

ACCORDION CLUB

October 2005

The Accordion: San Francisco's Official Instrument

President's Message

The election of club Officers and Directors is complete, and we have a good group to guide the club through the next two years. **Joe Smiell** has moved into the Vice President position, **Bob Hansen** will be the new Treasurer, and **Ed Massolo** and **Val Kieser** are new Directors. I want to thank the outgoing Officers and Directors: **Don Nurisso**, **Dominic Palmisano**, and **Scott Williamson**, for a job well done. By the way, new Treasurer, **Bob Hansen**,



and wife **Judy**, are regular entertainers at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and they look forward to the early return of the "Big Easy" as the fun capitol of the universe.

As we begin this new term, I want to invite every member to get involved with the functioning of the club. Don't leave things to the other guy to take care of business. It's our club, each of us, and we each have a responsibility for its success. During the past two years, only three members have contacted me with their thoughts on new programs, or activities to improve our operation. Please, if there is something you like, or don't like, let us know, and better yet, come up with a few ideas of your own.

The **Frank Marocco Concert** at Silicon Valley on October 2 was a colossal success. Frank Marocco had everyone mesmerized with his easy swing, and tuneful improvisations. He plays the great American standards, but colors them with his own special style. His extensive technical facility is flawless, and the ease with which he comps himself on the bass keyboard is like milk and honey. After the concert several of us remained and had dinner with Frank, and it was great hearing him and **Jimmy Hillman** reminisce about the great times playing the Las Vegas scene during past years. When dinner was over, Frank still had two hours remaining before he had to check in at the San Jose Airport for his return flight home. Lynn Ewing mentioned that she and Don Nurisso had been working on one of Frank's

October 16 MEETING

John Marquette, a great friend of our club from San Jose; Ron Harris, Grigoriy Krumik (Russian Folk music in duet with a friend); Pres. Peter Di Bono, Frank Montoro; and . . . THE GREAT MORGANI!!! (See photos on p. 6) A great program—don't miss it!!!

compositions, *My Little Musette*, and Frank asked them to play it for him. We returned to the room where the concert was held a few hours earlier, and the playing began. First Lynn and Don played, then I played, and then Frank played for another hour while the five of us mortals just watched and enjoyed. What a treat, and what a great gentleman and ambassador for the accordion! I would be remiss if I didn't add that the **Truccos** were fantastic!

Come to the club meeting on October 16th. We have a wonderful day planned. Violinist, **Harriet Newhart** and bassist, **Steve Hanson**, will join me to play your favorites during the second half of the meeting. I think you'll like it. **Don Nurisso** and I will be at the Accordion Club of the Redwoods on Monday the 17th for a little more musical wheelin' and dealin'.

The suffering continues in the Gulf States, and I urge you to share your good fortune, and help your fellow Americans who have lost everything. Send some money!!!

A very exciting development for our club is that the SFAC will be taking over the running of the **Galla-Rini Accordion Camp** beginning July 2006. Mark you calendars for July 23-28, 2006 and be prepared for a fantastic learning and social experience, with **Joe Smiell** at the helm.

Play your accordion every day, and remember:

REAL MUSIC IS LIVE!!!

Peter Di Bono

Late word has it that our float in the **Columbus Day Parade** was the best ever! Watch for article and photos in the next newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, October 16, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the South San Francisco Senior Center, 33 Arroyo Drive, South SF

September Meeting: A Little of Everything

This was our required **annual meeting**, including **elections** and voting on **changes to the by-laws**. By acclamation of those present, the following officers and directors were elected: President: Peter Di Bono (incumbent); Vice President: Joe Smiell; Secretary: Rosemary Armanino (incumbent); Treasurer: Dominic Palmisano (incumbent); Board members: Vince Cirelli (incumbent), Jim Firpo (incumbent), Bob Hansen and Valerie Kieser. (Since this time, Dominic Palmisano decided not to continue as Treasurer, and Bob Hansen agreed to sign on for this post.)

By-Laws: Those present at the meeting voted unanimously for the board-recommended change of making the **fiscal year** January 1-December 31, while maintaining the **membership year** at October 1-September 30. The other proposed change to the By-Laws, regarding committees, although scheduled, was not voted upon at this meeting.

