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Location: ELKS LODGE, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, CA Map/Directions? See our web site: <u>http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org</u> COME SEE AND HEAR OUR FEATURED BAND FOR DECEMBER:

THE MISSION GOLD JAZZ BAND



The Mission Gold Jazz Band, Fremont, California. With a name inspired by the golden hills above Fremont's Mission San Jose, Mission Gold is an eight piece, two cornet band consisting of a variety of multi-talented musicians from all over the Bay Area. MGJB was formed in 1980 and has a long tradition of performing the music of Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, Lu Watters and Turk Murphy. The band plays standards and more common tunes in the swing genre. The main goal is to please the dancers, strutters, and jazz listeners.

We offer a variety of Dixieland styles, including Marches, Blues, Ragtime and Stomps. We encourage audience participation during tunes reminiscent of the cakewalk, parasol strutting and to raise their voices to sing along with the band.

Musicians: John Soulis - Leader & Trombone; Bob Sterling - Tuba; Roz Temple – Piano; Jack Wiecks - Banjo; Dick Williams - Cornet; Rich Newcomb - Coronet; Ray Buhler - Reeds; Mark Messier - Drums.

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MONEY MATTERS: FOR DECEMBER, 2015 Monthly Treasurer's Report:

Our **YOUTH ACCOUNT** is back up to a comfortable balance for next year. I deposited all monies from the raffle and kitty jars into that

account as outlined in my Delta Rag article last month. The money collected **(see below)** was second highest only to the raffle in March \$200 and the kitty jars in July \$109. Well done members, musicians, and guests!! We appreciate your generosity. Maybe we can beat those figures in December.

As I was arriving to jazz, I was approached by a gentleman outside the entrance door. This man explained to me that he had never been to our Sunday Jazz but said, "I love Dixieland music". I responded with, "Well, you came to the right place...". And, before the day was over he joined our club. In addition to him we signed in another new member that same day. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to talk with her but I hope to in the near future.

SOOOooooo...... WELCOME to our "2 NEW MEMBERS": MIKE KAELIN from Tracy and JANUS STOCK of Stockton. We look forward to seeing both of you regularly.

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Band	500
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THE PREZ SEZ: For December 2015



Hello again to all of you valuable members of our *cozy* little club. I think of it as cozy anyway When you hear a vocalist answer a tune request and accompany oneself on an instrument, I am hoping that you are suitably impressed. [Especially if a reed or brass player]. The degree of difficulty is considerably beyond that of doing either singly. Trumpets/clarinets excepted, few instrumentalists are inspired to accurately play the melody when it comes time to solo. The exact melody and timing are

difficult to achieve. It is far easier simply to take wide liberties between melody and harmony. That vocalist/instrumentalist must w/o practice produce a quality-timber voice, simultaneously instrument-harmonizing w/o duplicating that melody. Not easy w/o practice on the particular requested tune.

As Prez, I, (*and I know all you club members do as well*), want to thank your unanimously returning board for doing so. These sessions do not produce themselves. Board members and regular club volunteers must perform every month to make such happen. And this past session we were helped by Christina Aasen and Kathy Williams who kindly volunteered to greet audience and handle book-keeping matters at the entrance. On behalf of the Board, our thanks to you two. See report of *Editor Emeritus* Billie Ricker for more on helpful people.

Nominations aside, affai'rs de board were naught but routine this month and therefore un-news-worthy.

URT [useless random thought] of the month: Those of you who have been around awhile might remember when signing on our U.S. roads did not include destinations; rather route #s w/ N.S.E.W. heading. This is another importation from Europe, [we sometimes seem to have an inferiority complex] wherein many of the roadways were w/o route #s. A destination was all you had to go on. Why do we spend all that Federal tax money on signing to learn that eventually we will wind up in Eureka or Los Angeles if we persist in *staying* on the freeway instead of turning off @ our destination a few miles away? All we need is a simple compass direction. Perhaps we need a new-age compass: P [pole] E [equator] SR [sunrise] SS sunset: the super-ultimate destinations.

Comfortable in her femininity: Some decades ago I was working on a project in the Texas oil fields. In the job trailer sat this attractive sort-of-cow-girl whose assignment was to handle the paperwork /payroll pertaining to all the "roughnecks" [skilled drilling crew]. Not surprisingly she would be hit upon from time to time. Usually and with a smile she would point over her shoulder to a sign on the wall behind her. "*At this work-site sexual harassment will not be reported, however it will be graded.*"

There will not be a December board meeting.

