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NOVEMBER SUNDAY SESSION BANDS

(Reminder—the Sunday Session is one week earlier than usual this month!)

Judith and the Jazz Krewe and the Amigos Swing and Jazz Band will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' Sunday afternoon concert, 1:00 to 4:30 on **November 16** at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Memorial Building, 780 Bello Street. Jam session starts at 11:00 (bring your instrument and join in).

Judith and the Jazz Krewe



Judith and the Jazz Krewe

Judith and the Jazz Krewe is one of our great local bands from Arroyo Grande. United by a love for making music and an appetite for good times, this lively group of local musicians features vocalist Judith Bean; Del Gomes on reeds and piano; Jeff Cardinal on trumpet; Gary Thompson on tuba and vocals Bill Fortin on guitar, electric bass and vocals; and Fernie Monreal on drums.

There's nothing this group likes better than to put a little bit of Mardi Gras in the soul of their listeners with some traditional and not-so-traditional tunes. The Krewe will put a smile on your face and a tap in your toe, as you travel with them down to New Orleans. Laissez les bons temps rouler! Did you get to see them on the float at the Clam Festival Parade?

The Amigos Swing and Jazz Band

The Amigos Swing and Jazz Band will be our intermission band. In the beginning they were the Three Amigos, but Sandy joined, then Del, then Ken, and now they are the Amigos Swing and Jazz Band. The members are Frank Coop, lead guitar and bandleader; Jeff Cardinal, bass guitar, vocals, and sound; Sandy Smallwood, vocals and PR; Del Gomes, piano, clarinet, and saxophone; and Ken Heiges, drums; with an occasional guest appearance by Paul Reid. The music is sweet and exciting, following the mix of sounds from the standards: swing and jazz of the 30's, 40's, and 50's. The music is danceable and will take you back to the good old days, and there will most likely be a parasol parade. Come by and enjoy the fun - the dance floor is calling your name.



The Amigos Swing and Jazz Band

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JUBILEE CORNER

This year's Jazz Jubilee by the Sea was the same sort of musically successful event we have had in the last three years, and early indications are that it will also be a financial success.

We had two new acts that were very well received: Professor Cunningham and His Old School from New York City and The Shake-Em Up Jazz Band from New Orleans. Both bands brought fresh faces and material to our festival and were big hits musically, as well as being extremely watchable. We also brought back Tom Hook and the Terriers, who are always a big hit with the audiences. The Au Brothers were on hand after an absence of a few years. And of course we enjoyed all of the other bands that we regularly bring to the Central Coast for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

We had some good surprises this year at the Edgewater, and the Friday evening sets there were a sell-out. See Dean's article for more information. The panel discussions went very well, and Dean also elaborates on those.

We had a few performances outside of the Jubilee venues, which were paid for in part by grants from the Cities of Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande. Ragbone Saints played the Harvest Festival Parade and the Branch Street Deli (BSD). Judith and the Jazz Krewe were featured at the Clam Festival Parade and the BSD. The Creole Syncopators also played at the BSD on Saturday afternoon. Pacific Swing played at Puffers at Pismo on Saturday night; Ulysses played there Sunday afternoon. Most of the bands reported good crowds at these other establishments.

We tweaked the bus service again this year, working with the volunteers from Pacific Christian and the Ride-On crew. We had one bus stationed at each venue, taking people where they wanted to go during the set breaks. We found this to be mostly successful, but will probably make a few additional changes before next year.

All in all, the festival was very ambitious and yet went smoother than last year, since we were more familiar with operating the Arroyo Grande venues and the extra buses.

The Sunday night volunteer party was held at the Vet's Hall. Ulysses was once again our feature band. The Del Monte Café prepared a delicious meal of lasagna and salad that was enjoyed by all.

Many people commented to me that they appreciated the musical diversity that we bring to the

table. We will continue in this vein and will start thinking about how to keep it going as soon as we all catch our breath. Let us know if you want to be a part of the 2019 Jubilee.

—Rhonda Cardinal, Chairman 2018 Jazz Jubilee by the Sea

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we are in November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! We are happily recovering from a great Jubilee and will soon have the final totals. Thank you to all of our great and hardworking volunteers, because it does take a village...

