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

THE SUSAN & LENNY
LaCROIX
EXPERIENCE



Oxnard High School Jazz Band
Sunday 17 March 2019 1:00- 4:30 PM

The Pierpont Inn

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Sessions Before the Feature Band**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Once again Diz Mullins and Swing Shift got the joint a jumping and kept the dance floor active. Diz really had a busy day; he played with the Jammers, then blew his horn with the band and he followed that up with a few notes after the band started packing up. Thank you Diz.

Stephanie Moro celebrated her 90th Birthday while we sang "Happy Birthday" and Gloria provide a 3 tier Cake for the festivities. I must say that for a Lady her age, she really stays active: "I want to be like Stephanie when I grow up" Take care and we wish you many more active years.

The Pierpont seems to be attracting a nice crowd of new Jazz lovers.

Our next event takes place of 17 March; which is St Patrick's Day, and the first day of Spring follows a few days later. I'm thinking about wearing my Lime green hat to commemorate the occasion. Hopefully you can search your closet for something green to wear.

In the last two Newsletters I have started to include Biographies of members. This is something I would like to continue; it helps us to find new friends. If interested, please send your Bio of no more than 300 words...Thank you.

SUSAN LaCROIX



My name is Susan LaCroix and I'm proud to be serving as the new Vice President of CCJC.

I'm originally from CT where I graduated from Central Connecticut State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education. Upon graduation, I moved to CA to become Mrs Lenny LaCroix. It has been 49 years thus far.

All through my Elementary School years, I sang with my two older sisters (ala the McGuire Sisters). We were thrilled to perform all over the state and on live TV. We recorded original material when I was eight and enjoyed gathering around the radio to hear our music being broadcast. We appeared on the Ted Mac Amateur Hour twice. I started performing solo while in High School and was fortunate enough to work as a band singer throughout my High School and College years.

Moving to CA was so exciting! I had the privilege of singing with some of LA's finest musicians; David Foster, Larry Hovis, Frank Morrocco and of course, Lenny. I sang at The Horn in Santa Monica, a celebrated nightclub that showcased up and coming singers and launched careers of such people as Vicki Carr and Jack Jones. I composed music for Sesame Street Live that was recorded by Jim Henson (Ernie). During this time I also wrote and performed a collection of my own spiritual music.

With two children now starting school, the powers that be had me working at five different elementary schools as music consultant/teacher. I produced and directed musicals and assemblies at several of the schools. I produced and MC'd Santa Clarita's first Bridal Faire and several more that followed.

There is nothing Lenny and I enjoy more than making music together! We both love being involved with CCJC. I am looking forward to working with all the fine people on our Board who are as enthusiastic as I am about making CCJC the best it can be.

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This Month's Feature Band THE SUSAN AND LENNY LaCROIX EXPERIENCE

Jazz stylist Susan LaCroix, has been singing with various vocal ensembles since she was six. She started her solo career in High School and has been singing with various bands ever since. She's had the pleasure of performing for Bob Hope and Sergio Mendes. She started her own band business i.e. "Music for all Occasions" in the early 1980's. As a voice teacher, Tony Danza was her student.

Lenny's music career started when he organized his first band at age 12. He has been a featured soloist with Phil Woods, Dexter Gordon, Tom Scott, Jack Sheldon and numerous others. He's written arrangements for Ann Margret, Shirley Maclaine, Michael Jackson, Englebert Humperdinck, just to name a few.

Joining the group is Grammy Award winner tenor Saxophonists, Terry Landry, who recorded with Bobby Womack, Gerald Wilson and the Dixie Chicks. He toured with Billy Vera for two years and with Mexican superstars Luis Miguel and Celia Cruz.

Bob Couto is featured on Trumpet and vocals. He had his own Show Band in Las Vegas, Tahoe and Reno for many years. Bob has played for Frankie Lane, Tony Bennett and Jerry Vale and currently plays with and is the Band Manager for "Dorsey/Miller Battle of the Bands Tour. Bob's band will be at CCJC in May.

Drummer/Percussionist, Jerry Redmond, is one of LA's finest. His ability to sight read music is well known. Buddy Rich hired him to read through his new arrangements so Buddy could learn the drum parts. Jerry has toured with Ann Margret, Jim Nabors and Florence Henderson.

Bill Von Ravensberg completes the rhythm section. He has toured with Tom Jones and Andy Williams and recorded with Bobby McFerron. His clients include Thelma Houston, Bobby Vinton & Pat Boone.

So grab your colleen and shillelagh and join us at the Pierpont Inn on March 17th and enjoy the "Lenny & Susan LaCroix Experience"

February 2019 Raffle Donors

~Joe & Gloria Brown	~Pizza Man Dan
~Jess & Jim Holbrook	~Margie Palmer
~Jim & Stella	~Bobbie Knapp
~Valley Jazz Club	~Ray & Linda
~Chet & Myrna Wing	~Sal & Ann Mollo
~Denise Torrence	~John Slais
~Yollanda McCune	

The “February Raffle Table” had some very nice items. Wines a Vivitar Digital Camera, Hawaii Five-O, and Barnaby Jones DVDs, I could go on, but the gifts were too numerous to mention them all. It seems that the Raffle Table is experiencing some really great gifts. Again...Thank You for your generous donations .

2018 Board & Officer Meeting Dates

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

March 12th
April 9th
May 14th
June 11th

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR MEETINGS

WORDS OF WISDOM

Personality opens doors; character keeps them open

Lying is usually more difficult than telling the truth

Teaching someone to do something is like relearning it yourself

He who laughs last; laughs loudest

Envy and fear are the major causes of hatred

Love, friendship and opportunities never occur when judgement is made on appearance alone

What is useful will last; what is hurtful will sink

Honor is sought by others to confirm it in ourselves

Don't be afraid to ask for help

Listening to someone is sometimes all the help they need

Surround yourself with people who are more intelligent than you are

You have two ears and one mouth; use them in the same proportion

The truth can come out at the wrong time

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

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FEBRUARY JAMMERS

Piano – Rob Correll, Lenny LaCroix & John Slais
Drums - Margie Palmer, Tom Weaver, Mark Pallock
Steve Mayer & Fred Stapp
Bass– Ed Ransford & Robert Barrett
Guitar– Seth Oster
Trumpet/Flugehorn - Bob Gaston & Diz Mullins
Reeds– Henry Nava
Vocals– Susan LaCroix, Tom Weaver, Freda Ramey

CCJC'S UPCOMING 2019 FEATURE BANDS

March ~ Lenny LaCroix Band
April~ No Event (Easter Sunday)
May~ Bob Couto's North Valley Jazz Ensemble

JAZZ CLUB NEWSLETTERS

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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