As I jump in my 4-wheeled sleigh, a Merry Christmas to all and to all a good day. Your Prez, Frank Lindskgoog

IN LOVING MEMORY

Two of the finest people have left the Jazz Scene in November of 2015. They are gone from this earth, but never will they be gone from our memories. Our Love and Prayers to their Family and their Friends.



Louis Francis



Jim Fusaro

SEEN AT THE SCENE in November 2015



Christina Aasen and **Kathy Williams** were the 2 cheerful volunteers at the Admissions desk who greeted those arriving early. I think they were substituting for substitutes. Both were new at the duties, and were doing a remarkable job. If I had been on the ball, I'd have taken their picture while they were still smiling. (I would be on the ball all lot more if the darn thing weren't round.) Actually, I saw them off duty, and they were still smiling. I was smiling too. It was my lucky day. NGJB played "Water from an Ancient

Well," so I didn't need to gnash my teeth, **Geri Eckert** sang "Kansas City," which always make me smile, and to really stretch the grin on my face, **Dick Lockwood** played "Louisiana Fairytale." It was altogether a great day. The Natural Gas JB brought fans with them, and we had first-time guests, **John** and **Connie** from Jackson, and my neighbor, **Jerry**, and his sister, **Peggy**, and lots of you regulars showed up and kept the dance floor busy and the joint jumpin' (*In a dignified way, of course*).

So good to see **Jesse** and **Connie Sandoval**, from Byron. It's a heck of a long drive for them. **Marty Hofheinz** comes even further. He lives in Grass Valley now. **Marty & Shirley** traveled with NGJB, going to Europe with them a couple of times, and to China. Neither **Marty** nor **Bob Breckenridge** had enough money with them to pay the blackmail I was demanding for the photos of them I didn't print. **Patti** and **Mike Schneider** are a couple of live wires that are always a welcome sight, even without the gorgeous flowers they bring for the raffle. (Thank you a bunch for bringing the flowers, they always make me dig a little deeper for raffle money.)

We had outstanding jam sets. I am not exaggerating. I wish I had been recording some of their stuff. Of course we did have some band leaders among them. **Dannie Balser**, leader of Midnight Rose is a remarkable musician. I have been trying for years to write a feature article about her, but it is such hard work getting her to talk about herself, that I get about 2 sentences. **Pat Hungerford** was going to help me with the interview a couple of years ago, and she got 2 more sentences. I'll have to get **Nancy**, her sis to fill me in, or I'll just write what I know, and what I think I know, and see what happens. Say, I heard 2nd or 3rd hand that **Nancy Kreis** is suffering severe, terrible back pain. I'm sending extra prayers and good thoughts her way, and I betcha so are you.

I lost control of that last paragraph, and it ran away without me. I wanted to mention **John Soulis**, leader of the Mission Gold Jazz Band. They are our guest band next month. December? As in the end of the year? Already? How can that be? We had 3 or 4 trombones up there making great music that sounded as if they had been practicing together for weeks. I was so happy to see **Bob Edson** (another T-bone master) that one arm started to reach out to give him a hug. You can't hug **Bob** though; he has an invisible shield around him that I bump in to if I get too close. And then he gives me that look like he has never seen me before in his life. I'm just kidding, I'm really fond of **Bob and Margie**, I've known them more than 30 years. We had a Board member once who told me that his wife was his "designated hugger."

Victor Moore was sitting quietly looking like he hasn't been away for about 3 years, since **Arline** died. He said his kids have started calling him a "recluse" and they are trying to get him back in the world. We hope he will return to the jazz, it can lift your spirits. **Patti Schneider** told me that **Vic** is a "shirt-tail" (my word, not hers) relative of one of my table-mates at the Vintage. Small world.

Come to the December session, it is always so festive and fun. Wear something red or sparkly, or just come in your overalls and boots. Just don't fail to get here, or you will hate yourself for missing it.

Billie Ricker, Editor Emeritus - The Delta Rag

PEE PEE (PAST PRESIDENT) SEZ For December, 2015



A big Holiday Season Greeting to all you girls and boys. It is time to pay your dues! For sure, your 2016 Dues for the San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society are due at the end of this month. But that's not the dues I am talking about.

When musicians play a gig for free (*something that the Jammers do every month*) that is called "Paying our dues." That has been an expression since the first jammers began playing for free in the nightclubs, bars and (*ahem*) the pleasure houses in New Orleans. Often their only pay would be the spare change that was dropped in the open instrument case in front of the band.

