

## Sunday Nov. 19 Session: Ulysses & Amigos



**Ulysses Jasz Band**



**The Amigos Swing & Jazz Band**

The **Ulysses Jasz Band** from Santa Barbara and **The Amigos Swing and Jazz Band** from the Central Coast will be playing “Hot Swingin’ Jazz” at the Basin Street Regulars’ Sunday afternoon Concert 1:00 to 4:30 on November 19th. Jam session starts at 11:00 (bring your instrument and join in). For more info call (805) 481-7840 or go to [www.pismojazz.com](http://www.pismojazz.com).

**ULYSSES JAZZ** was founded in 1998 by band leader Alex Marshall. Their repertoire of authentic, spirited New Orleans Jazz pop songs from the 1920's & 1930's is largely selected from the compositions of **LOUIS ARMSTRONG, DUKE ELLINGTON, JELLY ROLL MORTON, JEROME KERN, IRVING BERLIN, JOHNNY MERCER, KURT WEILL** and **HOAGY CARMICHAEL**.

**ULYSSES** plays this material with an infectious rhythm and spirit, characteristic of THE GOLDEN AGE of JAZZ. A unique Santa Barbara tradition, the band has delighted audiences at the downtown pub, The James Joyce, for the past sixteen years, developing an adoring local following among all ages. The band consists of seven instrumentalists, a vocalist, & their own sound-man. Featured Members: **CURT SLETTEN**, Lead Cornet; **LARRY JONES**, Trombone; **BOB EFFORD**, Clarinet & Tenor Sax; **DEAN DODS** String & Tuba Bass; **JOHN LEONARD** Keyboards. **ALEX MARSHALL**, Rhythm Guitar & Tenor Banjo; **HANNA**, Jazz Vocalist; & **RENE MARTINEZ/LARRY FISHER**, Rhythms. This band played at the 2017 Pismo Jazz Jubilee and also the volunteer after-party, where they were very well received. For more info, please contact Alex at (805)-962-9854.

**The Amigos** are a local swing and jazz band that has been playing together for many years. Ray Macias, Jeff Cardinal and Frank Coop played music for the Rams Club (Retired Active Men). Frank was also playing in a praise band at St. Andrew church and the women’s group there asked him if they had a band that could play some country music for them. The three of them gave it a go and it went over quite well, so Ray suggested that they start a jazz band and so that is how they became The 3 Amigos. Later, when Sandy joined them, The **3 Amigos + 1** was born. The band is made up of local musicians who regularly play with the BSR jammers. Ray Macias has since passed away. The members are now Frank Coop, lead guitar & leader, Jeff Cardinal, bass guitar & sound, Sandy Smallwood, vocals & PR, Del Gomes, piano, clarinet & saxophone and Ken Heiges, drums. The music is sweet and exciting, following the mix of sounds from the Standards; Swing & Jazz of the 30's 40' & 50's. There is a plan to have a parasol parade at each of the two sets. The dance floor is calling your name. More Info: [www.Sandysmallwood.com](http://www.Sandysmallwood.com)

## Jubilee Corner

We had another big hit with this year's Pismo Jazz Jubilee by the Sea. We tried many new things this year and all of them met or exceeded our expectations.

We were a little nervous before the festival because we were trying out new venues in Arroyo Grande and we weren't sure if people would actually go to them. Our gamble paid off handsomely however, and the new venues received great reviews from our festival goers as well as our many dedicated volunteers.

We named our new venues after people- "Pat's Place" for Pat Yankee, "Ruben's Rendezvous" for Ruben Flores & "Hardy's Hideaway" for the Hearn's'. Jeff made plaques for each of them & Dean presented them during brief ceremonies at their venues. Pat Yankee in particular was extremely pleased to have a venue named after her. Her act was top notch, she sang like she was 30: Pat brought her A+ game. Kudos to her band, especially Bob Schulz. The Hearn's' were also very touched and will continue their loyal support for our festival in future years: Judy delivered a memorable acceptance speech. They are 40-year members. Still dedicated. Ruben didn't want us to make a presentation, but we did it for the other two. This year was an enormous challenge: His venue now huge. The audience knew this & many thanked me for delivering the plaque to Ruben. He was ok with it in the end: Photo sent to daughter. :)

We had two new volunteer buses from Pacific Christian in Santa Maria we were integrating them with the Ride On buses that we have used in previous festivals. We created a new schedule with set times for certain runs. Our bus service was pretty successful except for the hotel runs, which were not established until right before the festival & not well understood. Next year will be better for sure.

We featured outdoor busking performances both leading up to and during our festival. We sponsored shows at the San Luis Obispo and the A.G. Farmer's Market throughout October, participated in both the A.G. Harvest Festival and the PB Clam Festival parades, & hosted several sets at the Branch Street Deli.

## Jubilee Corner (Cont'd)

We also had two sets at the Pismo Pier on Fri & Sat. These were very popular and well-attended. We had more vendors than ever before, all in "Ruben's Rendezvous" in the South County Regional Center. This venue was well decorated & looked spectacular. The increased vendor presence enhanced the overall festival experience for our customers. Plus we made > \$1000 at our Silent Auction there!

