enough fun to make the effort worth while.

I was looking through my notes of the past few years, and found some chuckles I wanted to share with you. Then I saw some other items I thought you might find interesting. For instance, here is a joke from 2009 that **Bob Romans** told. *A woman recognized a man sitting on a park bench. She sat down beside him, and said, "I haven't seen you in 25 years. Where have you been?" He said, "Oh, I've been in jail." "What for?" "I murdered my wife with an axe." Whereupon, the woman moved closer, and said, "Oh, so you're single!"* Okay, that's not the funniest thing you ever heard. It was probably funnier when **Bob** told it. I was unscrambling my handwriting.

That was the year of our club's 30th anniversary, and we had some dandy contests. **Albert Galaviz** won a prize for best dancer, and **Gerry & JJ Cox** won a prize for best costumes. **Buzz & Vickye** from Albuquerque and **Cy & M J Sumner** from Colorado shared the prize for the couple coming the greatest distance. Say! In only 4 years we'll be celebrating our 40th year. We better get on the ball and start planning a celebration. We have some members who will be really good at it. (Some are good at planning, and some are good at celebrating.)

Okay, back to the jokes. Here's one from **Frank Lindskoog**. *The song, "Do you Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans?" was written in 1930, by a pilot who put his plane down in the Gulf.*

A few years ago, **Gene Mondro** told me of a beer called, "Moose Drool." When I was suitably horrified, he said there was also a "Raging Bitch" beer. Hmm, must mean "Angry female dog" beer. Whatever will they think of next. I saw a sign that said: *HUSBAND SITTING - Want some time to yourself? Want to go shopping?- Bring your husband to us. We'll watch him for you - You only have to pay for his drinks.*



-You know you're getting old when your bank gives you their free calendar one month at a time. Oh, you've heard that one? How about this one. *Being over the hill isn't so bad. It's better than being under the hill!*

It wasn't that long ago, but somehow I missed hearing **Bill Sharp's** vocal on, "Let's Talk Dirty in Hawaiian." Here is a joke from **Vic Grijalva** that I had to tidy up a bit to get by the censor. A very fat man went to the Dr. and said he had a sore foot, but when he looked down he couldn't see it. The Dr. said, "You need to diet." And the fat man said, "What color?" There was a joke or 2 from **Carl Warmdahl**, but my writing was illegible. I tell you, if I drink one of those coca colas, the caffeine just gives me the jitters and my handwriting goes all to heck. Get your jokes ready, I'll be there February first with notebook in hand.

What a sad thing to learn of **Mary Jane Gill's** death. I have been waiting for her return from what I thought was a vacation. I keep thinking of things I want to tell or ask her. She always had a sweet smile for those stopping to pay admission. She was very quiet and dignified, but somehow you always knew she was there. Our deepest sympathy to her son and daughter-in-law, **Steve and Ilene Harris**, and to the rest of her family as well.

Billie Ricker - Editor Emeritus

You are invited to the gala celebration of the
NATURAL GAS JAZZ BAND
45th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

March 22, 2015 2-5 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Pkwy,
San Rafael (near Marin Civic Center)

Guest Stars & band alumni, memorabilia, special jazz presentations, plus surprises. Enjoy hit tunes from the Gasser's international gigs such as U.S.S.R., Australia, Japan, and New Zealand. This is an historic NGJB event not to be missed!



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Enjoy the jubilation of 4 ½ decades of Marin's almost legendary, not quite famous jazz band.



Raffle Ramble from January 2015

By David Tygett



Happy New Year to all. We started off the year with a good raffle with 12 prizes, four of which were donated by Jim and Anna Packard. A nice wok was won by Kathy Williams and a red necklace by Audrey Gulick. A pretty ladies pin is now worn by Kathleen Smith and the ladies make up kit went to Judy Griffiths. The four bottles of wine donated by Audrey Gulick were won by Ellie Buhlert, Barbara Baughman, Kathleen Smith, and Marty Holfinz. Larry Tyrell brought his usual TJ's items and quickly won the Black and Tan Ale. Don Reese got the wine and Reid Johnson the orchid.

The fudge cake will be eaten by Wilt Fernandez. You raised \$131-thanks.

