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The Channel Cities Jazz Club *Presents For Your Dancing & Listening Pleasure*



**NORTH VALLEY
JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

HUENEME HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND



Sunday 19 May 2019 3:30-7 PM
The Pierpont Inn
550 Sanjon Road, Ventura, Ca
www.channelcitiesjazzclub.com

**Donations: \$10 Members
\$15 Non-members**

**Continuous Entertainment, Great Dance Floor
No Host Bar, Great Restaurant and Free Parking
Featuring True American Jazz & Swing
Qualified Musicians Welcome for Open Jam
Sessions Before the Feature Band**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Saint Patrick's day was commemorated by mostly everyone wearing something Green attending our event. Green was everywhere, hats, jackets, scarfs and items of decoration on the tables.

We had a great time. The Jammers got the joint stirred up and then the Oxnard High School Jazz Band took the floor. Those kids were really good, probably one of the best High School Bands we've had in a long time. It makes you feel good to know that they are the future of Jazz and their presence contributes to our mission of keeping Jazz alive.

The Professionals "The Susan And Lenny LaCroix Experience" took the floor next and really got people on their toes. One of the best small Bands in the area with a great vocalist. We will see them again.

I was reading an article a few days ago and it said that Dancing improves your Health. Researchers say dance helps because it combines movement, balance, endurance and focus. So don't sit too long get up and do your thing, it's good for you.

Please be aware that we will not have an event in April, because it's Easter Sunday. The past has shown that most people like to gather with their families to celebrate this spiritual day, so have a lovely family day and enjoy the company. **Our next event will be on 19 May, also Please note the time change, we start at 3:30PM.**

VIVIAN MASON



My name is Vivian Mason. I'm a vocalist and a member of CC Jazz Club. You may have heard me sing at the jam sessions or at other local venues.

I began singing at age 14 with my dad's band in North Carolina. We played in N.C., S.C. and Virginia. While kids my age were getting a small allowance, I was earning \$50 to \$75 each weekend. I used my money to buy sheet music and pretty evening dresses and to go to concerts featuring my favorite big bands and singers. (Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton)

After I graduated from High School, I sang in many major cities as a solo singer and a band vocalist.

Eventually I moved to Hollywood and sang at the Hollywood Roosevelt, Beverly Hills Hotel, Bel-Air Hotel and the Jazz Bakery. Sometimes, I went on tours with bands, Claude Gordon and Si Zentner to name a few. I sang in nightclubs and military bases in the Orient and did two USO shows. I also sang my way around the world on cruise ships.

I worked as an extra in movies and TV (Running Man, Golden Girls and General Hospital, etc.)

Because of the L.A. smog, I moved to Oxnard where my parents were. Locally, I've sang at Café Fiore with Bernie Meisinger's band at Wicked's Brew with Jimmy Calire; many gigs with the Estrada Brothers and area library concerts with my Jazz Trio.

I recorded two CDs, "Gentle Rain" and "Back To The Beginning". Chuck Cecil played two selections on his radio show "The Swinging Years". I enjoy singing and hope to continue

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURE BAND

NORTH VALLEY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Bob Couto



One of our favorite Jazz bands return for another swinging event under the direction of Bob Couto. This 18 piece jazz ensemble is always a crowd pleaser as they fill the room with the Big Band sounds of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and more as well as traditional Jazz and Dixieland.

When veteran band members of such greats as Woody Herman, Stan Kenton, Les Brown, Count Basie, Harry James and others get on stage together, mutual magic happens.

For an afternoon of pure pleasure for the ears, take a stroll down memory lane with the North Valley Jazz Ensemble.

Don't be late...see you there at 3:30, on 19 May.

March 2019 Raffle Donors

~Joe & Gloria Brown	~Whole Foods Mkt
~Jess & Jim Holbrook	~Margie Palmer
~Jim & Stella	~Bobbie Knapp
~Chet & Myrna Wing	~Dawn & Diz
~Henry Johnson	~Vivian Mason

The "March Raffle Table" exceeded normal expectations with some very nice items. Several nice wines, a dozen Callaway golf balls and numerous other notable items....Thank You for your continued support and generous donations.

2019 Board & Officer Meeting Dates

Union Bank Building
576 Mills Road
Ventura, Ca
@ 3:00 p.m.

April NO MEETING

May 14th

June 11th

July 16th

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR MEETINGS

PARASOL PARADE

Did you know that.....?

Second line parades are the descendants of the New Orleans Jazz funerals. The "first line" of the parade was the family members of the deceased, followed by the hearse and a brass band. The "second line" refers to those who join in to follow the procession. A Grand Marshal would lead the band and the funeral party to the grave site.

Slow spiritual, sorrowful tunes and hymns (known as the "dirge") were played as the funeral procession left the church, walking. It was to signify the trials and hardships of life.

After the departed was laid to rest at the burial site, the funeral procession would leave, striking an upbeat tune. As the parade moved on through neighborhoods, people would join in the parade, dancing to the beat of the brass band. They were the "second line". Originally, these revelers carried umbrellas or parasols to ward off the hot sun or rain. Those who did not have umbrellas waived a white handkerchief in the air.

Nowadays, parade goers often decorate their umbrellas and parasols. Next time you have the chance, whether you call it an umbrella or parasol, or waive a handkerchief or a napkin, join in a true New Orleans tradition...The Second Line.

Article contributed by Susan Nicewander

Members Corner

Changes occur, call to verify the information

First Sunday each month Valley Jazz Club - Elks - 20925 Osborne St., Canoga Park, 1 PM (818) 347-4149

Second Sunday each month

Simi Valley Jazz Club, Simi Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, 1 PM. , (805) 791-9903

Last Sunday each month

Basin Street Regulars-Pismo Beach Vet's Hall 780 Bello St, Pismo Beach 11 AM-4:30 PM (805) 481-7840

Swing Shift

Fourth Sunday each month 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the Sportsman Restaurant, 4426 Central Avenue, Camarillo (805) 988 9777

Harry Selvin Orchestra

Every first Monday 7:00-10:00 PM at the Palm Garden Hotel, 495 N Ventu Park Rd, Newbury Park (805) 716-4200

Buzz Maddox Octet with vocalist Al Alexio

Sundays 6:30-9:00 PM at Victorio's 10901 Victory Blvd., N Hollywood 91606 (818) 762-9000

Ulysses Jasz Band

Every Saturday 7:30-10:30 PM at James Joyce Pub, 513 State St. Santa Barbara (805) 962-6288

Vivian Mason with Jimmy Calire

Ojai Library, 17 May @ 1PM. 111 E. Ojai Ave, Ojai

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MARCH JAMMERS

Piano – Rob Correll

Drums - Margie Palmer, Kurt Nicewander, Dia Avila
Steve Mayer, Mark Pallock & Fred Stapp

Bass– Ed Ransford

Guitar– Seth Oster

Trumpet/Flugehorn - Bob Gaston & Diz Mullins

Reeds– Henry Nava

Vocals– Vivian Mason, Suzy B & Jennifer Smith

CCJC'S UPCOMING 2019 FEATURE BANDS

April~ No Event (Easter Sunday)

May~ Bob Couto's North Valley Jazz Ensemble

June~ Richie Freedman's Cool Blue

July~ Groovin' Easy

August~ Larry Cossid's Studio C

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If you have a gig or event that needs advertisement in the area, let me know by the 15th of the month before the event and I will do my best to include the information in our newsletter.

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