New this year were the two jazz improvisation workshops held in the Skyroom at the Edgewater, with the Dick Williams-led jam sessions between them. The first workshop was put on by former DPHS Director Les Rose, the 2nd by Dean Krikorian. These workshops were well attended and well received. This was an experiment for all of us, & based on the response, one that we can repeat in the future.

We also brought some new types of music to our festival. Mariachi Autlence from Santa Maria performed two sets late Sunday afternoon. They were met with great enthusiasm and a standing ovation at Pat's Place. Samba Loca from San Luis Obispo performed a Brazilian Carnivale set during the Saturday night dance party, adding a little bit of spice to the festivities and some great photo opportunities.

We finished the festival with a wonderful after-party at the Women's Club for the volunteers, the Sponsors and the Patrons. The fabulous food was provided by another first for the festival- the Old Town Mexican Restaurant from Orcutt. They were our concessionaire at the Women's Club all weekend. The Ulysses Jasz Band entertained us during the party and turned out to be the perfect band for the job. Those of you who missed them will get to see them at this month's Sunday session.

All in all, the festival was a great success, and with the addition of the new venues, we can look forward to more festivals in our future. Groundwork is already being laid for 2018. Please help us any way you can! Join the festival committee, provide us feedback, or become a patron. *Les Bon Temps Rouler!*

## **Elections Ahead: Vote This Month!**

BSR Officer & Board Elections will be held beginning November 19th at the Sunday Session and ending at the Business Meeting on December 1st, when the ballots will be counted. A ballot box will be located at the back table under the able supervision of Bern Verbitt. Candidate statements and photos are published in this issue, as we know them on November 13th. There may be additional names on the ballot on the 19th. Please take a few minutes to vote during the Sunday session.

You can pick up your ballot Nov 19th, or request a ballot be snail mailed to you. Please contact Linda Dutart (805) 925-2906 before December 2nd. The ballot must be received by December 4th, 2017. Mail ballot to: BSR, PO BOX 356, Pismo Beach, CA 93449.

## **Candidate Statements:**

### **Sandy Smallwood- President:**

Hi I am running for President of BSR. I have been a resident of Pismo for almost 40 years, Vice President in the past, and Membership Chairman and Badge sales director for many years. I have enjoyed being a member of BSR for over 15 years. I am also excited to be one of your BSR Jammers. This Sunday our Amigos swing & jazz band will be playing this month. Come on down & have some fun!

### **Dean Krikorian – Vice-President:**

I have been a BSR member for a little over 3 years now. I am finishing my term as 2-year board member. I developed the cost spreadsheet and currently edit the newsletter. I am also an ex-Electrical Engineer who worked in Aerospace. My main goals as VP: (1) more profitable Sunday Sessions; (2) more student scholarships; (3) fostering a youth movement; & (4) increasing our membership numbers.

## **Candidate Statements (Cont'd):**

### **Hugh Robinson – Treasurer:**

I have agreed to run for Treasurer again. I was treasurer for 7 years and am familiar with how it works. I earned a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1949 and worked in at the Raychem Corporation for 27 years before retiring in 1990. I will add that the treasurer's position doesn't take a lot of time, writing a few checks preparing a report for monthly BSR meetings. It is my hope that someone reading this can take over for me. God bless.

### **Frank Coop – Two-Year Board Member:**

I served on the board a few years ago. In fact Rhonda and I carpooled much of the time. My wife has had two serious medical issues in recent years so we had to cut back on activities, but that that should not hinder me from being on the board. The first time that we attended a BSR concert we loved it and have gone ever since then.

### **Diane Brand – Two-Year Board Member:**

Greetings! This is my second year as a BSR member and has been an eventful one. I served as a 2017 co-site captain at Ruben's Rendezvous for Jazz Jubilee by the Sea. The previous year, I was assigned to assist Maria Muldaur. I have been a musician for about 50 years and love all types of music. I'm currently involved in several local ukulele groups & also serve as a substitute teacher (Lucia Mar).

### **German Von Thal – 2-Year Board**

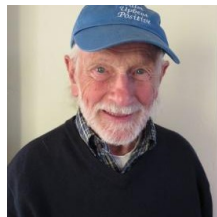
**Member:** German retired from Aerospace Industry as a Chief Engineer and continued as an aerospace consultant for many years thereafter. He moved to Santa Maria over 16 years ago to be with his wife Fran. His passion has always been music & dancing, especially Dixieland. He attends many festivals.



Sandy Smallwood



Dean Krikorian



Hugh Robinson



Frank Coop



Diane Brand



German von Thal

## Prez Says: Jubilation!

The 41st Jubilee has come & gone, but not to be forgotten, by any means. I'm writing this from out of the country where I am vacationing with Richelle enjoying resort life while admittedly being a little tipsy. I've not been privileged to see the results from the evaluations, so this is just my personal observation.

My worry going into festival was the necessary interconnectedness coupling the two new venues. I know that Rhonda, also very concerned about this situation, worked very hard to engineer a system to make this system user friendly and, so far as I can tell, IT WORKED, & worked well. I didn't garner a single complaint from anyone & many folks still bend my ear from time to time. So, operationally, the festival went very well. MANY THANKS FOR JEFF'S SIGNAGE EFFORT!