Carl Warmdahl donated 15 CD's which are yours for a \$2 donation. We sold 6 this month so check the remainder next month for a good deal.

FLASH... In February we will have a silent auction of three items donated by the Packard's:

1. A Bella Coffee Maker valued at \$45
2. A 7 piece Gibson cookware set valued at \$42
3. A ladies Fossil leather clutch purse valued at \$42

We Won! (When you win, the SJDJS wins too!)
Support the SJDJS...buy raffle tickets! Bid high and often!
Thanks: Dave and Marlena





Board Member At Large Judy Griffiths

Volunteer Help needed!

We still need two volunteers to work at the Admission Desk between 12:30 and 1:30 PM monthly at our SJDJS sessions Elks.

Tony and Delores Moreira want to retire from their time slot. We thank them for the time they have donated to our Society. They will stay on until we find their replacement. That time slot needs to be filled ASAP. Please help! Phone me [redacted] or E-Mail me at [redacted].

Please have your Current Membership Card ready to show at the door.

Thank you! Judy



**Equipment Manager
Larry Tyrell**

Thanks...make that many thanks ... for all the hard work our set-up and tear-down crew does every month.

Most folks get to the session around noon or later. These crew members are here several hours before noon and leave long after everyone else has gone home.

THANK YOU ALL!

We have expanded our **Support Live Dixieland** to include more content on live music in the area. We hope you like the new format. If you have a regular or special event be sure to let us know. We will include activities known to us on a space-available basis.

SUPPORT LIVE DIXIELAND

1st Sunday of month Noon to Five: **San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society**

See our Web page <http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org/> for more information on time, bands and directions to the Elks Club at 8900 Thornton Rd. Stockton On February 1st. it's **JAM-A-ROO DAY** – Jammers All Day - Bring Your Ax and we will put you to work!

2nd Sunday – Noon to Five: - **Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society**. Elks Lodge, Riverside Drive - Sacramento Web: <http://www.sacjazz.org/>
Feb 6, 7 , 8 2015 - **STJS Jazz All Weekend** - Come support our sister club.

3rd Sunday - Noon to Five: - **Modesto Traditional Jazz Society** – Clarion Inn, East side of Highway 99 @ Sisk Rd. - Modesto Feb 15, 2015 - **Bye Bye Blues Band**
Web: <http://www.modestojazz.com/wp/> , - Come support our other sister club.

4th Sunday - 1 to 5 PM - **South Bay Traditional Jazz Society** - Sunnyvale Elks Lodge
Web: <http://www.sbtjs.org/> Feb. 22, 2015 - **Turk Murphy Memories**, featuring Pat Yankee with the Bob Schulz **Frisco Jazz Band**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.- **Cell Block 7** – Royce's BBQ – East side of Highway 99 @ Eight Mile Road - Stockton Web: <http://www.cellblock7.net/>

March 22, 2015 2—5 PM The **Natural Gas Jazz Band's** 45th Anniversary Party. Embassy Suites San Rafael. See their add in this issue. You don't want to miss this one....it will certainly be a **Gas**. Web: <http://www.ngjb.com/>

Mid - Week night schedule - You can catch the **Creole Jazz Kings** at the Clarion Inn - Modesto... Phone the Clarion for time & nights: (209) 521-1612



MONEY MATTERS

February 2015
by Geri Eckert, Treasurer

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend our January session, and I really hated missing Fulton Street JB. I was out of town attending the wedding of one of my grandchildren. (1st one;6 more

to go.) I boogied all evening; had a ball..... 🍷

Thank you to **MARK KRAMMER** for your donation to the *general account* and to **ELINOR HACKETT** who donated to the *Youth account*. And the *Kitty Jars* did really well this month. Thank you Kitty Kats!

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| Door..... | \$239 |
| Membership dues..... | 250 |
| Donations..... | 110 thank you all... |
| Raffle..... | 131 |
| Misc..... | CD sales..... 6 |
| TOTAL INCOME..... | \$736. |

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| Rent..... | \$490 |
| Band..... | 600 |
| D. Rag printing..... | 28.89 |
| Misc..... | money transfer.....20 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES..... | \$1,138.89 |

BANK BALANCE — as of *Dec.31,2014*: I'm closing the books for 2014 with a balance of **\$7,405.77** in the general account and **\$865.25** in the youth account.