Our MC, **Lynn Ewing**, announced that **Frank Marocco** himself will be entertaining at the October 2 Silicon Valley Accordion Society meeting; and also that **AbsolutAccord** will be giving a concert on Sunday afternoon, October 9 at the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, 300 E. Santa Inez Ave. in San Mateo. Lynn also called on visitors to make themselves known, and we had several from the **Accordion Club of the Redwoods**, including **Marjorie Konrad** and her young, talented grandson **Keith Church**, and also **Tom Shamp** of the Accordion Club of the Redwoods. It was a special pleasure for me to meet **Paula Re** from Tracy, with whom I have been in communication for years but we never met until today! (See p.7)

Then came the long-awaited musical portion of the afternoon, beginning with **Dennis Stoscher**—who is always entertaining—with his “**accordiaoki**” (pick your spelling!) act, playing fills along with a recording of a singer singing in Italian. He also played **Un-decided**. Dennis’ act was so short that I didn’t have time to take a picture!

After Dennis we heard a promising young man of 11 years, **Keith Church**, with his grandmother **Marjorie Konrad** assisting, as he played an impressive **Twilight Time** and **Flight of the Angels** on a full-size 120-bass accordion. The announcement of the latter



Keith Church with “**baby**” accordion

piece drew a gasp from the audience as it is a difficult and challenging piece for *anyone*. Then Keith switched accordions, and now playing his “**baby**” 12-bass accordion, he surprised us all with **Just a Closer Walk With Thee** including a bellow shake that drew special applause. Way to go, Keith! Keep up the good



Vince Cirelli

work!

Next up was our own living legend **Vince Cirelli** showing us what his 17-lb. Petosa Reedless “**Millennium**” can do. Vince



Sharon Walters Greyhosky

explained how he chooses different voices for different effects. For **Snowbird** he used the saxophone sound. Other pieces he played: the beautiful and ever-popular **Torno a Surriento** that is played on the gondolas in Venice; a medley depicting a discussion: **Don’t Take Your Love From Me, Don’t Blame Me, I’m in the Mood for Love**, and **Love Was Made for You and Me**. Then he played **O Sole Mio** (for Dad,) **O Marie** (for Mom,) **Amor, Amor** (for Susan and Don Pandori,) **Begin the Beguine** and **These Foolish Things Re-**

mind Me of You.

Sharon Walters Greyhosky, one of our favorites, who played **Nessun Dorma** from the Italian opera **Turandot** (Puccini). Sharon says he loves to play Italian opera tunes. Then she played a great arrangement of **Tea for Two** followed by a terrific Galla-Rini arrangement of **Charmaine**.

Door prizes were distributed. **Mark Ramian, Rusty Bartoli, Ed Suterko, Dick Renko** and **Joan Gitti** won CD’s (if I read my notes right!). **Teri Traverso** won the \$65 cash drawing.

The musical program continued with **Dick Schiller** and **Val Kieser** who played three short duets: **El Paso Pierino**, a paso doble that many of you have heard played by various duos over the years; then **Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man** from a lead sheet that Val drew up because the published version is a bit too complicated; and last, a little “**Waltz Duet**” that Val wrote a few years ago, one of her first attempts (out of two total!) at writing something original. For anyone interested, copies were handed out of Val’s lead sheet on **Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man** and also copies of her little **Waltz Duet**.

Lynn Ewing and **Don Nurisso** were next, playing the French waltz **Je Te Veux** by Eric Saty, followed by **Samba Brazillera** by L. Andrini, and last but not least, the beautiful French **Indifférence**, arranged as a duet by



Val Kieser and Dick Schiller



Don Nurisso and Lynn Ewing

SFAC member **Jana Maas** (with a small correction by **Frank Marocco**). Then they played a Marocco tribute, a solo arrangement (that is for sale), with Don filling in. Next they played *I Wish You Love* (*Que Reste-t-il de Nos Amours*, one of my favorites), *My Little Musette*, a duet written by and available from Frank Marocco, and an Italian Medley of *Anema e Core*, *O Sole Mio* and *Arrivederci Roma*. Their encore, fitting for the Oktoberfest season, was the well-known Oktoberfest song, *Kornblumenblau*.

Thanks to all our performers today, also to the Benedettos for another splendid food offering, and to Lynn for being our MC. Val

Welcome New Members

Here's a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to Marilyn Levine of South San Francisco who knew and admired Reno Pucci; to our new Treasurer and student of Peter Di Bono, **Robert Hansen** of Daly City; to Tony and Geraldine Ceschi of Corte Madera; and Welcome Back to **Henri Ducharme** of Oakland and **George Chavez** of Hillsborough.

