

JIVE TALKIN'

Sparkling touch of New Orleans comes to Fullerton

Crown jewel of FOJ's calendar nets nearly \$19,000, students provide the live jazz, and Ron Celotto and Pat Perkins are crowned as King and Queen.

By Judi McDuff

Mardi Gras came to Fullerton March 12 in full array. This very successful party, sponsored by Friends of Jazz, Inc., was held at the Embassy Suites in Brea, drew 115 guests and raised \$18,670 for music scholarships and community education programs – a figure \$2,000 higher than the previous year's Mardi Gras Ball.

Guests came in a variety of costumes and attire – some in full regalia, others in elegant ball gowns or black tie. A festive atmosphere filled the ballroom where guests enjoyed a reception from 5 to 6 p.m. while checking out the silent auction. Wayne Mason served as emcee, FOJ President Colleen Wadsworth chaired the event and Ron Celotto and Pat Perkins were crowned 2017 King and Queen.

Vocalist Barbara Johnson sang while the Cal State Fullerton Dixieland Band paraded throughout the room to "When the Saints Go Marching In." A huge red dragon led the parade in which members of the FOJ krewe tossed beads to the crowd and invited guests to join in.

The Cal State Fullerton Dixieland Band and the Fullerton College Jazz Band provided great music for listening and dancing. Fourth-grade recorder students from Sunset Lane Elementary School performed some tunes before dinner. Afterwards, guests danced the night away.

Friends of Jazz has been raising funds for jazz education and scholarships in schools and the community for the past 17 years. Each spring, Friends of Jazz awards scholarships during free high school jazz performances at Florentine's Grill on Saturday afternoons. Besides the high schools, Fullerton College and Cal State University, Fullerton, have benefited from the non-profit group dedicated to "keeping music in our schools." More than \$700,000 in scholarships has been awarded to date. ♪



Photos by Eric Marchese and Patrick O'Donnell



See page 4 for more photos of this year's Mardi Gras Ball.



♪♪♪♪ Quarter Notes ♪♪♪♪

Bill Klinghoffer, co-founder and longtime president of Friends of Jazz, is now in Sunrise of Fullerton on Euclid Ave. Bill wants all FOJ members to know that many people have been involved in FOJ from its inception in 1999, but some of the original thinkers were:

- Bob Johnson, who was the president of the Parliamentarians and was most helpful to see we did all of our bylaws correctly
- Jazz lover Joe Peci, who passed away in 2015
- Nick Batinich, professional musician and CFO
- Dottie Batinich and Charlotte Henderson, who plan our fundraisers
- Joe Henderson
- Mike and Lucy Peak
- Steamers Café, Fullerton's own jazz joint
- Tom and Anne Key
- Barbara Johnson
- Sue and Dale Boatman
- Barbara Fischer
- Gil and Judy McFadden
- Paul O'Neil
- Ron Kobayashi
- Judi McDuff
- Carol van Ahlers
- Eric Marchese

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Recorder kids again rock City Hall



FOJ's fourth-grade recorder program has been well-represented at City Hall this Spring: Seven students from Sunset Lane Elementary opened the April 4 city council meeting (top photo) and a month later, on May 2, seven fourth- and fifth-graders from St. Juliana Catholic School (bottom photo) did the same, both under the direction of FOJ's Jennifer Hart.

FOJ seeks rental properties for silent auction

Friends of Jazz is seeking timeshare and/or vacation rental properties for use as silent auction items at our annual Mardi Gras Ball. FOJ members who can arrange this with us as a donation will be able to obtain a tax write-off. If you wish to make such a donation, or have further questions about this, please contact Nick Batinich at 714-525-6669. ♪

High school jazz band program adds zing to spring

The annual Saturday series at Florentine's showcases nine local schools — and gives funds to nine outstanding musicians.

By Jim Harlan

The 2017 High School Jazz Band Series began on January 28th at Florentine's Grill, an absolutely wonderful season showcasing nine high schools and their exceptional jazz programs. Each student winner received a \$400 scholarship and the band program a \$300 stipend. To date, FOJ has now awarded up to \$700,000 in scholarships to outstanding performers.

Here are the participating schools and the students who were awarded scholarships this past spring:

- Kennedy: Zen Berg (drums)
- El Dorado: Erica Vellanoweth (alto sax and flute)
- Yorba Linda: Emily Takashima (bass)
- Fullerton: Jamie Hoffman (trumpet)
- Valencia: Joe Terry (trumpet)
- Katella: Roger Delgadillo (baritone sax)
- Mission Viejo: Dave Rowe (drums)
- Esperanza: Robby Newbury (tenor sax and clarinet)
- Irvine: Ray McCurrie (piano/soprano sax/composer).

