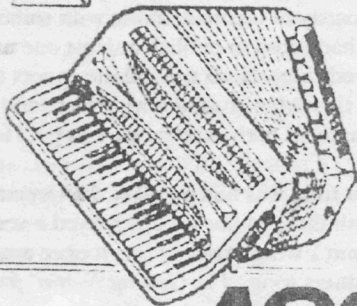


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ACCORDION CLUB

January 2005

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NOTICE:

JANUARY MEETING CANCELED !!!

President's Message

I hope everyone had a happy new year, and that you are all sticking to your resolutions. I didn't make any because I never keep them, and I am happier without the guilt.

Leo Lane, the manager of the Moose Lodge, has dispossessed our club from the Sunday meetings, effective immediately. During the December meeting Leo said we could continue there, but the new rent would be \$450.00, and we could have the place on all of the second Sundays of the months of the year. I announced this to the membership during the meeting, informing everyone that we would probably have to increase the admission charge in order to pay the rent increase. Two weeks after having agreed to the new rent, I was told that we would not be permitted to have *any* Sundays. I am actively searching for a new facility, but so far, with no luck. Please let me know if you know of any places that might accommodate us (415)753-1502.

Since we have not yet been able to find a new location, the January meeting is cancelled. I had to cancel Chuck Berger and Diane Hagen as well, and we had to pay their fee anyhow. Chuck and



Diane are performing at The Accordion Club of the Redwoods on Monday the 17th. If you haven't heard them, the drive to Petaluma is well worth it; I'll be there. [Editor's note: Chuck and Diane will also be performing at the Golden State Accordion Club in Vacaville on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m., Moose Hall 6585 Gibson Canyon Road, Vacaville; and at the Good Time Accordion Club on Wed., Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m. Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave., Escalon; info: call (209) 545-3603.]

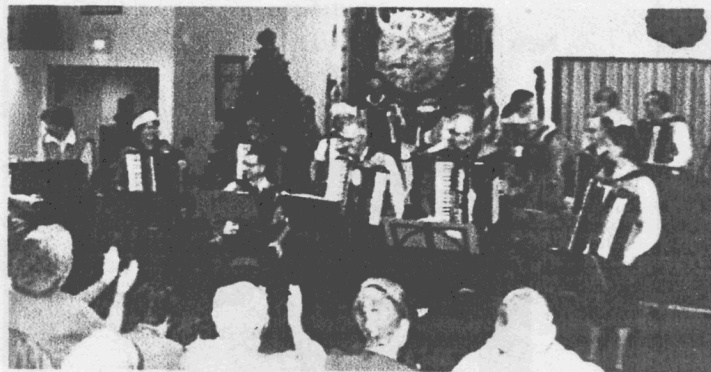
I have recently begun teaching at The Community Music Center in San Francisco, and if you are looking for lessons, check it out, (415) 647-6015.

I would like to hear from you if you have any ideas, or suggestions, to better our club; in the meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you in February at a new location.

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Peter Di Bono



December Meeting: The SFAC "Fun Band"

ANNOUNCING...

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Note from Your Editor

This month's newsletter is an abbreviated edition due to holiday pressures. Soon we will have a new meeting place and a full newsletter once more. Thank you for your patience!

Meanwhile, please keep me informed of Who Is Playing Where for the next and future newsletters!

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... that our wonderful friend and SFAC member **Herb Meier**, now living happily in Germany with his bride Sabine and 2 cats and their dog "Wiener," sent me (Val) a beautiful letter, partly in German, along with some great photos (I wish I had room to publish at least one of them in this abbreviated edition). Herb and Sabine expect to come to visit us in the Bay Area around mid-March, and we look forward to seeing them both. Maybe we can get Herb to play for us!

... that a great time was had by all at the December meeting, where all three of our groups played a very diverse program, and Lynn Ewing made us laugh once again with her annual Christmas song, *I'm Getting Nuttin' for Christmas!*

... that faithful SFAC member up in Victoria, B.C., **Arnie Krenn**, had a stroke in early November but is recovering well.

The Golden Age of the Accordion

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SFAC Musical Groups News

All our club groups continue to do well, and they all did a splendid job playing at our December meeting.

For 2005, the Fun Band and the Evening Ensemble will begin working on new music for performances this year. Practices will take place in a new location, to be announced.

The ACE Ensemble gave a mini-concert for the Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS) on January 2 that was very well received.

JANUARY 9

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DETAILS IN Pres. Message



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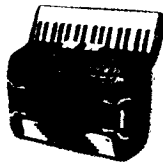
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