ATTENDENCE: We had 41 signatures at the door and 17 jammer musicians.

IT'S MY HOPE THAT EVERYONE SURVIVED THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF ALL THE HOLIDAYS AND IS NOW ENJOYING A HEALTHY AND WEALTHY START TO



Mary Jane Gill

You were a good friend and a valuable member of our jazz society..

We All Miss You



Vice President/Music Director Report - February 2015



We had a great start to 2015 with a fabulous performance by the Fulton Street Jazz band. This band is quite versatile as they took the time to carefully tailor each tune to make it a unique piece of music. Creative solos, duets, key changes, and yet, they still keep the music quite danceable. Many thanks to Bob, Bob, and, uh, Bob, and oh yea, Vince, Paul and Darrell!

I once played in a big band (16 or 17 members) with five people named Carl, or Karl. After awhile, I stopped answering to my own name...

The jammers again provided us with a lot of great music between the Fulton Street sets. Jammers included Dick Williams, Dannie Balsler, Loren Iverson, Dick Lockwood, Don Rees, Jay Paulus, Bill Thieme, Larry Tyrell, Bill Hoffman, Stephen Lee, Dave Radmore, Carl Warmdahl, Frank Lindskoog, Mark Kramer, Jan Buhlert (*and how great was it to see to see Jan!*), Dominic Ruggieri, and yours truly.

Speaking of the jammers, I believe we are in for quite a treat at our February meeting. February is Jam-a-Roo Jammers month. Several groups of the best jammers from within and without (?) of the valley will grace our Elks stage on February 1st. It will be like having guest bands all afternoon! I don't know what to expect. Drop by and find out for yourself!

As it says on the front page of this paper, if you are a jammer and have not been contacted to be in a band, be a leader! Put your own band together! If that 'leader' thing scares you, contact me anyway. I will try to get you in the lineup! You will not be required to wear lederhosen.

Enjoy the rest of January. Only a few more days and your annual diet will be history for another year! Take care.

Carl Kaiser, Vice President/Music Director San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society





JAM-A-ROO??? What the heck is a Jam-a-roo you ask? Don't bother to look it up...you won't find it. The phrase, was coined by our Immediate Past Vice President/Music Director, Bill Sharp. I think it is an original creation from Bill's vast (OK Half-Vast) mind. He used it to describe our sessions when it is a jammer only day... like our February 2015 Session. That works for me!

Not merely content to leave it at that, I went to the Wikipedia in search of more information on "jammers and jam sessions". Zip...nothing on Jam-a-roos or Jammers except a reference to some avant-guard keyboard thingy. Probably only our VP Carl Kaiser would understand that one. Anyway, here is what I did find out about Jam Sessions. Credit to Wikipedia:

The phrase "Jam session" came about in the 20's when white and black musicians would congregate after their regular paying gigs, to play the jazz they couldn't play in the "Paul Whiteman" style bands. Bing Crosby would often attend these sessions, and the musicians would say he was 'jammin' the beat', since he would clap on the one and the three. Thus these sessions became known as "jam sessions"

I can certainly put this new knowledge in my "I didn't know that" collection of nearly useless trivia.

The Plan Ahead Department. I repeat: Our April 5, 2015 Session falls on Easter Sunday. I don't recall this happening too many times in the past. However, we are planning on holding our First-Sunday of the Month session on that Sunday, April 5th. A few of our sessions were held on April Fools Day in the past but this one is no joke! Please plan to be with us. We may play some spirituals; and, you can be assured, you will hear "Put on Your Easter Bonnet" at least once during the day. That day, as in February, will again be a Jam-a-roo day, with two continuous jam set venues operating all day.

Your Homework U Tube for listening: Eric Clapton (yeah...I know...he doesn't do our kind of music. But trust me on this one. OKOM believe it or not!) Here he does "**My Very Good Friend the Milkman**". A guy named Fats Waller also did it in 1938. I have had the very great pleasure of playing off and on for several years with our own Master Tuba Man...Mr. Keith Baltz. This tune has a great Tuba line throughout. I can almost hear Keith singing this one too. Pay close attention to the lyrics...it actually tells a story. And, it is not about "Ladies of the Evening or Female Dogs (like our current Rap Crap that I refuse to call Music.) There's a great key change in the middle too. Enough Said...go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvENvzUJh6Y>

P.P'S (Past Prez's) Point to Ponder for February 2015. Here are two of my favorite malaprops from assorted church bulletins. You could not make this stuff up if you tried!

