

# JIVE TALKIN'

## Oktoberfest rocks the Elks Lodge

**Now annual FOJ event draws all-around rave reviews plus praise for the Elks Lodge.**

Friends of Jazz's second annual Oktoberfest proved to be even more festive and enjoyable than the first. Held at the Elks Lodge on Sunday night, October 19, the event drew 67 attendees. The Fullerton College Big Band provided the music and the Elks the tasty German cuisine.

In terms of financial success, treasurer Nick Batinich said the event netted "just under \$2,000 (\$1,993)." During the days following the Oktoberfest, superlatives poured in from those who had attended, characterized by Sandy Johnson: "The whole event was perfect. We loved the Fullerton College Jazz Band's music. It entertained us, let us dance, and made for a most enjoyable evening."

Carol Bankhead said "The sights and sounds of the Friends of Jazz Oktoberfest were fabulous. The Fullerton College orchestra performed like professional musicians and inspired dancing among the attendees. Season decor and delicious German food were enjoyed by all."

Mardi Gras King and Queen Dean and Jeanie Stockwell said, "King and Queen proclaim Oktoberfest to be the best in the land!"

Mayor Doug Chaffee and wife Paulette had this to say: "The German buffet cuisine was perfect for the occasion, and Friends of Jazz loves to create an opportunity to mingle, listen to great jazz music, and have an enjoyable evening with people not only from Fullerton but surrounding cities as well." They also praised the music as "excellent – everyone had a great time."

In fact, the music in particular drew overall high marks. Barbara Fischer said "The music was fabulous! The singers were just wonderful! I think it was one of the best performances at a Friends of Jazz event," and Beverley Shook said "The music was great – all the 'old band' songs – and the food was good!"

Joe and Charlotte Henderson lauded the Fullerton College Big Band as "so talented, and we are so lucky to have them perform for us." The Hendersons called the event "very festive, and again one of the best parties. The room was beautifully decorated with fall colors and was most inviting. The Elks Lodge staff members were very accommodating and it was a pleasure to have our event at the lodge. The food was delicious and themed for an Oktoberfest. It was a great evening."

Kaaren and Bob Hathaway called the Elks Lodge "a very festive and elegant setting" and praised the "wonderful music" provided by "the formally-attired jazz band from Fullerton College. The multiple items on the buffet were delicious."



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Guests at the 2014 Oktoberfest enjoyed great food and music, dancing and a festive atmosphere.

*Photos by Judi McDuff and Barbara Fischer*

Members and guests enjoyed mingling and dancing throughout the evening. Many elected city and state officials were in attendance."

Sue Stumpf noted that she and husband Ted "enjoyed the night's festivities, and thoroughly loved the German dinner. That is one of Ted's very favorites! It was great seeing friends we haven't seen for a while and great to meet new ones. Of course, the raffle is always fun – even when we don't win."

Toni Ramsay called the Oktoberfest "terrific! Phil Rothstein and I had a super time. Good music, food and fun group of friends."

And this from Alan Mannason and Patrice Nyborg: "Oktoberfest was enjoyable. We had a good time, and glad that we were there. The committee organized the event superbly, and the company at our table could not have been better."

Dottie Batinich summed it up: "The party was a huge success. The music was great and the room looked beautiful. We are so appreciative of the great support at all of our affairs, and we hope to see everyone at the next event."





November 2015

Dear Friends of Jazz Members and Supporters,

Your Mardi Gras Ball committee is currently preparing for the upcoming 2015 Mardi Gras Ball to be held on Sunday March 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Brea. All committee members are working diligently to assure that you all experience an enjoyable and memorable event.

Those of you who have attended past FOJ Mardi Gras Balls know that it is quite an undertaking to create a successful event. We want the 2015 Ball to be the best ever. To accomplish this, your committee needs assistance in some vital areas. Following are just a few activities where volunteers are needed:

**Solicitations for Program Advertisements**, contact Irene Kauppi at 714-525-5162

**Solicitations for Silent Auction Items**, contact Ginny Eckenrod at 714-337-4258

**Mailing Invitations (envelope stuffing)**, contact Anne Key at 714-318-3045

**Silent Auction Items Preparation**, contact Ginny Eckenrod at 714-337-4258

**Transporting Silent Auction Items to Hotel**, contact Jerry Wolf at 714-329-8250

Help us make the 2015 Mardi Gras Ball the most successful ever!