A special thank-you to Joe Florentine, Tony Frausto and the staff at Florentine's Grill for working with FOJ. Also, thank you to our exemplary judges — Judi McDuff, Gil and Judy McFadden, Eric Marchese, Dave Robbins, Nick Batinich and Barry Shietze — for your dedication to the High School Jazz Band Program Series. Thank you Florentine's. 🎵



Photos by Donna Harlan, Jim Harlan and Eric Marchese



Top row: Yorba Linda's Emily Takashima with band director Bincins Garcia; Katella's Roger Delgadillo with band director Dylan Harlan; Valencia's front line. Second row: Esperanza High's band; Fullerton Union High School's Jamie Hoffman with band director Troy Trimble; Mission Viejo's Dave Rowe with band director Doug Meeuwssen; Valencia's Joe Terry with band director Pete Perez. Third row: the FUHS jazz band; Ray McCurrie with Irvine High band director Bob Avzaradal's wife, Sandy; Esperanza's Robby Newbury and band director Bradley Davis; Katella High's jazz band. At right: Yorba Linda High's sax front line. Below: Mission Viejo High's jazz band; Irvine High's jazz band.



Photo highlights of 2017's Mardi Gras Ball



Photos by Patrick O'Donnell and Eric Marchese



Western Jazz Barbecue gets all-new sound

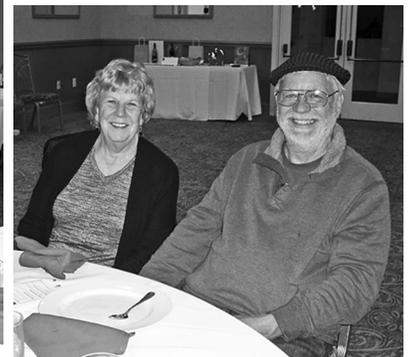
This year's Western Jazz Barbecue party, held at Los Coyotes Country Club on May 7, featured an all-new band in place of Bruce Foreman's Cow-Bop of previous years plus the added entertainment of a troupe of seniors who tap-danced to country-western tunes.

The Hi Fi Honey Drops, recommended to FOJ by Bruce himself, is a Los Angeles-based quartet (acoustic and electric guitar, bass, drums) that warmed up with a few tunes as the crowd filed in.

The band took a break with the introduction of The Snappy Tappers, a lively group of retired and semi-retired members from OLLI (the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State Fullerton).

Garbed in black, with red cowboy hats, red neckerchiefs and beige vests trimmed in red, these 18 ladies and gents, who've been dancing since 2013, tap-danced along to pre-recorded tracks. Their selections included "Don't Fence Me In," "God Bless Texas," "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and the Oak Ridge Boys' "Elvira"; for the latter, FOJers were invited to join the dancers, so Colleen Wadsworth, Jennifer Hart and other FOJ guests did exactly that.

The band's repertoire includ-



Above: OLLI's Snappy Tappers exhibit their fancy footwork.



Story and photos by Eric Marchese

ed many country-western and jazz standards: "Blue Skies," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Brazil," "After You've Gone" and "I'll See You in

My Dreams."

After dinner, the band invited FOJ's Barbara Johnson and Jennifer Hart to take the stage for some guest vocals.

Noting that Fats Waller's birthday was coming up later in May, Jennifer delivered one of Fats' biggest hits, "Ain't Misbehavin'." 

Save the dates of these Friends of Jazz events!

- Members Party Sept. 10, home of Nick and Dottie Batinich
- Oktoberfest Oct. 22, Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park
- Sponsors Party Dec. 10, Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park

2017 Muckenthaler Jazz Festival

- JUNE 8 The John Proulx Trio
- JUNE 15 The Debbi Ebert Quartet
- JUNE 22 Glenn Cashman's Southland Nonet

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 day of concert. Students: \$16. To purchase tickets, visit TheMuck.org, call 714-738-6595, or email Info@TheMuck.org

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FOJ mourns passing of board member Phil Rothstein

Phil Rothstein, who served on Friends of Jazz's board as an associate coordinator of the annual Mardi Gras Ball, has died. He was 73 and had been battling health issues through 2015, 2016 and the start of this year.

Phil was born Phillip Allen Rothstein in Philadelphia on November 8, 1943. After graduating from Fullerton Union High School, he served in the Air Force



Phil Rothstein in 2014

for eight years (1961-'69). He later worked as an insurance broker for Stone-Tapert Company.

A resident of Placentia, he was actively involved in Fullerton Civic Light Opera Company, City of Hope and, more recently, Friends of Jazz.

Phil passed away on February 21 of this year. Held at Harbor Lawn-Mount Olive Memorial Park and Mortuary in Costa Mesa, the funeral services included poems and psalms in both English and Yiddish. He is survived by brothers Larry and Stuart, daugh-

ters Cindy, Michele and Kelly, son Edwin, and 12 grandchildren, and Janice Tracy.

Sister-in-law Nancy Rothstein of Burke, VA, said Phil "was like a brother to me. He was always there for family events, birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, and he went to all my kids' events, music concerts, graduations and baseball games. Phil always thought about others and put

family first. He was funny and kind, and will be greatly missed by all."

Friend and neighbor Judy Russell said Phil was "always kind and considerate. We spent many hours talking about our fur-babies, Friends of Jazz, Fullerton High School's reunions, our parents, and so much more. He had a great laugh and was always ready with a smile." ♪

It's more honors and tributes for Shep Shepherd

Twice this spring, and just months after celebrating his 100th birthday, legendary jazz performer, FOJ member and the 2015 king of FOJ's Mardi Gras Ball Shep Shepherd has been honored as a jazz legend – first on April 28, at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, then on April 30 at Morningside Church in Inglewood.