Word Has It . . .

- . . . that **Jim Hillman** is on the mend again and looking good!
- . . . that **Jim Firpo** also is on the mend again and looking good!
- . . . that **Harry Cannata** has undergone some serious surgery but is also on the mend and looking forward to a complete recovery.
- . . . that **Frank Marocco** brought the house down at the Silicon Valley Accordion Society meeting October 2 (see photo below).
- . . . that **Lou Soper**, whom we've missed seeing for quite a long time, attended the SVAS meeting. It was great to see Lou. He has been going through some very rough times.
- . . . that it was a special treat to see both the Senior and the Junior **Mike Marotta** from Monterey at the SVAS meeting
- . . . that **Tom Bruno** ran into none other than **Yo Yo Ma** at SFO on his way back to PA from SF (see photo)!!!
- . . . that **Arnie Krenn** is moving back from Canada in the near future.
- . . . that SFAC member in Tennessee, **John Wesley Hollowell**, is continually on the lookout for gospel accordionists. Please call Val (510) 531-4836 if you can help.



Tom Bruno and Yo Yo Ma

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Frank Marocco, Jane Tripi, Vince Cirelli at SVAS 10-2-05

Sad News . . .

Bob Smith's mom, **Esther Smith**, who visited our club yearly for a number of years, passed away recently at the age of 91 after suffering a number of strokes. She celebrated her 90th birthday by doing pushups! She was always proud that Bob played accordion and enjoyed hearing Bob play at SFAC meetings and with the ACE Ensemble. Bob was her firstborn, and she was responsible for getting Bob started playing.

Great News for the SFAC !!!

Our club will be the sponsor of the **GALLA-RINI ACCORDION CAMP**, starting in 2006. We'll make it the best ever! The camp will be held on the beautiful campus of Dominican College in San Rafael July 23-28, 2006. The camp will be headed by **Joe Smiell**, at the specific request of **Tony Galla-Rini**. We are already getting enthusiastic interest from the accordion community. We look forward to high participation by our club members! Stay tuned!

Some more photos from the Frank Marocco concert at SVAS...



Frank Marocco
(Photo courtesy of Rosemary Armanino)



Frank Marocco and Marian Kelly



Frank Marocco, Jim Holliday, Ed Massolo, Jim Hillman, Mike Marotta Sr.
(Photo courtesy of Rosemary Armanino)



Jim Hillman, Vince Cirelli, Mike Marotta Sr.
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Frank Marocco, Val Kieser, Vince Cirelli



Isabelle Massolo and Evelyn Baulch
(Photo courtesy of Rosemary Armanino)

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For names and phone numbers of accordion teachers in the Bay Area (San Francisco/ North peninsula, North Bay, East Bay, Peninsula and South Bay) please contact Val at (510) 531-4836 or vtakacc@value.net.

Come and join in ...

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For Info call any board member.***

East Bay Accordion Circle

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For information call (510) 548-2822

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Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western, Petaluma
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meets 7 PM
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at Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Sacramento

For information call (707) 864-2359

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*Third Sunday of the month 2:00 p.m.
Location of meeting varies; for info call
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Meets on the first Sunday of the Month
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390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose
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For Info Phone (408) 270-5003

SFAC Evening Ensemble Practice currently on hiatus!

*New Location beginning when we start up again: at the home
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The Club Photo (below)

***Could be much better; we need to take it when we have
more people and better lighting conditions***



Our Sincere Thanks

***To those who have generously donated to the Club
this year. Recent donations
that your Editor has heard about:***

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Morgani then . . .



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Morgani

. . . and now!

Thanks to Rosemary Armanino for Morgani photos



Real excuse notes from parents, with original spelling
Collected from schools all over the country

- Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
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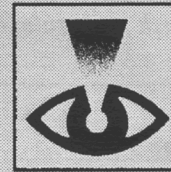
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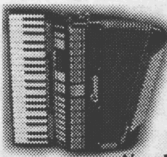
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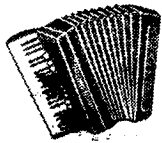
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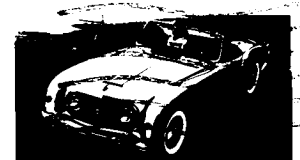
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