Sincerely,

Your 2015 Mardi Gras Ball Co-Chairs,

Colleen Wadsworth (714-273-7504)

Phil Rothstein (714-319-6246)

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Jim and Dottie Young just before being crowned King and Queen at the 2012 Mardi Gras Ball. *Photo by Eric Marchese*

## FOJ notes the passing of Jim Young

James D. Young, the founding chair of Cal State Fullerton's Department of Theatre and Dance, professor emeritus of theater and a longtime Friends of Jazz member, passed away on August 29 at the age of 93.

Shortly after the first classes were offered in fall 1959, Jim Young joined the faculty of CSUF, then known as Orange County State College. His career there spanned 40 years, during which he established the theater and dance department, served as associate dean for the School of Letters, Arts and Sciences (in 1970), and served as associate vice-president for academic programs (1973 to '79). He continued teaching part-time after receiving emeritus status in 1986. He was a key fundraiser and donor for CSUF's Claves Performing Arts Center, contributing \$50,000 in 2003; the center's 250-seat space, the James D. Young Theatre, is named in his honor, and CSUF's department of theater and dance announced that it is dedicating its entire current season to Jim Young's memory.

Educated at Pepperdine University, Young headed that school's Department of Speech and Drama for eight years, then taught language arts at Cal State Los Angeles before coming to CSUF.

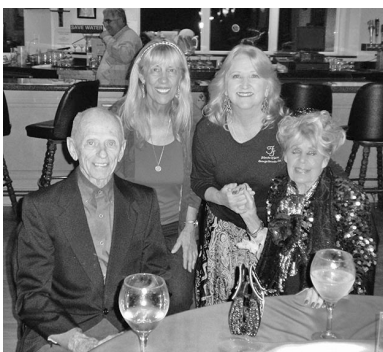
Young did much beyond the halls of CSUF, assisting the development of theater programs at several area colleges both public and private. He was active with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fullerton and the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, was district governor of the Rotary Club of Fullerton and was its president (1981 to 1982), and was, of course, involved with Friends of Jazz.

FOJ members far and wide know and will remember Young and wife Dorothy for their longtime involvement with the organization. At the 2012 Mardi Gras Ball, they were coronated as King and Queen, a reign bracketed by original poems written and recited by Jim Young especially for both occasions.

The Youngs' 70-year marriage began in 1943. Dorothy passed

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# Photos of FOJ's 2014 Oktoberfest



Photos by Barbara Fischer and Judi McDuff



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away in January of this year. The couple are survived by a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and a great-grandson. Gifts in their memory can be made to the Dr. James D. and Dorothy R. Young Founder's Scholarship Endowment at Cal State Fullerton, c/o the CSUF Philanthropic Foundation, 2600 Nutwood Ave., Suite 850, Fullerton CA 92831. 🎵



# Meet your FOJ board members



## **BARBARA FISCHER, Assistant Membership Chair**

Barbara joined the FOJ board in 2013 after receiving an early retirement from The Los Angeles Office of Education. As assistant membership chair, Barbara's job is to prepare anything being mailed from Friends of Jazz, including bringing mail to the post office, filling out forms and writing checks. She's also a member of the Mardi Gras auction committee and helps out there when needed.

Barbara was born in Whittier and received her B.A. from U.C.L.A., Standard Elementary and Multiple Subjects credentials from U.C.S.B., Physically and Severely Handicapped special education credentials and M. S. from California State University, Fullerton and Learning Handicapped special education credential from U.C.I.

In her early years of teaching, Barbara taught in northern Santa Barbara County, then in the Sacramento area and, finally, at the Los Angeles Office of Education. Over the years she has taught nearly every type of handicap and age group, pre-school through age 21.

Barbara had five years of musical training as a young child, and was a Glee Club member. "My taste in music is eclectic," she notes. "I like all types. I am very enthused about the fourth-grade student recorder program and 'keeping music in our schools'."



## **SUE BOATMAN, Controller**

Sue has assisted FOJ as the organization's controller since 2004. Utilizing her experience as treasurer of the 1,500-member Association of Chino Teachers, Sue was a logical choice to assist FOJ treasurer Nick Batinich in organizing and reconciling the many fundraisers/donations and expenditures that occur monthly. One of her first challenges was updating FOJ's accounting processes through technology.

