



NVDJS NEWS

December 2021



The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

President's Message (By Vice-President, Marilee Jensen)

December, 2021

Our monthly “gigs” with the high quality “Dixieland Jazz” bands performing for 3 to 4 hours on the second Sunday of each month at the Veteran’s Home in Yountville, CA have been a source of great pleasure for a number of years. We had to stop those sessions as of April, 2020 because of the prevalence of the potentially life-threatening COVID-19 virus in our population.

Two of the four Bay Area “Traditional” Jazz Clubs, listed on Page 4 of this newsletter, have resumed their monthly operations in the last few months. To meet local rules, we believe that we need to require the following of those in attendance:

Show proof of COVID 19 vaccination to be admitted to the event.

Stay home if you have experienced any COVID symptoms in the previous 3 days.

Masks covering mouth and nose are required under the following conditions: *When not seated at the table you have chosen to occupy, including when on the dance floor and/or moving to other locations.*

Additionally, the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society (NVDJS) is waiting for the U.S. Veterans Home to decide when and if they can open their facility to outsiders for the purpose of listening, dancing & enjoying this music. It is our expectation that they will decide to re-open, but most likely sometime after February, 2022. Meanwhile, we are all watching and waiting for what’s happening with this COVID-19 virus: Are the number of people showing symptoms increasing or decreasing, including possible hospitalizations and deaths? Is the latest mutation of this virus going to be responsive to the vaccinations and boosters we’ve already had or not?

With the expectation that NVDJS will be resuming their monthly performances, we are maintaining our organization, with the seven member Board of Directors, continuing to send out newsletters, and continuing the contacts with the Veteran’s Home and the special Dixieland Jazz bands and musicians. As part of this outreach, we are sending out newsletters which include articles about Bay area bands who have performed on our stages previously and we hope to hire them again.



The Gold Coast Jazz Band -- Still kickin' since 1993!



2010: Phil Stiers, Jan Stiers, Bill Badstubner, Jeff Green, Alan Grisette, Zane and Candy Woodworth

On December 5, 2021, The *Gold Coast Jazz Band (GCJB)* played the December concert for the TRAD JASS club in Santa Rosa. As usual, the band was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience who showed their appreciation of the band with its varied and entertaining repertory. The Gold Coast band also played several December concerts for the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society prior to the pandemic closures.

The GCJB was born in 1993. The parents were Phil and Jan Stiers, native Oregonians, when they moved to Sonoma County. Two of the original members, **Candy and Zane Woodworth**, are still playing with the band! Candy has played tuba all these years and Zane has been a trumpet player, percussionist as well as vocalist.

The original goal of this band was to play not only "Traditional Jazz" but also to include the American popular music scene of the first third of the 20th century when the Golden Age of American Popular song met the Jazz Age. Clearly, they have reached their goal.

For the past 28 years, the GCJB has performed this uniquely American music with an energy and style guaranteed to put a smile on your face, set your toes to tapping and your feet to dancing.

The music is timeless, with proven appeal not only to members of the "Greatest Generation" who grew up with it, but also to the young Lindy Hoppers and swing dancers of today, discovering this "hot and happy" music for the first time.

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The Gold Coast book includes more than 300 tunes of the period, including New Orleans and Chicago-style traditional jazz, rags and novelty tunes, hot dance numbers, and early swing tunes. It's the music of Jelly Roll Morton, Louis and Lil Hardin Armstrong, Kid Ory, Joe "King" Oliver, Bix Beiderbecke, young Duke Ellington and Benny Moten, the great songwriters of Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and more.

Since 2014, the seven- to eight-piece regular band has been joined under the Gold Coast Jazz banner by the *Gold Coast Five*. With trumpet, trombone and clarinet joined by banjo and tuba, the five-piece group offers authentic New Orleans-style traditional jazz for smaller venues, such as garden parties, wine tastings, business grand openings, birthday celebrations and other special events.

The bands plays for dances, jazz society meetings, festivals, club dates, church services, funerals, wakes, private parties, business and civic gatherings, fund raisers, campaign rallies and all manner of other events. For band bookings or information, contact Bill Badstubner: 707-889-1346 (cell) or badstubner@aol.com



2021: Zane Woodworth, Bill Badstubner, Steven Radice,
Candy Woodworth, Tom Barnebey, Ed Foster

References for this article include the Gold Coast Jazz Band website (<http://www.goldcoastjazzband.com/index.html>), July 2018 TRAD JASS Newsletter, and Bill Badstubner.

Jazz Club Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded to encourage an appreciation of and education in Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing.

Officers: President, Linda Stevens; Vice-President, Marilee Jensen; Treasurer, Marilee Jensen; Secretary, Lee Campbell.

Board of Directors: Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Phil Cartwright, Jack Harford, Don Robertson, Joy Waite.

Other Positions: Don Robertson, Membership and Newsletter Circulation Manager; Joy Waite, Publicist; Phil Cartwright, Newsletter Editor.

Jazz Clubs

1st Sunday

TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at the Moose Lodge, 3559 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa, 1:00-5:00. Members, \$12; other clubs, \$12; public, \$15.

2nd Sunday

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society: Currently on hiatus.

3rd Sunday

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California meets at the Elk's Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, 1:00-5:00. Members, \$8; other clubs, \$10; public, \$12.

December 19: Mission Gold Jazz Band

4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society: Currently on hiatus.



Pre-Pandemic photo of Don Robertson and Linda Stevens in Grant Hall at the Veterans' Home in Yountville.

Membership

THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We hope to begin our regular schedule of operations in the first quarter of 2022. In the meantime, we are discussing the appropriate dues structure for 2022 based upon the number of concerts we will sponsor. The info below is likely to be modified to coincide with our concert schedule.

Standard Membership: Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year
(Session Admission fee: \$8.00 per person)
Contributing Membership: Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year
(Session Admission fee: Free)

Monthly Admission

NVDJS Members: \$10.00 Other Jazz Clubs: \$12.00
Other Guests: \$15.00 Youth (12-18 years): \$3.00
Children: No charge

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