The raffle in December will be special—the California Rare Fruit Growers have donated an apple tree, and I'll be selling the raffle tickets at the Sunday Sessions in November and December.

This is also the time for electing the Board of Directors for 2019. The election will take place at the December Sunday session. Current directors and board members have agreed to serve again, but we still need a treasurer. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call or email me (contact information is listed later in the newsletter).

Membership is growing steadily – we are up to 304 members, 46 Silver members, and 6 new: Shirley Palmer of Los Osos, Curtis Reinhardt of Grover Beach, Ross Kongable of Arroyo Grande, Therese Solimeno and partner of Pismo Beach, and Tyler Pratt, student, of San Luis Obispo.

Remember your dues are due in January 2019 for the whole year. Those of you who just paid will not be due until 2020.

Thank you all for being such loyal members – bring friends and keep enjoying the great music and friendship.

—Sandy Smallwood BSR President

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JUBILEE HIGHLIGHTS

—Dean Krikorian, PhD, BSR Vice President

To our surprise, **Pat Yankee's BYOB Party** was a huge hit, partly because the Hearns brought their own wine - a lot of fine wine. The event reached capacity 10 minutes before showtime. The music was top notch. Go Pat Yankee and Bob Schultz!

George's Jazz Jam Party: We didn't know what to expect, but many people (including Pat and the Hearns) stayed for the jam featuring Bob Schulz, Danny Coots, Jeff Barnhart, and Carl Sonny Leyland. I was the only reed, and Jeff Cardinal played bass and sound man simultaneously. Some nice jams. It recreated the jazz jam party nicely. A fun time.

Round Table 1 (Future of Trad Jazz): The event was well attended, even better than expected. The panelists were well prepared: Gordon Au did statistical research; Bob Draga, Gordon Au, Rhonda, Molly Reeves, Carl Sonny Leland, and Professor Cunningham all had really interesting things to say. It was videotaped so we have it in our archive. Several audience members showed interest in being able to view these online, and we will grant your wish soon.

Round Table 2 (Jubilee History): This set was memorable. We had fewer panelists and started with Chet Jager, who told some amazing stories. He also commented on the previous panel topic (a welcome bonus). Chet was so clear, just like a great trad jazz orator. We are proud to have recorded him at his peak. His vision makes sense to me. This was followed by Dave Caparone of the Creole Syncopators, who brought goodies - he had a photo album we passed to the audience and had the elusive first Jubilee program. He told of the days before the Jubilee, when they would just listen to 78's with K.O. Eckland and meet at a seedy bar in Pismo. Dave really brought the goods and his insight was invaluable. The other panelists were great as well. This was an historic event.

SPONSOR/PATRON BANNERS

Would you like one of the Sponsor/Patron banners? They are 5 feet long and 3 feet wide with grommets on the top for mounting. They are made of heavy-duty, tear-resistant paper and were hanging in each of our venues. We will have them at the November Sunday session for anyone who wants them - for free! Donations are always accepted. (While supplies last...)

MORE JUBILEE HIGHLIGHTS

—Shonda Croly, Email Newsletter Editor

Pajama Party: Cinderella's (Pat Yankee) carriage got lost in the hills of Arroyo Grande on the way to the Pajama Party, but once she got there her Prince Charming (Bob Schulz) was there to assist her with her Ruby Red Slippers so she could go on stage.



Pat Yankee and Bob Schulz

High Sierra: Performed their normal closing number, "Until We Meet Again," which took on a whole new meaning. We missed Earl's big voice on stage. This was the last time to see High Sierra at the Pismo Jazz Jubilee, and lots of tears flowed. You can still catch them at the San Diego and Three Rivers Festivals. They are retiring in April at the Three Rivers Jazz Affair. We will miss High Sierra, but we wish all of them the very best.





ELECTIONS

Presumably we all will have recovered enough from the recent election brouhaha to vote for BSR board directors and members at the December Sunday Session. The incumbents have agreed to accept the nominations for another term, thank goodness, but we are still in need of a treasurer—please volunteer or nominate someone! Following is the official position description and more information about the election process.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of the Society. The Treasurer shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the Society as are authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall furnish the local, State and Federal governments with the proper tax records at the appropriate times. The Treasurer shall render monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors and, within one week of the conclusion of the annual election, shall present the financial records of the Society to the new Board of Directors for audit.