Born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan, Sue and husband Dale came to California in 1977. Sue immediately continued her math teaching career, while Dale worked as a professional musician. By 1981 they both taught full-time, started their family, and took on more educational responsibilities. In the mid '90s they totally reorganized their district's independent study program, a project that introduced them to consultant Jean Klinghoffer. Upon learning of Dale's background, and the couple's plan to form a non-profit jazz organization, the Boatmans and the Klinghoffers became, and remain, good friends. In 2005 Dale officially incorporated his jazz concert series as the California Jazz Arts Society (CalJAS), and Sue became the CalJAS treasurer. Other than music, Sue's hobbies include yoga, hiking, and bowling. Members of the world-famous Magic Castle, Sue and Dale have presented 20 jazz concerts at the esteemed Hollywood site, and Sue continues to serve on the Academy of Magical Arts election committee, of which Dale is chairman.



## **SAVE THE DATES OF THESE EXCITING FOJ EVENTS!**

**November 16**

Sponsors Party at Los Coyotes Country Club for FOJ members (Sponsor level or above), with the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra from Cal State University, Fullerton.

**December 6**

Fullerton College scholarship presentation and concert, Campus Theatre

**March 8**

15th Annual Mardi Gras Ball at Embassy Suites Hotel, Brea. Various musicians will include students from CSUF, Fullerton College and area elementary schools.

### **CSUF fall jazz performance schedule**

#### **JAZZ SINGERS**

Directed by John Proulx, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21

#### **FULLERTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

Directed by Bill Cunliffe, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5

#### **FULLERTON JAZZ BIG BAND & LATIN ENSEMBLE**

Directed by Bill Cunliffe, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9

*All performances: Meng Concert Hall (\$10; \$8 Titan discount)*

### **Fullerton College fall jazz performances**

#### **SYNERGY VOCAL JAZZ & JAZZ LAB BAND**

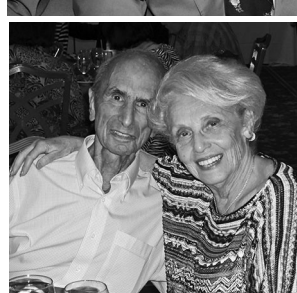
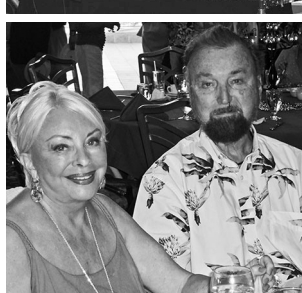
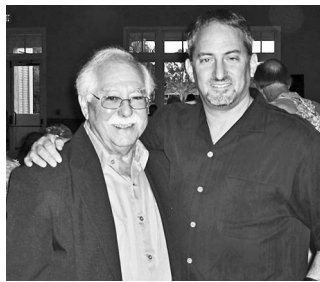
Directed by Jamie Shew and Bruce Babad, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Nov. 25

#### **FULLERTON COLLEGE BIG BAND & J TRAIN + FRIENDS OF JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION**

Directed by Jamie Shew and Bruce Babad, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6

*All performances are at Campus Theatre. Friends of Jazz members receive complimentary tickets: Just tell the box office you're a Friends of Jazz member.*

## September All That Jazz party photos



Photos by Eric Marchese  
and Patrick O'Donnell

## Photo highlights of annual Members Party



Photos by Judi McDuff  
and Eric Marchese



## FRIENDS OF JAZZ, INC.

*Second Decade of Keeping Music in Our Schools*

### Membership Categories for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

<b>Benefactor (\$1,000+)</b>	\$1,000 scholarship given in your name for this year's membership Special invitation to jazz concerts Complimentary dinner at Los Coyotes Country Club dinner, Nov. 16 Invitation to all Friends of Jazz events
<b>Patron (\$500)</b>	\$500 scholarship given in your name for this year's membership Special invitation to jazz concerts Complimentary dinner at Los Coyotes Country Club dinner, Nov. 16 Invitation to all Friends of Jazz events
<b>Sponsor (\$250)</b>	Complimentary dinner at Los Coyotes Country Club dinner, Nov. 16 Invitation to all Friends of Jazz events
<b>Friend (\$100)</b>	Complimentary tickets to a jazz event when available Invitation to Friends of Jazz events
<b>General (\$50)</b>	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events
<b>Student (\$20)</b>	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events

### KEEPING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS: OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

\$500 Named Elementary School Program with photo presentation published in FOJ newsletter.

