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# Jazz NEWS



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



### **RICHIE FREEDMAN'S COOL BLUE**

**Sunday 16 June 2019 1-4:30 PM**

The Pierpont Inn  
550 Sanjon Road, Ventura, Ca  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



One of our dedicated Sponsors is with us no longer. Chuck Cecil passed away April 30th at his home in Ventura. A memorial service was held at the Nazarene Church in Ventura on 25 May. A brief biography appears on page 11.

In every organization there are unsung members who give of their time and resources without seeking reparation or recognition. We have some of them amongst us and I would like to recognize one of them. This person has spent countless hours coaching the Hueneme High School Jazz Band in preparation for their appearance at our club. He even funded the tuning of their piano which would not be brought to our club to play.

As Hueneme High took the stage, Lenny could be seen taking different positions around the room to verify that his efforts were not in vain. We will have to invite them back.

I would like to thank Lenny LaCroix for his dedication to our mission of keeping Jazz alive. Through his personal efforts, he has inspired and assisted flailing young musicians to improve their techniques and appreciation of the music we love.

A surprise Birthday celebration for Diz Mullins was initiated by Susan and Lenny LaCroix; other club members joined in to sing Happy Birthday to celebrate Diz's big Nine Zero Birthday. Happy Birthday and many more.

## CHUCK CECIL



A dedicated Patron of our Jazz Club has departed for the Great Beyond. Chuck left us on April 30th, but he will always be with us in our hearts and his spirit will always be near.

Chuck's radio show "The Swingin Years" ran for decades. He attended high school with actresses Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe, and attended Monroe's wedding in 1942. That year also found him briefly in his first radio job before he was called up for the war, where he worked in a pilot training program.

When he got home he settled in Oregon and got back into radio as the announcer for "Baldy's Band" a popular orchestra. He married the group's vocalist, Edna Brown, in 1947. From 52-73 he worked for Los Angeles station KFI. In the 70s and 80s, he worked at Los Angeles stations KGIL-AM and KPRZ. From the 60s to 80s he also hosted the "Big Band Countdown" on Armed Forces Radio spreading the gift of Jazz to servicemen throughout the world.

Throughout all these changes he ran the show he is most known for. He launched "The Swingin Years" in 1956 while at KFI and only hung up his headset in 2016. The show became nationally syndicated in 1973 and was heard on hundreds of stations at its peak.

Recently, "The Swingin Years" had been produced at Cecil's home utilizing his huge library of 78-45- and 33-RPM records. Our prayers are with Edna and his family; we all shall miss Chuck and that unforgettable smile.

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# RICHIE FREEDMAN'S

## COOL BLUE

After spending 35 years in Law Enforcement, Richie returned to his true passion, the Trumpet. He started his studies in New York at the age of eight. By the time he was twelve, he was already performing as a pro.

While in New York, he studied with the Trumpet Master, Charles Colin. In 1963 he arrived in Los Angeles and studied with Irving Bush, John Clyman and Tommy Stevens.

During his college days, he recorded with the likes of Della Reese, Tine Turner, The Impressions, The Seven Wonders, The Emotions and many others.

After receiving his bachelors Degree and attending Graduate School, he accepted a position in Law Enforcement. During his 35 year tenure, he sadly abandoned his music. Upon his retirement, he dusted off his horn and started on the road back.

Today, Richie can be heard as the Jazz Trumpeter with The Woody James Big Band, The Leroy Lovette Big Band and The Pat Longo Hollywood Big Band. He also played Lead Trumpet for The Clyde Reasinger Big Band. He leads his own Jazz Group, "Cool Blue", and has performed with Nancy Sinatra, Kimberly Locke, American Idol and others.

Richie was the principal Trumpet and soloist for the Los Angeles Police Department Concert Band, additionally he was also the Director of both the LAPD Swing Band and Jazz Combo. Richie also plays first Trumpet with the UCLA Alumni Band.

Please browse Richie's website for more information, videos and audios @RichiesTrumpet.com

## **May 2019 Raffle Donors**

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The "May Raffle Table" had some really nice donations. I think there was enough wine to start our own Bar; and you can't buy better golf balls than Callaway. In addition, there were free passes to a couple of local Jazz Clubs. Thank You for your continued support and generous donations.

## **2019 Board & Officer Meeting Dates**

Union Bank Building  
576 Mills Road  
Ventura, Ca  
@ 3:00 PM

June 11th  
July 9th  
August 13th  
September 10th

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR MEETINGS**

## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

The truth can come out at the wrong time

If you know nothing, say nothing

Silence is the hardest argument to refute

Anger is a brief madness, but it can do damage that lasts forever

You cannot lose what you never had

When you compare your griefs with other people's they will seem fewer

Other people's problems are more easily solved than your own

If you want to get more of something, then give more of that same thing

Know when it's time to leave

A good short life is better than a long bad life

To know how to do something well is to enjoy it

Love your children for who they are, not for what you want them to be

The anticipation of a trip is often more fun than the actual trip

## 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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## MAY JAMMERS

Piano – Rob Correll & Lenny LaCroix

Drums - Margie Palmer, Mark Pallock, Tom Weaver & Fred Stapp

Trumpet/- Bob Gaston, Tony Gracia & Diz Mullins

Reeds– Jim Richardson

Vocals– Susan LaCroix, Freda Ramey & Tom Weaver

## CCJC'S UPCOMING 2019 FEATURE BANDS

June~ Richie Freedman's Cool Blue

July~ Groovin' Easy

August~ Larry Cossid's Studio C

September~ Terry Cano Jazz Band

## 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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