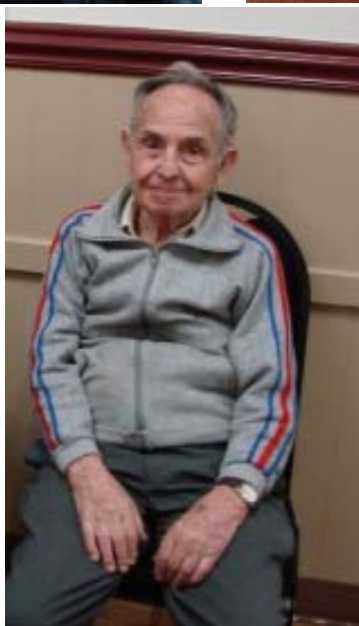
"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance."

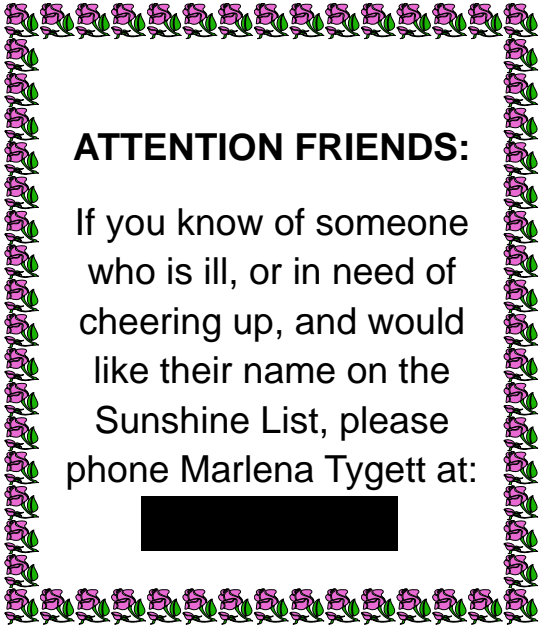
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Dick Lockwood, AKA: Inspector Breganowicz, Blaze, Chief, Your Majesty, Cuzz, Hey You, Etc. **Editor**, SJDJS Delta Rag, Immediate Past President, Gold Card Registered Sax Defender. **That's 30 for February folks!**

We were at the January 2015 - San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society Session







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2015 Calendar

Mar 1: Band with Potential
(Dominic Ruggieri, et al)

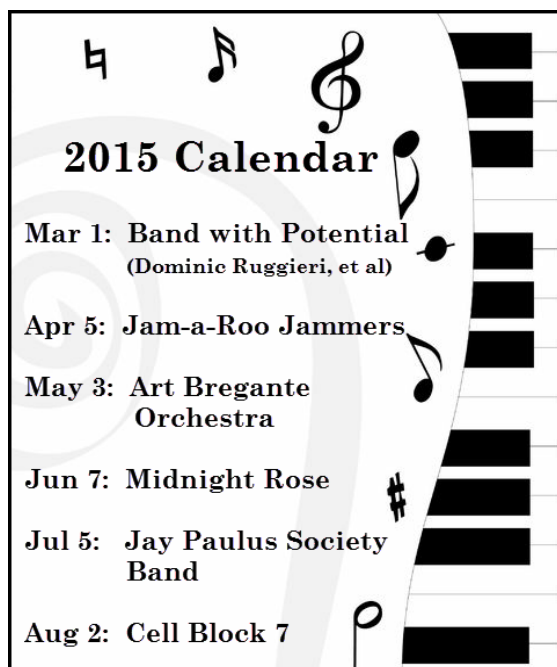
Apr 5: Jam-a-Roo Jammers

May 3: Art Bregante Orchestra

Jun 7: Midnight Rose

Jul 5: Jay Paulus Society Band

Aug 2: Cell Block 7



Please Remember to Pay your Dues for 2015!