The first event, at Saddleback College's beautiful McKinney Theatre, featured the Saddleback College Big Band and its 19 students – a pianist, guitarist, vibraharp player, bass player and drummer plus four trombonists, five trumpet players and five saxophonists.

The 13-selection Friday-evening concert included standards like "S Wonderful" plus three world premieres, two by Saddleback College students – "Cuzco," by Ethan Ollinger, the evening's guitarist,

and "Turtle Dreams" (by Rymmy Andre). The band used Shep's arrangements of the pieces "Lovin' Mood," "Last Kiss" and "You Are Too Beautiful," and invited him onto the stage to sing "You Make Me Feel So Young" and "What a Wonderful World."

Known as "the jazz church," Morningside's Sunday evening tribute to Shep was part of its "Jazzabstractions" and "Jazz Vespers" series hosted by the Living Legends Foundation, which honors and celebrates the contributions of outstanding jazz and blues artists who have dedicated more than 25 years to musical art.

Following the evening services and an intermission, Ms. Linda Morgan, founder of Jazzabstractions, presented its proclamations to honoree Shep. The crowd was entertained by a stellar jazz combo fea-



Shep and Joy Shepherd on stage at "the jazz church" on Sunday, April 30.

turing pianist Billy Mitchell, bassist Del Atkins, trumpeter Bobby Rodriguez, trombonist George Bohanon and drummer Roy McCurdy, and once again, Shep took the stage to provide jazz vocals. ♪

Third time's the charm for Day of Music

Wednesday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., is Day of Music Fullerton, a free, citywide celebration of music heralding the Summer Solstice. Now in its third year, DoMF celebrates the world-renowned World Music Day. It offers more than 150 free concerts in public spaces throughout Fullerton, unfolding simultaneously with similar events in more than 700 cities worldwide. Musicians of all ages and musical styles, from hip-hop to opera, Latin jazz to punk rock, will perform in parks, restaurants, bars, retail shops, houses of worship and more throughout the entire city of Fullerton.

The Andrew Marks Trio will represent FOJ, performing at Florentine's Grill from 4 to 8:30 p.m. For more information about this year's Day of Music Fullerton, visit the website (<http://www.thedayofmusic.com/>). To see a roster of performers, you can visit the website after June 14. ♪

FOJ welcomes new members

Friends of Jazz offers a hearty "welcome!" to the following new and returning members:

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| Mark Ciesielski | Mike and Janet Schaad |
| Don and Elle DeGennaro | Cheryl Stewart |
| Helen Delaney | Steve Stowell |
| Bill Farkes | Bernice Stumps |
| Koizo Hall (student) | Matthew Sullivan |
| Dave Kraus | Ron and Ann Thorpe |
| Sharyn McLain | Timothy Vedder |
| Julie Nolan | |

**Sept. 10, 2017:
MEMBERS PARTY,
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DOTTIE BATINICH**

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 10

FOJ's annual Members Party,

Home of Nick and Dottie Batinich

Oct. 22

Annual Oktoberfest Party, Los Coyotes

Country Club, Buena Park



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News & Notes

MANY FOJ members have had exciting lives. Which of them have done the following?

1. Was a vocalist with the Johnny Mann singers.
2. Played saxophone in the U.S. Air Force Band.
3. Worked with scientists in the Antarctic.
4. Played college baseball.

See our next issue for answers to this FOJ quiz.



AROUND TOWN



Be sure not to miss the last few weeks of the 12th annual Muckenthaler Jazz Festival. The remaining 7:30 p.m. Thursday night outdoor concerts feature The John Proulx Trio (June 8), Debbi Ebert Quartet (June 15) and Glenn Cashman's Southland Nonet (June 22). Tickets: \$25 per person advance, \$30 at the door (\$16 for students). For tickets/info., visit TheMuck.org, call 714-738-6595 or email info@TheMuck.org. Aside from June 15 at the Muck, you can also catch Debbi Ebert every Friday and Saturday night, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Cedar Creek Inn in Brea. How about some hot jazz and hot magic to warm up your summer? CalJAS, the California Jazz Arts Society and the Academy of Magical Arts presents a series of three special events at the Hollywood Magic Castle, on June 21 (featuring the Josh Nelson Trio, with special guest Sara Gazarek), July 10 and August 23. Seating is limited, with preferential consideration given to CalJAS members; the \$20 admission includes access to most of the castle's magic showrooms, and valet parking is \$13. For more information and/or to be placed on the guest list, email Dale Boatman: Dale175@aol.com.

You won't want to miss the 2017 edition of Day of Music Fullerton, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wed., June 21. The Andrew Marks Trio, hosted by Friends of Jazz, will play at Florentine's Grill from 4 to 8:30 p.m.; other highlights include the OC Philharmonic music van for children at Museum Plaza, All That Jazz at First United Methodist Church, and jazz and classical music at Villa del Sol. For more info. on this free, citywide event, visit thedayofmusic.com. 