OK, that's enough of OKOM music history. **What other dues do you owe?** This is an easy one, and it is on you to "Pay Your Dues." Basically you just need to show up at the SJDJS Sessions on the first Sunday of the Month. Even better, bring a friend or a group of your friends.

In addition, I respectfully suggest you consider attending some of the other Jazz Society meetings in the area. We meet on the first Sunday of the month in Stockton; the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society is on the second Sunday; the Modesto Jazz Society on the third Sunday and the South Bay Society meets on the fourth Sunday. All of these organizations are seeing significantly reduced attendance and they all need your help.

These societies all have a web page that will give you times, directions and will tell you who is their featured band or artist for the month. Each of these web addresses are found in the "Support Live Music" column on Page #7 of the Delta Rag.

Yes, I know....it's football season, it's raining (or snowing) outside, there's church and then the kids are coming over for dinner. As these factors accumulate it is much easier to just stay home. However, if we do not all rededicate ourselves to attending these live music events we will someday lament their absence. There won't be the choice of going to see live music on Sundays. Sadly, that day may not be too far off.

If you need transportation to our SJDJS Session, please let someone know. We will make every effort to get you here... and take you back home too! I'm pretty sure our Sister Societies will honor a transportation request too.

Here's your tune of the month Homework Assignment: **"If I Only Had a Brain."** (*I don't want any wise cracks here... This song was not written about me!*) In fact, it was written for the movie, "The Wizard of Oz". This cut was released one month before the movie came out. Written by Harburg-Arlen; performed by Vincent Lopez and his Suave Swing Orchestra; vocal by Sonny Schuyler, and recorded in Chicago July 5, 1939. I think you will like this one. I always thought the Wizard of Oz had a festive and holiday flavor. Have a listen by going to this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMVQeNIGzho&list=RDfMVQeNIGzho&index=1

Who knew in 1939 that "The Wiz" would be such a long lasting Classic movie. Yes, I know it is not truly a Trad Jazz Tune, but it is truly a Traditional Classic. And, after all is said and done, many of today's Pop Tunes will someday be someone's Traditional Classic tune. And, while discussing The Wiz, let us not forget that this movie score gave us one of the most requested tunes of all time. "**Somewhere Over the Rainbow**" Here is the film clip featuring Judy Garland:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU

And here is the Glen Miller version that was Number One on the charts for the year 1939: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58inMDCcWkg

PEE PEE'S POINT TO PONDER FOR DECEMBER 2015: "What's the difference between a musician and a large pizza? Answer: "A large pizza can feed a family of four!"

In the event that we do not see you at the December SJDJS Session, or the following Sunday at the Sacramento Session, Kerry and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and

your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

That's 30 for December 2015. A **Big THANK YOU** to all our Contributors! **Dick Lockwood**, Editor, (PP), Registered Sax Defender and SJDJS Member (Big Long Time).



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.

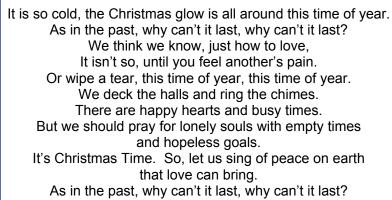


Equipment Manager Larry Tyrell November 2015 Session

At 10:40 AM, Art Bregante, Frank Lidskoog and Wilt Fernandez started bringing the equipment

in from the trailer. In the setup, Mark Kramer, Carl Kaiser and Dick Lockwood helped. In the tear down Jan Buhlert and Stephen Lee also helped. Thank you All.

Let Christmas Last By: Ruth Grijalva





SPLINTERS FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Meeting November, 2015

Your SJDJS often receives help from one of our members. This month is certainly no exception. At our November Board Meeting we had quite a discussion on the condition of our sound system. Mark Kramer

(our resident sound guru) volunteered to go shopping for replacement mic stands and microphones. He outdid our wildest expectations. On November 14th, Mark reported the following to our President:

"I finished my shopping today. I got some pretty good deals. I got (6) Digital Reference DVR200 microphones. They peak in the 3 KHz to 10 KHz range so they should be great for vocals. It sounded good when I tried it out.

When I was surfing the internet, I read a review for the DVR100. The reviewer's favorite mic was the Senheiser 838. He said this one comes very close. Guitar Center has these on sale for \$16.99. List is \$99.99. I noticed that GC had a 3 pack of the



DVR200 on sale for \$59.99. List is \$419.97. The salesman said the DVR200 was a better mic, so I bought it. One of the internet reviewers said that Digital Reference puts their mics on sale once per year. I think this is to get market share. So if you are in the market for mics, this is a fabulous deal.

