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## NVDJS NEWS

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### **The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society**

#### President's Message

[By Linda Stevens and Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents]

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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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Francisco.

For this very special concert, admission fees are:

Members, \$15; Other Jazz/Dance Clubs, \$17; Public, \$20;

Youths 12-17, \$3; Under age 12, Free

## 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; CLINT BAKER, TUBA; STEVE APPLE, DRUMS; DIX BRUCE, BANJO



## **What's Coming Next To Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, After the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra Event on August 14?**

We're all excited about our new meeting location, starting Sunday, September 11, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, which is at 401 Grove Street, in Sonoma. It's called the "Reel and Brand", but many of us knew it for years as "Little Switzerland". It includes a restaurant, bar, dance floor, stage and sound system.

Which bands will be playing there? Below, we've the four bands scheduled to play on the second Sundays of September, October, November and December, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Be sure to plan on joining us for all this great music!

\***September 11 - Fog City Stompers**, with Tom Belmessieri, leader.

\***October 9 - Mission Gold Jazz Band**, with John Soulis, leader.

\***November 13 - Barbary Coast Jazz Band**, with Bob Schulz, leader. "I'm honored to announce that the Barbary Coast Jazz Band will be appearing every other Monday, 8:00 pm until 11 pm (*August 8 & August 22*) at the Local Edition, Market and 3rd St., in San Francisco. Led by Bob Schulz, the band is crewed by the finest musicians steeped in the Turk Murphy-style of San Francisco Jazz. I'm proud to be playing tuba with this stellar group that includes Marty Eggers, Scott Anthony, Clint Baker and Don Neely." *Thanks to Bill Reinhart for this information!*

\***December 11 - Gold Coast Jazz Band**, with Bill Badstubner, leader.



## Remembering Dorothy Hoffman

7/4/23 - 7/9/22

**Linda Stevens:** "I first met Dorothy Hoffman when I was invited to join the NVDJS Board. She was President at the time and doing such a good job. We became friends and I will always be happy about the time we spent together. She was a fine person and a delight to be with. She will certainly be missed."

**Marilee Jensen:** "I became acquainted with Dorothy Hoffman when I came to Napa to enjoy the music presented by the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, including at Marlowe's and later, the Napa Elks Lodge. Dorothy always added a lot of fun to the event as we listened to this music. In 1990 and 1991, I was working as the Director of the TRAD JASS Festival, in Santa Rosa, at the El Rancho Motel, and Dorothy Hoffman personally volunteered to come over from Napa, in order to assist me with this responsibility. As one of her strengths, she found a number of innovative ways to be of help for the two years. She was a special valuable imaginative friend to me for many years. A number of us are proud and pleased to attend Dorothy Hoffman's Celebration of 99 years of Life, at the Napa Elks Lodge, on July 31st, 2022."

**Don Robertson:** "Sadly we say goodbye to Dorothy Hoffman, who led a long and productive life. I met Dorothy the first time I attended the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society at Marlowe's shortly after we moved to Napa. She greeted me at the door and then called us the next day to welcome us. As an Elk, Dorothy was instrumental in obtaining the Elks Lodge as a venue for the club when Marlowe's closed. She went on to serve as President for several years then retired from the club. During her time with the club she obtained several paying advertisements for our newsletter due to her many contacts around town. After retiring from the club she would call me occasionally and I would see her around town, from time to time. When I visited her this last year, I found the same person at 98, only with mobility issues."

**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:** Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen; Treasurer, Marilee Jensen; Secretary, Lee Campbell.

**Board of Directors:** Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, 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 meet on August 14, 2022, at the Elk's Lodge, 2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa, CA . 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Members, \$15; Other Jazz and Dance clubs, \$17.00; Public, \$20.00; Youths (12-17) years, \$3. Children under 12, Free.

August 14: Don Neely's Royal Society Jazz Band

**Effective September 11, 2022**, The **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society** will meet at **Reel and Brand**, 401 Grove St., Sonoma, CA . Admission fees will be: Members and Other Jazz and Dance clubs, \$10; Public, \$12; Youths 12-17 \$3; Under age 12, Free

September 11: Fog City Stompers

October 9: Mission Gold Jazz Band

November 13: Barbary Coast Jazz Band

December 11: Gold Coast Jazz Band

#### 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.

August 28: Evelyn and Friends

## Membership

### 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 and members of other  
Other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00  
Public: \$12.00 Youth (12-17 years): \$3.00  
Children under age 12, Free  
Contributing Members: Free

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