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IT'S DR. BACH AND THE JAZZ PRACTITIONERS

Sunday October 4th, 2015 - Noon to 5 PM

Location: ELKS LODGE, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, CA

Map/Directions? See our web site: <http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org>



We are a fun group of talented and experienced musicians who enjoy playing Dixieland, Swing, Dance, Blues, and Gospel tunes. The band features a Tuba - Banjo sound for Trad tunes, and a String Bass – Guitar sound for Swing.

We have performed at the Jazz Clubs in Monterey, Sacramento, Redding, Stockton, Modesto, Santa Rosa, Pismo Beach, Three Rivers and Fresno. We also have played at the Auburn Fair, The Placer County Fair, the Nevada County Fair, and the California State Fair. We played in the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee for twelve years, and have been in the Festivals in Modesto, Graeagle, and San Jose. We play Gospel Church services for several churches from Auburn to the Bay Area. We definitely are tuned into playing FOR the audience, which means a lot of dance tunes on October 4th at SJDJS.

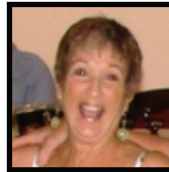
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MONEY MATTERS

**Geri Eckert—Treasurer report
for September 2015**

With Ken McMurray's HOT JAZZ JUBILEE happening

on the same weekend, we didn't expect many people at our Stockton Jazz Sunday. We were SSOOooooo pleasantly surprised to see so many of you there. We didn't break the bank, but we did okay. In addition to the sign-in's at the door, we had 10 of our regular jammers, plus 3 new musicians who said they had a good time and promised me that they will be coming back on a regular basis. Good musicians = good music=good attendance= good income. WooHoo for that!

Speaking of "income", a huge thank you to **ROBERT & PHILINDA STILLWELL** for their very generous cash donation to our club. And to all of you who donate in various ways, we do appreciate all your help in keeping our great club alive. Thank you to all and hope to see you next month.

INCOME..... \$559.00

Door 193.
 Donations 250.
 Raffle 87.
 Kittie jars 29.

EXPENSES..... \$624.72

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 Delta Rag.....74.72

"My sister, Delores Moreira, was ambulated to Saint Joseph's Hospital two times earlier this month. She has survived both emergencies and she is now in recovery at a post hospital facility, for a temporary stay. I know her husband, Tony, and her children would appreciate your kindness and your prayers."

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P.P. (PAST PRESIDENT) SEZ For October, 2015

Fire and Music! What do they have in common? Usually not a whole lot! However, beginning on September 9th and continuing for several days after, I was privileged to witness the common ground between fire and music.

As you probably know, we had a fire of gigantic proportions here in Amador and Calaveras County. I first learned of the fire in the afternoon on Thursday, September 10th. "There is a large fire with some evacuations ordered in the area of Butte Mountain and Tabeaud Rd. (Pronounced Taboo)." Hey, sez I, Jan and Ellie Buhlert live in that area. So I phoned Jan. You guys OK? Yeah...Why? How about the fire? Fire? What Fire? We are in Chico. I offered to go to their hilltop home and check it out for them. Later that evening, I thought the fire would easily miss their place and told them to just stay in Chico. All would be OK. Power went out to most of Amador County that night. On Friday, Kerry and I started out for Jackson to get gasoline for our house generator. None of the nearby stations had power and that equals no gas! On the way down Highway 88 to Jackson, I looked over in the direction of the Buhlert's house and saw that the smoke plume was **MUCH - MUCH BIGGER! LIKE HUGE!**

This time, after looking at the fire from the rear of their house, I phoned them and told them that it would be a very good idea for them to come home **NOW!** Jan said they were already in route. This was at about 9:30 AM. By 10:30 flames were visible from behind their home on the next hillside over to the south. At about this time a firetruck arrived in their driveway. Manned with a crew of four firefighters.

So, where is this going? How do you get fire and music out of this? Hang in there with me! I phoned Jan again and asked him to guess what was in their driveway. The fire, he asks? No, sez I. A firetruck with four firefighters aboard. Jan Says that's great! I reply, Jan, it is like an omen...the firetruck is a **City of Dixon Firetruck!** I heard Ellie squeal with delight.

Still no music connection? Well...we're almost there! Many years ago, when Jan and Ellie lived in the town of Dixon, several members of the City government (Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Manager Bob Noren, Jan and some others) started the **Dixon Phirehouse Philharmonic Jazz Band.** At one time, Jan was a volunteer firefighter on the Dixon Fire Department. Ellie's Nephew, Brian Schroeder is a Captain on the Department. Though he was not present on the first day, he was assigned there two days later. The Dixon Fire crew was told by Fire Command to stay at the Buhlert home, as the location was considered highly defensible. They were there for four days! The City of Dixon only sent one truck and crew to this fire. What are the odds that they would be randomly assigned to Jan and Ellie's house?

It's Divine intervention in my book. We just knew all would be well when that Dixon Crew arrived. Thankfully the Buhlert's home has been spared, though the fire came all the way up to their driveway.