I got (6) folding mic stands. They are normal duty not heavy duty. The salesman told me the only difference between these and the heavy duty is weight. But I believe we have to watch out for overtightening as some of the threads are in plastic. I bought a mic stand carrying case. It has handles and a shoulder strap. When loaded with (6) stands, it weighs 32.6 lbs. That is why I chose normal duty.

I bought (1) 50' mic cord to reach the piano. I bought (1) 50' #14 AWG speaker cord to reach the main speaker near the piano without being clothes-lined."

Ed Note: I'm not sure I understand all this technical stuff. What I do understand is that Mark knows his sound systems. I also understand that Christmas came early to the SJDJS and we saved a sleigh load of money! THANKS MARK FROM THE BOARD AND THE ENTIRE SJDJS MEMBERSHIP!

DA VEEP SEZ: For December 2015



The SJDJS November session was jam packed with a lot of great music. If you missed it, you missed a special day. Our guest band, the Natural Gas Jazz Band brought us some great music. I will admit, when I did not see a drummer, I was worried that it might be difficult for the dancers to do their thing. I stopped worrying after the second or third tune! The band's great sound and unique harmonies enticed dancers to the floor all afternoon! Many thanks to the NGJB for their fine performance!

Along the lines of bringing dancers to the floor, the jammers were in fine form. I think there were times when the jammers looked around after a tune and thought they won the lottery! Great music! The jammers included Dannie Balser, Bill Bua, Jan Buhlert, Steve Douville, Geri Eckert, Bob Edson, Ray Farley, Carl Kaiser, Mark Kramer, Frank Lindskoog, Dick Lockwood, Bill Sharp, John Soulis, Larry Tyrell, Carl Warmdahl and Dick Williams.

On December 6, the Mission Gold Jazz band will bring their talents to Stockton. If you enjoy the sounds of Turk Murphy, Louis Armstrong, King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, and Lu Watters, you must reserve December 6 on your calendar! If you want to get a head start and listen to this band, go to their web site and listen to some of their music! Great stuff! https://www.reverbnation.com/missiongoldjazzband

With 2015 quickly passing us by, the board is working to continue to bring you a wonderful musical experience in 2016. The board has been talking about upgrading some of the ver well-used, society-owned equipment that we use for sound purposes (microphones, cables, etc.). We will look into purchasing some new equipment, but first, a few of us might be able to donate a few items. Empty our garages? Anyway, more on that in a future Delta Rag newsletter. If you have other thoughts or ideas for our sessions, let me know. You can reach me at <u>keybonekaiser@hotmail.com</u>.

> Have a wonderful of holiday season! Cheers! Carl Kaiser VP/MD

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2nd Sunday of the month - Noon to 5:00 pm: Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society. Elks Lodge, Riverside Drive - Sacramento. Web: http://www.sacjazz.org/ December guest artist: PETER PETTY & His Titans of Terpsichore

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/ December 20th. Grand Reunion Jazz Band.

4th Sunday - 1 to 5 pm: South Bay Traditional Jazz Society - Sunnyvale Elks Lodge *THIS MONTH ONLY WE ARE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*. December 20th: - Bay Area All Stars with Pat Yankee (NOTE: third Sunday) Web: http://www.sbtjs.org/

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/creolejk

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Raffle Ramble

November 2015 Session By David Tygett Elinor Hackett donated a bouquet won by Christina Aasen and some cupcakes won by Connie Harrell. Mike Schneider donated a cyclamen won by Gerry Netterton and a candy

dish won by Peggy Schrepfer. Two potted orange flowers

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



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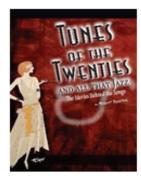
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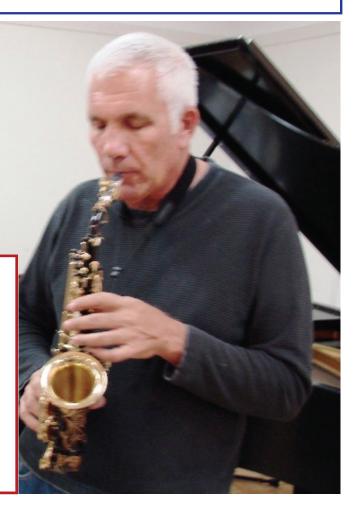
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