Linda Shorb's money raising successes financially underwrote this festival, setting new records & ensuring a head start for next year. Hooray for Linda, Hooray to all the volunteers tirelessly contributing to this year's success. Rhonda's selection of bands, guest artists & special sets made for a wonderful experience. Cheers, George, south of the border.

### Charles E. Blair, MD



Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)



Trustee, Mosquito & Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County



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## Membership Report:

Couple = 138; Family = 10; Honorary = 5; Partner = 28; Silver = 30; Single = 83; Youth = 3; Total = 297 (For period ending 10/31/2017).

Thought for the day - a one year membership to the Basin Street Regulars would make a mighty fine Christmas Present. See me at the November Sunday Session and let's get this going!!! John Shorb- Membership Chair.

## Holiday Party Around the Corner

We will be having our 7th Annual Holiday Party on December 17th at the Vet's Hall. Once again, we have asked Carlton Gallant, our Sunday session snack bar provider, to prepare a main course and some salads for us. Last year, Carlton provided an excellent meal featuring ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green beans and rolls. Carlton has relocated to Mammoth, so this may be the last time we have one of his fantastic Christmas meals. Please feel free to bring something to add to the festivities, a tasty appetizer or a mouth-watering desert. Admission will be the same as usual and we will not charge for the food. However, we ask for a \$5 additional contribution if you do not bring anything. We will need early help setting up, since we will be using and setting the round tables. More details in our December issue.

## Upcoming Music Festivals

SAN DIEGO JAZZ FEST Nov 22-26, 2017

FRESNO MARDI GRAS Feb 8-11, 2018

SEASIDE (OR) JAZZ FESTIVAL Feb 22-25

JAZZ BASH by the BAY (Monterey) Mar 2-4.

JAZZ AFFAIR (Three Rivers, CA) April 6-8.

SACRAMENTO MUSIC FEST May 2- 28

39 Plus Dance Club Morro Bay Every Wednesday 11-2 pm. Morro Bay Vet's Hall 773-6536 Potluck last Wed of the month. \$8

39 Plus Dance Club Pismo Beach, 2nd Monday Every month. Pismo Vet's Hall 1PM Lunch available \$7. Dancing to live music.

## Happy Birthday to Hugh!

Calm, Upbeat and Positive Hugh Robinson just celebrated his 90th birthday! Hugh has been a volunteer extraordinaire for the BSR Sunday sessions for many years, as well as the Sites Manager of Jubilee by the Sea. It would be hard to run our festival w/o Hugh. He has done so many things for us over the years - we have lost count. We sang "Happy Birthday to Hugh" at Tuesday's board meeting. If you see Hugh at the Sunday session, be sure to give him a hug and a squeeze!

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## BSR Upcoming Events 2017

**Nov. 19** Ulysses Jasz Band from Santa Barbara

The Amigos Swing & Jazz Band from the Central Coast

**Dec. 17** 7th Annual Holiday Party @ the Vet's Hall  
Starlight Dream Band (from Madonna Inn)

Judith and the Jazz Krewe

Venue: Veteran's Memorial Hall  
780 Bello Street, Pismo Beach

## MEMBERSHIP

### Yearly Membership Costs

- ◆ Youth, not included in "family plan", \$15
- ◆ Single member, \$25
- ◆ Couple, \$40
- ◆ Family plan, \$50
- ◆ Silver Membership \$100 per person

### Session Costs

- ◆ Members -- \$5.00    ◆ Guests — \$10.00
- ◆ Silver Members — FREE

### Membership Chairpersons

John Shorb treasurer@pismojazz.com

## Business & Board Meetings

All meetings will begin at 3:00 pm, generally in the *Sky Room* of the Edgewater Inn, Pismo Beach. Meetings are scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. All members all welcome. 🎵

## Random Jazz Factoid:

On August 20, 1935, Benny Goodman & his Orchestra played Pismo Beach. Vocalist Helen Ward claimed, "The place smelled liked fish!" It was a flop. It preceded an unexpected smash success the day before in Oakland, due to early evening radio airplay early on West Coast time: Kids dug swing! The next day (8/21/35), the Swing Era was launched at the Palomar in Hollywood.

## OffBeat Accepting Ads

The Offbeat is accepting and publishing advertisements. Prices are as follows: Business Card size: \$15.00; 1/4 page \$25.00; 1/2 page \$50.00. We will give a 50% discount if you buy an ad for six months. You can purchase a business card sized ad for one year for \$120.



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## OUR "SILVER" or SPONSORING MEMBERS

These are the folks who have chosen to pay \$100.00 each for the privilege of being a Sponsoring Member

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## Sunshine Point of Contact

One of our volunteers, Barbara Ubben, sends sympathy & get well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. This month's sunshine goes out to our own Peggy Meade, who took one for the team on the elbow at the Jubilee. We love u Peggy! If u know someone that needs a little support, please contact Barbara at (805) 937-5447.