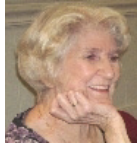
That's 30 for October 2015. Big THANKS to Kerry and all Contributors!

Dick Lockwood, Editor, (PP), Gold Card Registered Sax Defender, SJDJS Member (Big Long Time)



SPLINTERS FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Meeting September, 2015

No September 2015 Board Meeting = no splinters!



SEEN AT THE SCENE in September 2015

Billie is taking this month off folks — see you next month.



THE PREZ SEZ: For October 2015



Hello all. Halloween looms already. Can you believe it. With the passage of time our human nature seems to exaggerate its' feeling about recollections, that is, more pleasant or more unpleasant than they were. The music of the 20,s 30,s 40s, played by big bands and combos was indeed wonderful, memorable and endearing. However, I submit that the years thereafter, through 1990, brought us even better music with its' more technically sophisticated performers, harmonies and creative arrangers.

Despite the confluence of Labor Day/Hot Jazz Fest* weekend and our session, we had an adequate stable of musicians and numbers of listeners/ dancers. Kudos to all of you loyal attendees. Thanks to our P.P. Dick L. our music director plans to engage a new-to-us "big band" in the 2016 season. More about it in other articles nearby.

Time remains for you members who wish to be nominated for any 2016 board position, to contact us. Your club can use the help, especially in our club promotions position.URT of the month: Right up there w/dynamite and bleach,-full disclosure, I am a Clorox retiree-is one of the least known yet important in my view, chemical inventions: "Detergent", circa 1946. Perhaps many of you have forgotten how difficult was it to deal w/kitchen and other household grease. Nearly all gray water had to be routed through some sort of intercept-trap to avoid pipe clogging, thus posing a periodic and ugly solid grease clean-out job. During WWII "surfactants" were developed which, added to soaps, keep greasy components suspended as liquids, obviating plumbing traps and their nasty maintenance. Submarine commands necessarily require opportunistic leaders to make their kills. But unlike leaders in other occupations there is one optimistic aphorism they all hate with a passion! "When one door closes another door opens."

We will be conducting a brief board meeting @ 5 PM following the Oct. session.
Your Prez, Frank L.

DA VEEP SEZ: For October 2015



At the September session, the B. P. O. Elks Hall in Stockton was filled with the sound of music provided by the jammers of SJDJS and some honored guests. It was like old times for me to see Chris Bradley and Bob Boring. Chris leads the appropriately titled band, the Chris Bradley Jazz Band. Bob is the trombone player in that group. They play twice per month at the Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore. Back in the '70's, I was fortunate to play big band music Chris, Bob, Ray Farley, Dick Lockwood's dad, Duke, and many others at the old Musicians Union Local 510 building in San Leandro. I believe the building is still there, however, sadly, the music is gone.

Another special guest, and we hope he becomes a regular SJDJS jammer, is woodwind and banjo man Bob Embry Bob is a member of the well-know Royal Society Jazz Band. He recently retired from teaching and has moved to Stockton.

Many thanks to the jammers who took time from their Labor Day weekend to share their musical skills. In addition to Chris, Bob B. and Bob E., the jammers were Geri Eckert, Ray Farley, Frank Lindskoog, Loren Iverson, Carl Kaiser, Stephen Lee, Dick Lockwood, Jim Lucas, Don Rees, Mike Reilley, Larry Tyrell, Carl Warmdahl, and Dick Williams

I recently received an e-mail regarding the lovely tune, "Darkness on the Delta". An article was attached and can be found at deltamagazine.com/features/darkness-on-the-delta. The article outlines several stories regarding the tune, some musicians who made it famous and anecdotes of the Mississippi Delta region. Since reading the article, there has been a little chatter among some of the board members and musicians regarding a theme song for the club. With Stockton's location in the delta region of California, why not adopt an unofficial theme song — "Darkness on the Delta". It would be our secret! Don't tell anybody in Mississippi! Or Mistersippi!

Our October session will feature the music of Dr. Bach and the Jazz Practitioners. Dr. Charlie Gelbach leads a group of high-energy musicians. Actually, the musicians are quite a laid back group. That is, until Charlie counts off! Come prepared to enjoy a great afternoon of trad jazz! Enjoy the rest of September. Bring on the cooler weather!



Raffle Ramble September 2015

By David Tygett

We had some lucky winners this month. Greg Boring won wine, and a pie. Chris Bradley won a wine and a Bakka cake.

Bob and Philinda Stilwell got a Mum and a travel pillow donated by the Packards. The silver basket went to Klarise Davis. Kathleen Smith won a wine and the orchid went to Kathy Williams. We raised \$87 –Thanks.

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



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]



**Board Member At Large
Judy Griffiths**

**Thank You to All Our
Admission Desk Volunteers!**

Please remember to have your 2015
Membership Card ready to show at the door.



**Equipment Manager Larry Tyrell
September 2015 Session**

At 10:30 Art Bregante, the birthday boy, Frank Lindekoog, and myself hunkered down and brought the equipment in and set it up. After the meeting, the same crew plus Dick Lockwood helped bring it back to the storage trailer. Thank you all.



