

# NVDJSNEWS

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## The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society PRESENTS



## The Jambalaya Swing Band

**Sunday, October 13**

**1:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa**

Corner of Pearl Street & Franklin Street, 2 blocks Southwest of Main Street, downtown Napa. Parking lot at the American Legion Hall, free parking on street, plus free public parking structure across from this Hall, on Pearl Street

The Jambalaya Swing Band patterns itself from the great Bob Crosby and The Bobcats Orchestra. The Instrumentation is

4 Saxophones

3 Trumpets

1 Trombone

Piano; Bass; and Drums.

The Crosby Orch. consisted of

1 additional Trombone. Large Dance Bands of Jan Garber, Dick Jurgens, Sammy Kaye, Russ Morgan, to name a few the 1930's and 40's bands, generally consisted of 10-14 players.

Crosby started in 1935, but didn't become a "hit" band until he released

"Big Noise From Winnetka" and additional "Dixie" selections in 1938.

His Instrumentation was centered around a "Dixie" front line or the Piano of Joe Sullivan. Bob fronted the band well into the 1980's and always was a big draw at The Carnation Stage, and The Plaza Gardens Stage at Disneyland.

Jambalaya's

Saxophones and Clarinets:

Mike Young

Rich Lesnik

Stuart Yasaki

Mike Wilson

Trombone:

to be announced.....

Trumpets:

Mack Horton

Noel Weidcamp

Ken Brock

Piano:

Rich Owens

Bass:

Julianne George

Drums:

Ed Margolin

The performance for the Rossmoor Dixieland Jazz Society in May of this year, was a tremendous success, and included many selections that will be played at the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society on October 13.

New selections for the Napa Dixieland Jazz Society will include:

NEW ORLEANS MEDLEY; and BLUE SKIES. The "Umbrella Song" will be CAKEWALKING BABIES FROM HOME, with Noel Weidcamp on the vocal refrain, Plenty of Bob Crosby, mixed in with Hoagy Carmichael; Duke Ellington; Tiny Hill; 'Fat's' Waller; and "Trad Dixie" like SISTER KATE; SAVOY BLUES; WOLVERINE BLUES; SWEET SUE; and DIXIELAND ONE-STEP.



## **Presidents' Message**

*Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents*

We continue on, successfully, through 2024, very happy with all the excellent musicians playing for us each month and our excellent new site/dance hall, where we've now been for over a year. We continue to receive lots of compliments from those in attendance at our monthly sessions on the second Sunday of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Most of us haven't been able to enjoy the exciting **Jambalaya Swing Band, with leader Ken Brock**, and at least 11 musicians since they performed regularly at the end of each Cline Cellar Jazz Festival held during the summers in Sonoma County.

Of course over the years, the audience enjoying our traditional jazz music has become older, including ourselves. One of our devoted fans, who has always looked younger & prettier than most of us, has now celebrated her 100th birthday, that is Helen Fay. She has agreed for me to include this information in our October 2024 Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society newsletter. She lives in a region of the Bay Area closer to El Sobrante, where the New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California did have a big 100-year-old birthday celebration for her at their last scheduled session on September 22 with the music played by the impressive "**Tom Barnebey's Hot Four Plus One.**" It was a wonderful celebration for all.

### **Request for Matching Contributions, Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society (NVDJS):**

Every month we have such a good time at the various regularly scheduled Jazz sessions throughout the Bay Area including Santa Rosa, Napa, El Sobrante, Sunnyvale & Rossmoor, in Walnut Creek, as well as pre-scheduled Annual Jazz Festivals, in California, including Fresno, Monterey, Three Rivers & Sacramento. But we/they all need extra contributions to cover all of the related costs, including the musicians and the locations. Once again, we've been lucky enough to receive a generous offer from an anonymous dedicated NVDJS supporter, to match any contribution to **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, for up to \$2,000 total, prior to December 1, 2024**, If you're able to make a voluntary contribution to NVDJS in any amount up until December 1, 2024, we encourage you to do so, as having your contribution, matched, is so beneficial to our financial stability, resulting in more fun, good times for all, and possibly even increased longevity! If you're able to make this charitable voluntary contribution to NVDJS during this time period, please send it to **NVDJS, 145 Merner Drive, Windsor, CA, 95492**. Thanks so much for your invaluable help! And these voluntary contributions may qualify you for free admission at our monthly sessions. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

## Jazz Club Information

### Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the performance, promotion, preservation and perpetuation of Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing Jazz, an integral part of Americana. Your membership and contributions are tax-deductible. As a member of and/or a contributor to the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, you are helping to preserve & broaden the sounds of Traditional Dixieland Jazz. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Our Non-Profit Entity # is 1633975.

### Officers

Co-Presidents - Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

Vice-President - Don Robertson

Treasurer - Marilee Jensen

NVDJS Newsletter Co-Editors - Marilee Jensen & Don Robertson

Secretary - Lee Campbell

NVDJS Membership & Circulation Manager - Don Robertson

Directors - Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Jack Harford, Marion Mills, Charles E. Newman, Don Robertson, Joy Waite and Candy Woodworth

### Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs Information

\*1st Sunday -TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at Druids Hall, 1011 College Avenue, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Members-\$12; Other Clubs - \$12; Public - \$15; **November 3rd, Devil Mountain Jazz Band**

\*2nd Sunday - Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society meets at the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, CA, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. NVDJS Members and other jazz/dance clubs members, \$10; Public, \$15; **October 13 - Jambalaya Swing Band, Ken Brock; November 10, Fog City Stompers, Tom Belmessieri.**

\*3rd Sunday New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California, (NOJCNC) meets at the Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Members, \$8.00; Other Clubs, \$10.00; Public, \$12. **October 20 - Flying Eagles, Jim Broadstreet; November 17, Gold Coast Jazz Band. Bill Badstubner.**

\*4th Sunday South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00 to 5:00 pm,

The Dixieland Jazz Club of Rossmoor Tahoe Room of the Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Way, Walnut Creek, CA, 94595. Rossmoor is a gated community so tell the guard you are going to the Event Center for a Jazz Concert. The contact person is Rob Thomas, "[robthomas10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robthomas10@sbcglobal.net)"; (510) 432-1624. Rossmoor residents, friends and family are all welcome. Bring your own libations and snacks. Cost is \$20 per person, cash, check or credit card.

Wednesday October 16 at 7:00 PM in The Ross Event Center; The Crescent Cats

Special Events:

Fresno Mardi Gras Festival. Changed to third week-end, February 13- February 16, 2025, Sounds of Mardi Gras, 2025, Online Double Tree Reservations, by Hilton with a number of excellent bands.

*Dance to live Music in 4 Dance Venues All Under One Roof, DoubleTree by Hilton,*

**Eleven bands, plus more to be announced. FOR MORE INFO: [www.fresnodixie.com](http://www.fresnodixie.com) or Linda 209.534-1924",**

## **Membership**

### **THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

**Standard Membership:** Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year

**Contributing Membership:** Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year

#### **Monthly Admission**

NVDJS Members and members of other

Other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00

Public: \$15,00

**Contributing Members: Free**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Windsor, CA 95492-9102

**Please let us know your ideas.**