Due to the size of the budgets for Basin Street Regulars and Jazz Jubilee by the Sea, it would be helpful for the Treasurer candidate to be able to complete and submit the annually required IRS Form 990 for non-profits.

Election Process and Ballots

The elections will be held beginning December 16, 2018, at the Sunday Session and ending at the Business Meeting on January 1, 2019, when the ballots will be counted. A ballot box will be located at the back table under the able supervision of Bern Verbitt. There may be additional names on the ballot in December. Please take a few minutes to vote during the Sunday session.

Ballots shall be available only to members in good standing at the time of admission to the December monthly session. If there are no contests for any office, there can be a show of hands at the Monthly Session rather than ballots. Absentee ballots may be requested in advance and must be turned in, by mail or in person, to the Secretary prior to the January Business Meeting. All ballots must be deposited in the ballot box prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the January Business Meeting.

You can pick up your ballot on December 16th, or request that one be snail-mailed to you. Please contact Linda Dutart at (805) 925-2906 to receive a ballot by mail. The ballot must be received by BSR no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 1, 2019. Mail ballots to:

Ballot c/o Basin Street Regulars PO Box 356 Pismo Beach, CA 93449

HOLIDAY PARTY AROUND THE CORNER

We will be having our 8th annual holiday party on December 16th at the Vet's Hall. A traditional dinner will be provided. Please feel free to bring something to add to the festivities, maybe a tasty appetizer or a mouth-watering dessert. The times and admission will be the same as usual, with no charge for dinner. However, we ask for a \$5.00 additional contribution if you do not bring anything. We will need early help for setting up the round tables. More details will be in the December issue.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

- West Coast Ragtime Festival (Rancho Cordova), Nov. 16-18, 2018
- San Diego Jazz Fest, Nov. 21-25, 2018
- ♪ Sounds of Mardi Gras (Fresno), Feb. 7-10, 2019
- Teagarden Jazz Festival (Sacramento), Feb. 8-10, 2019
- Jazz Bash by the Bay (Monterey), Mar. 2-4, 2019
- Clambake Music Festival (Coos Bay, OR), Mar. 8-10, 2019
- An All New Jazz Party! (St. George, UT), Mar. 22-24, 2019
- Jazz Affair (Three Rivers), Apr. 12-14, 2019
- Redwood Coast Music Festival (Eureka), May 9-12, 2019

LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS

- Pismo Beach Parks and Rec., 50+ Active Adult Dance Social. Second Monday every month, 12:30 3:00 p.m., Pismo Beach Vet's Hall, 780 Bello Street. Dancing to live music. Lunch available. \$7.00.
- Monday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Noon Years Dance Party with music by the Riptide Big Band, sponsored by the City of Santa Maria Parks & Recreation Department. Free admission. Elwin Mussell Center, 510 E. Park Ave., Santa Maria. For more information, go to http://www.riptidebb.com/.

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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

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BUSINESS AND BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings will begin at 3:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month, generally in the Sky Room of the Edgewater Inn, Pismo Beach. All members are welcome. We need your support here!

SUNSHINE POINT OF CONTACT

Eva Ackerman sends sympathy and get-well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone who needs a little support, please contact Eva at (661) 607-4138.

OFFBEAT ACCEPTING ADS

We accept ads. Prices are as follows: business-card size \$15.00; 1/4 page \$25.00; 1/2 page \$50.00. 50% discount if you buy an ad for six months. Business-card-sized ad for one year is \$120. Mid-year purchases will be prorated.

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BSR UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Venue: Veteran's Memorial Hall

780 Bello Street, Pismo Beach

Times: Jams begin at 11:00 AM

Guest band begins at 1:00 PM

Nov. 18 Judith and the Jazz Krewe

The Amigos Swing and Jazz Band

Dec. 16 Starlight Dreamband

Pacific Swing

BSR Holiday Party