

JIVE TALKIN'

Oktoberfest a big hit with FOJ's guests



Annual fall party is becoming a highlight of FOJ's calendar of fundraising parties, with great cuisine and Alpine music.

The annual Oktoberfest, held at Los Coyotes Country Club on the evening of October 22, was an enjoyable evening for all, complete with authentic German cuisine, courtesy Los Coyotes, and music, courtesy the Alpine group Main Street.

Total attendance was 54 FOJ members, many of whom won fun, exciting prizes in the opportunity drawing.

The quartet – George Guidi (brass, vocals), Mitch Puglisi (accordion), Joe Tabris (electric bass, trombone) and Jeff Fish (drums) – played an entertaining variety – everything from “The Beer Barrel

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Save the date, March 11, 2018, for the Mardi Gras Ball

Before you become too busy with holiday business to look at next spring's calendar, be sure to set aside Sunday, March 11, 2018, for FOJ's annual Mardi Gras Ball!

The MGB is our biggest event of the year, featuring terrific food, great live music from start to finish, awesome silent auction items and more.

You'll get to mingle with your favorite Friends of Jazz

pals, dance in a New Orleans-style parade, see the new King and Queen be crowned, and dance the night away.

Tickets for this one-of-a-kind event are \$130, and you'll want to get yours now: Contact Nick Batinich, 714-525-6669 or P.O. Box 5671, Fullerton CA 92838-0671.

More details next issue in our MGB preview, including a list of silent auction items. 🎵



Fullerton College's Big Bad Band (above) and King and Queen Pat Perkins and Ron Celotto at 2017's ball.



Photos by Patrick O'Donnell



♪♪♪♪ Quarter Notes ♪♪♪♪

The Andrew Marks Trio is playing at Florentine's every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. There's no cover charge, so come on by, have dinner or grab a drink, and enjoy Andrew's outstanding music!



Ziings Bistro and Bar is now a jazz venue! Since the start of this year, the longtime Harbor Blvd. location (209 N. Harbor) has been presenting jazz performances every weekend. Rene Tabor got the ball rolling in April when she implemented five consecutive Saturday-night performances in celebration of "JAM" – Jazz Appreciation Month. That blossomed into an ongoing program, with different performers appearing every Saturday night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The venue also sponsors Open Mic nights on Thursdays which serve to showcase elementary school recitals and students of local music educators. For more information, call Ziings at 714-526-5777 or email Rene Tabor at renetabor28@gmail.com.



On Sunday evening, Nov. 26, CalJAS, the California Jazz Arts Society, presents vocalist Sara Gazarek, with Larry Koonse on guitar, in a house concert at the home of Sue and Dale Boatman in Rancho Cucamonga. Admission is free for CalJAS sponsors, patrons and artists, \$20 for non-members, and includes complimentary buffet, wine and soft drinks. Seating is limited to 40, so make your reservations today by emailing Dale Boatman, dale175@aol.com.



On Dec. 3, at 8 p.m., The Peak Experience jazz ensemble is performing a "cool yule" concert at Irvine Barclay Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased on the web at thebarclay.org or by calling 949-854-4646.

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Sponsors Party is scheduled for Dec. 17

Friends of Jazz's annual Sponsors Party is being held Sunday afternoon, December 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Florentine's Grill, 102 N. Harbor Blvd. Entertainment will be provided by student jazz musicians from Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton College.

The Sponsors Party is FOJ's way of saying "thank you" to all those who became members within the past year at the \$250 (Sponsor) level or higher (Patron, Benefactor or Gold Benefactor levels). If you're planning to attend, or would like more information about this year's party, please contact Dottie Batinich, 714-525-6669, or Charlotte Henderson, 714-870-9067. ♪

FOJ is ringing in December with two exciting scholarship nights and concerts

FOJ's annual scholarship night events for Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton College are right around the corner, so save the dates December 1 and December 5.

Our CSUF event is on Friday night, Dec. 1, at Meng Concert Hall. Things get rolling at 6 p.m. with a reception and a general membership meeting where members will be asked to select next year's FOJ board members.

At 8 p.m., the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra's concert begins. During the performance, FOJ's Nick Batinich and Colleen Wadsworth will take the stage and present cash awards to the program itself and to deserving individual student musicians.

Our Fullerton College event is just a few evenings later: Tuesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Campus Theatre. You'll be treated to a concert of the Fullerton College Big Bad Band and the J Train vocalists. During the performance, FOJ officials will announce and award checks to both programs and to student musicians and singers who've been given scholarship funds by Friends of Jazz.

Both events are free to all FOJ members: Just go to the box office and say "Friends of Jazz" and you'll be given tickets to the concerts. ♪

Free CSUF concert tickets for FOJ members

Effective immediately, Friends of Jazz members can attend all jazz concerts at Cal State Fullerton for free! Just go to the box office and say "Friends of Jazz" and you'll get free tickets.

