



## NVDJS NEWS

February 2022

### The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

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

February, 2022

Where are we? We're missing all of our active Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society music, in person, to which we can listen and move with as played by our favorite specialized bands. At least the number of new virus cases in Sonoma County is slowly moving in a downward fashion, overall. On February 8, the Press Democrat made the following statement: "California has seen a 65% drop in case rates since the peak during the wintertime omicron surge." But when will it be enough?

We've just received notice that the City of San Rafael is ready to sponsor a "jazz" dance, inside, on February 27, 2:00 pm, with the usual caveats...Proof of vaccination and masks required and there will only be 6 people per table. In February 2022, only one of the four other Bay Area traditional jazz clubs is operating, that is the New Orleans Jazz club of Northern California, as described within on Page 2. But when will the federal government be willing to consider opening up the Veteran's Home in Yountville for our music and bands for the veteran's and our followers? We're expecting to ask our contact with the Veteran's Home in Yountville this week, but we can understand that there may still be some hesitation, until this reduction in the instances of Covid-19 is more dramatic and long-term.

One of the unexpected results we've had from continuing to send out our monthly NVDJS newsletter to our followers is that we are receiving unexpected generous contribution membership checks from some. We are thrilled by this support and more motivated than ever to have our "Napa Dixieland jazz" sessions begin as soon as possible. Any money we receive is deposited in our bank account, ready for any expenditures needed to resume operations. And anyone who has sent in a contributing membership to NVDJS has free admission to our sessions for at least one year after we resume operations! Thanks so much for your continuing support!

Marilee Jensen

## Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band

Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band will be performing from 1:00 - 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 20 at the New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California. The venue is the Elk's Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante.



Front Row: Chris Bradley, Cornet and Vocals; Bob Wilson, Banjo and Guitar;  
Back Row: Dwayne Ramsey, Reeds and Vocals; Bill Carson, Trombone ; Rich Owens, Piano and Vocals; Steve Doherty, Bass; Mike Ross, Drums and Vocals.

**Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band** is a New Orleans-style jazz band but they also play music from the 1920's and 1930's. The band features well-known musicians from the Bay Area and entertains fans from all ages with real, traditional jazz. They play happy music for today's and yesterday's jazz fans.

Chris's band, with 5 to 7 musicians, is probably one of the easiest to track down. Once a month, on the second Tuesday, they play from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the **Old Mexico Bar & Grill**, 1848 Portola Ave., in Livermore. They also play many other venues in the Bay Area and beyond. Contact Chris at [Chrstrad@att.net](mailto:Chrstrad@att.net) for further information about the band, future performances or hiring the band for a special occasion.

## Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band

### Some references:

**Gerarda Stocking**, who managed the bookings at the original **Rock House**, and other various venues in Livermore for many years, has been working with Bradley, and his band, since she and her husband Barney, first opened up their **Sunol Jazz Café** in Sunol. Of all the bands their venue hosted, she said Bradley's band has one of the biggest followings. "It's fantastic; you feel like you're in Louisiana."

Before the virus happened, **Allie Dimas**, assistant manager of the former **Backyard Bayou**, in Livermore, concurred: "There's just a certain energy. I don't know how to explain it. It's just that vibe. Everyone's happy, all together, hanging out. Everyone's laughing and dancing. It's very personal; it's very intimate."

The Chris Bradley Band is made up of His Regulars: Chris, Cornet and Trumpet; Dwayne Ramsey, Clarinet and Sax; Rich Owens, Piano; Steve Doherty, Bass; Mike Ross, Drums; Bob Wilson, Banjo and Guitar; and various guests on Trombone.

Come Hear Them Play and You Will Feel Like You Are in New Orleans!!!!

**Chris Bradley Jazz Band at the Backyard Bayou** This is the cover photo of the March 2018: **Independent Magazine**.

## *An Appetite for Jazz*

By Emily Patton





## 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 pm. Members, \$12; other clubs, \$12; public, \$15.

April 3: Mission Gold Jazz Band

#### 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 pm. Members, \$8; other clubs, \$10; public, \$12.

February 20: Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band

March 20: Barneby's Hot Four Plus One

#### 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 second 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 will be modified to coincide with our concert schedule.

**Standard Membership:** Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year  
**Contributing Membership:** Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year

#### Monthly Admission

NVDJS Members: \$10.00 Other Jazz Clubs: \$12.00

Other Guests: \$15.00 Youth (12-18 years): \$3.00

Contributing Members: Free

Children: Free

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