\$500 Named Student Scholarship CSUF \_\_\_\_\_ Fullerton College \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ with photo presentation published in FOJ newsletter.

For further information, call Jean Klinghoffer: 714-871-6342. Website: [friendsofjazzinc.com](http://friendsofjazzinc.com)

### MEMBERSHIP FOR JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

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## Choose an opportunity to help keep music in our schools.

*We need your help! Your active support gives you more ownership and understanding of what Friends of Jazz is trying to do.*

Check the areas in which you would like to be involved:



**Mardi Gras** \_\_\_\_ serve on the ball committee \_\_\_\_ silent auction  
\_\_\_\_ underwriting \_\_\_\_ décor \_\_\_\_ telephone committee \_\_\_\_ other



### Pre-Mardi Gras Parties & Members Party

\_\_\_\_ Country Western \_\_\_\_ All That Jazz \_\_\_\_ Oktoberfest



**Members Party** \_\_\_\_ set-up \_\_\_\_ cleanup \_\_\_\_ food committee  
\_\_\_\_ reception desk \_\_\_\_ other



**School Programs** \_\_\_\_ help instructors at the site \_\_\_\_ invite & bring guests \_\_\_\_ take pictures \_\_\_\_ other

**Newsletter** \_\_\_\_ contribute an article \_\_\_\_ take pictures

**Assist an FOJ board member**      **Name of Office** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other ideas** \_\_\_\_\_

If you can help us, call Jean Klinghoffer, (714) 871-6342, or complete and return this form to Friends of Jazz, PO Box 5671, Fullerton, CA 92838-0671.

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**December 6, 2014  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
& JAZZ CONCERT,  
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## News & Notes

**RAGFEST 2014 A BIG HIT WITH FANS:** RagFest 2014, the 14th Fullerton ragtime festival, drew paid attendance of 115 at Steamers on Oct. 18-19th. Many audience members lauded it as either "the best" or "one of the best" RagFests in recent years.

**STEAMERS TURNS 20:** Steamers Jazz Club celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, an event that was heralded in *The Orange County Register* on October 15 with a detailed article, photos and an interview with owner Terence Love.



## Upcoming 2014-'15 Events

November 16	Sponsors Party, Los Coyotes Country Club
December 6	Scholarship presentation, Fullerton College
March 8, 2015	Mardi Gras Ball, Embassy Suites, Brea



## AROUND TOWN

Saxophonist **Walt Weiskopf** is the featured guest artist at Cal State University, Fullerton, on Friday, December 5, when the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra performs at Meng Concert Hall under the direction of **Bill Cunliffe**. The New York-based Weiskopf is known for his dynamic playing and great technical prowess. His compositions and arrangements have attracted both fans and critical acclaim, and Cunliffe has called him "one of the great composers of modern jazz." A few nights later, on Tuesday, December 9, the Fullerton Jazz Big Band & Latin Ensemble performs, also at Meng Hall and also conducted by Bill Cunliffe.

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, the 13th Annual Holiday Jazz Affair of the Orange County chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women will be hosted by Mike and Lucy Peak at their home in Laguna Hills. Special guest artists are **Barbara Morrison** and **The Peak Experience Jazz Ensemble** (**Ron Kobayashi**, piano, **Ann Patterson**, saxes & flute, **Andrea Miller**, vocals, **Rickey Woodard**, tenor sax, **Kendall Kay**, drums and **Mike Peak**, bass). For more information, reservations and ticket purchases, contact Lucy Peak at [lpeak@cox.net](mailto:lpeak@cox.net) or 949-425-9192.

Monday nights are Big Band Nights at Steamers, and **Bill Strout's Big Band 2000** is featured once a month presenting sounds from the '40s through the '90s and spotlighting vocalist **Shannon Lee Blas** and a classic repertoire that includes arrangements from many great jazz composers. ♪