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The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

President's Message [By Marilee Jensen, Vice-President]

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Royal Society Jazz Orchestra!

This is our big return to operating as the monthly Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society. We've been able to complete the arrangements for the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra to play for us on **Sunday, August 14th, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave., in Napa.** This Jazz Orchestra has eleven exceptional musicians including their dynamic leader, Don Neely. For a unique treat, don't miss seeing Don Neely's Royal Society Jazz Orchestra!

For more than 40 years, the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra has been a part of the San Francisco Trad Jazz scene and has established itself as one of the premier purveyors of "Hot Dance and Early Swing" of the 1920's and early 30's. The mission of this orchestra has been to present the early big band music of the "Jazz Age" in a stylistically authentic way and yet maintain its' uniqueness as a performing group. In the late 70's and early 80's it regularly performed at Turk Murphy's famous Earthquake McGoons in San Frisco.

Royal Society Jazz Orchestra August 14, 2022

While RSJO does play "transcriptions" of various bands of the period it is also replete with original arrangements and songs done in the style of that golden era. The musicians are encouraged to do their best to eschew modern influence in their solo styles in order to maintain that vintage sound. Likewise, the vocals are also done in an authentic style by both Carla Normand and Don Neely.

The RSJO has played many of the trad jazz festivals (and a few modern ones, too) around the country as well as many prestigious events in and around San Francisco. I'm sure you will find it is a delight to experience this complete performance of Don Neely's Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, including all of these excellent musicians:

CARLA NORMAND, VOCAL; DON NEELY, REEDS, VOCAL; DICK MATHIAS, REEDS; BOB EMBRY, REEDS; JUSTIN AU, TRUMPET; NOEL WEIDKAMP, TRUMPET; BRANDON AU, TROMBONE; NEIL FONTANO, PIANO, VOCAL; CLINT BAKER, TUBA; STEVE APPLE, DRUMS; DIX BRUCE, BANJO



Barbary Coast Jazz Band,
New Turk Murphy-style Band

by Marilee Jensen

As found in an email, dated 6/20/22, a brand new Barbary Coast Jazz Band with Bob Schulz, Don Neely, Clint Baker, Bill Reinhart, Scott Anthony and Marty Eggers played at “Local Edition”, a cocktail bar in the historic Hearst Building, at 3rd and Market, 691 Market Street, on Monday, June 20 and Monday, July 11 at 8:00-11:00 pm. As far as we know, these dates are this particular band’s first two performances. Joseph Taddei and I went to see them and were really impressed. There was no cover charge, but despite the fact that we’re both over 80 years old, we had to show our ID’s to get in. The music was very traditional, Turk Murphy-style and a real joy. There was a lot of dancing by a number of us. We’re looking forward to returning for the next show, on Monday, July 25th, 8:00-11:00pm.

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society: What’s Next?

We’ve made the necessary arrangements to have our September 11, 2022 gig at the City of Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa. At that address, the building and an ample parking lot are down a driveway, off the street. We will be using the Manzanita Room, a lovely good size room with a stage, nice furniture and outside patios, if you’re interested, especially if you’ve brought some treats to enjoy. The capacity of the room is far bigger than we expect; a nice extra. This room will not be available to us in October, November & December, 2022, so we are looking at other possible locations in Napa. At the same time, we are also negotiating with other high-quality local Traditional Dixieland Jazz bands, at this time, for October 9, November 13 and December 11th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded to encourage an appreciation 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.

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.

August 7: Flying Eagles

September 4: Jammers

October 2: Gold Coast Jazz Band

2nd Sunday

The **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society** will resume meetings on August 14, 2022. at the Elk's Lodge, 2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa, CA . 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Members, \$15; Other clubs, \$17.00; Public, \$20.00

August 14: Don Neely's **Royal Society Jazz Band** .

September 11: TBA

3rd Saturday

Friends of Jazz: Danville Grange Hall. 743 Diablo Road, Danville CA. 1:00 - 4:00 pm

August 20: Foggy Mountain Dew Boys

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. August 21: Fog City Stompers

September 25: Gold Coast Jazz Band

4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale.

1:00-5:00 pm. Admission is free at this time but donations are encouraged.

July 24: Mission Gold

August 28: Evelyn and Friends

THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We resume our regular schedule of operations on August 14, 2022: The 2nd Sunday of the month. 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: \$15.00 Other Jazz Clubs: \$17.00
Other Guests: \$20.00 Youth (12-18 years): \$3.00
Contributing Members: Free
Children: Free

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