**Where-ever We Go
by Ruth Grijjalva**

I am a dreamer; I often wonder why,
I think of many things, that make me want
to cry.

Today I am praying for our
World at peace,
The world is in turmoil,
our fears never cease.
How has this happened?
Do we want to know?
We see, so much; sadness,
Where-ever we go.

Today, I am praying for
Our World at peace.
It is Christmas time, Lord,
please make war cease.
Jesus, is our Savior,
Why have not we learned?
Where-ever we go, to love and be
loved in return.



SUPPORT LIVE DIXIELAND

1st Sunday of the month - Noon to 5:00 pm: **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 Oct. 4th.** Its Dr. Bach & The Jazz Practitioners - Musicians — Bring Your Ax! We will put you to work! Contact our VP/Music Director Carl Kaiser to schedule a slot keybonekaiser@hotmail.com

2nd Sunday of the month - Noon to 5:00 pm: **Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society.** Elks Lodge, Riverside Drive - Sacramento. Web: <http://www.sacjazz.org/> **October 11th.** Guest Artist is Kim Cusack (clarinet/sax).

3rd Sunday - Noon to 5:00 pm: **Modesto Traditional Jazz Society** – Clarion Inn, East side of Highway 99 @ Sisk Rd. - Modesto. Web: <http://www.modestojazz.com/wp/> **October 18th.** **Creole Jazz Kings**

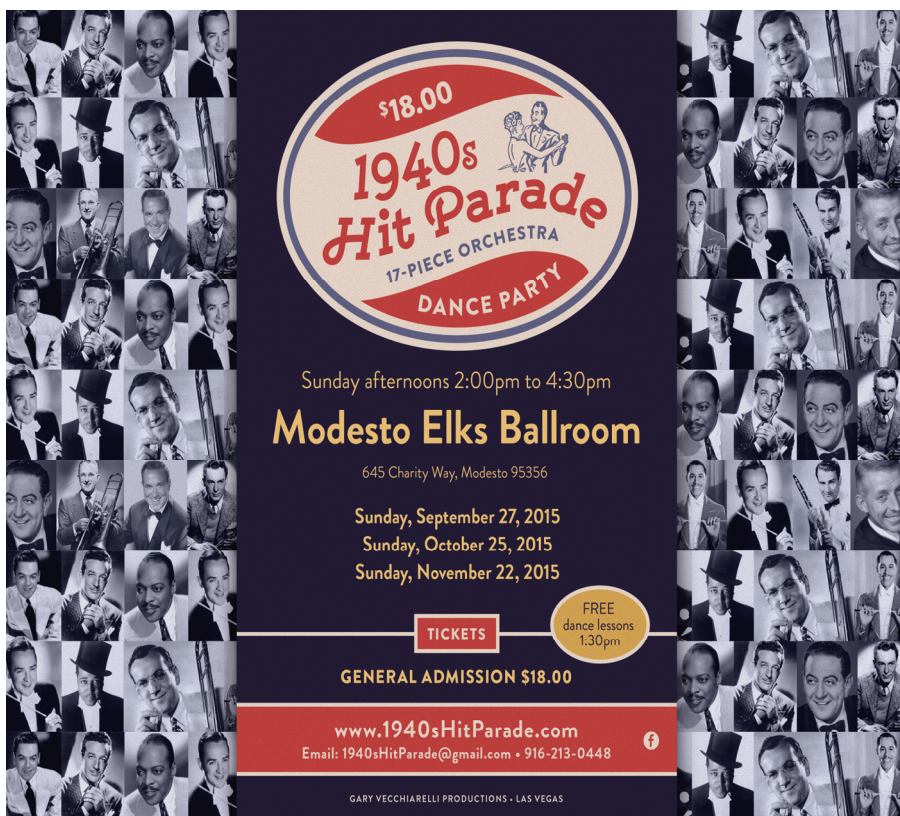
4th Sunday - 1 to 5 pm: **South Bay Traditional Jazz Society** - Sunnyvale Elks Lodge
Web: <http://www.sbtjs.org/> **October 25th.** Toot Sweet JB

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

Weds nights - 6 to 9 pm: You can catch the **Creole Jazz Kings** at the Clarion Inn, Modesto. (209) 521-1612
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/creolejkb>

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Ed. Note: Kerry and I met Promoter Gary Viccharelli at the Sacramento Music Festival. He is promoting several **1940's Big Band Dance Party Events** through the rest of this year.

← *See their Ad to the left* ←

We hear the band is great and is very danceable. It is well worth your attending to listen and dance to some really great big band music.

More information can be found on our web site:

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Coming Events

Oct 4 - Dr. Bach & the Jazz Practitioners

Nov 1 - Natural Gas Jazz Band

Dec 6 - Mission Gold Jazz Band

Jan 4 - Kristy Reed and John Cocuzzi

Please Remember to Pay your Dues for 2015!