The next major CSUF performance is at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14 at Meng Concert Hall as the Jazz Singers present 'S'Wonderful: A centennial celebration of the lives of Ella, Dizzie, Thelonious, Dean, Desi and more," with Andrew Preponis as director. 8 p.m. Meng Concert Hall.

On Friday evening, December 1 at Meng Concert Hall is our General Membership Meeting and Wine Reception at 6 p.m., followed by the Fullerton Jazz Orchestra concert at 8 p.m. directed by Bill Cunliffe and featuring Gilbert Castellanos on trumpet celebrating the music of "Diz, Miles and Clifford." ♪

Jazz galore is in store at Fullerton College

Three great jazz concerts are coming soon to Fullerton College, all of which are free of charge to FOJ members.

First is the Synergy Vocal Jazz and Jazz Lab on Nov. 16. Next, on Nov. 18: Cabana Boys. The major, season-ending event on the F.C. jazz department schedule is the annual end-of-semester Big Band and J Train concert on Dec. 5. Not only do both the orchestral and vocal students get a chance to perform; they also line up on stage and receive cash awards from Friends of Jazz as part of FC and FOJ's joint annual scholarship event.

All three events are at 7:30 p.m. at the Campus Theatre — and all three are ways to show your support for some talented student performers. ♪

Dave Reid: A life of literacy, music and the arts

The longtime FOJ member was a life-long lover of jazz, classical music and theater, and promoted reading education and education leadership at CSUF.

By Eric Marchese

Longtime Friends of Jazz member Dave M. Reid passed away at home on Oct. 16 after battling cancer. He was 77. Services were held for him on Oct. 21 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Whittier. He is survived by his brother Patrick, sister-in-law Judy, and two nieces.

Dave's closest friend, Pat O'Donnell, said the two "go way back" and that Dave "was a jazz enthusiast" from early in life. Pat said that "before Dave was editor of the *Long Beach State 49er*, he wrote a column called Reid'n Records." Dave was also closely associated with Cal State Fullerton, which is where he learned of FOJ. Every year for at least the last ten, Dave and the O'Donnells would attend FOJ's Mardi Gras Ball, joined by Paula Selleck, who works in the public affairs department at CSUF.

FOJ's Jean Klinghoffer remembers Dave as "really devoted to music and especially all the events that Friends of Jazz held through the years. Bill and I would run into him at the concerts in Whittier. He was quite involved with classical music. Dave will be missed at all the FOJ events, but he is probably an angel smiling down on us."

Dave earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English at CSULB in 1963 and 1971 and spent 32 years in promotions department of The Los Angeles Times. Dave and Pat

were CSULB classmates and lifelong friends. Pat says Dave "liked woodworking, classical music, jazz, and going to the theater. He would go to the productions at CSUF and in Los Angeles. He also loved anything from the 1940s."

Dave was actively involved with Cal State Fullerton and was a former member of the College of Education Leadership Council and Public Affairs staff at CSUF. A lifetime member of the CSUF Reading Educators Guild, he endowed a CSUF scholarship in memory of reading educator Jean Carolyn Brenneman, his longtime friend, and was a regular presenter at the College of Education's Autumn Awards Reception. He also contributed to the "It's Our University" campaign, supporting the College of the Arts and the college of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

During his nine years of service at CSUF, Dave chaired the university's 40th anniversary public relations and marketing subcommittee, arranging for NASA astronaut and Titan Tracy Caldwell Dyson to be the distinguished alumni

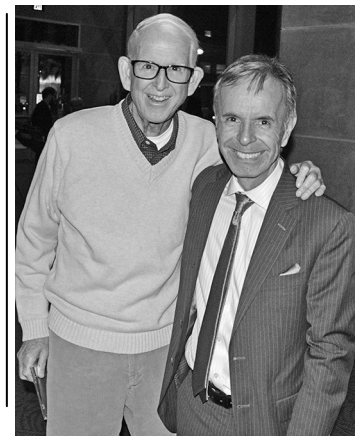
speaker for the celebration's launch. Eight years later, he was among invited guests at the Kennedy Space Center to witness the launch of the space shuttle Endeavor, Caldwell Dyson's maiden voyage as a mission specialist, and wrote about the experience.

In 1996, Dave conceived and organized an announcement ceremony for what was then the largest grant in CSUF history, when mathematics professor David Pagni was awarded \$6 million from the National Science Foundation for a partnership with the Santa Ana Unified School District to revitalize math education. He also developed and coordinated Project 2000, engaging 30 members of the Class of 2000 from their freshman to senior years to spotlight the excellence of CSUF programs and students.

Dave forged a CSUF/Titan connection decades before he joined up with the college: As editor of Long Beach State's student newspaper, he presented a golden shovel at the 1962 "First Intercollegiate Elephant Race in Human History" event held on the CSULB campus.



Above: Dave Reid with Peggy O'Donnell, Patrick O'Donnell and Paula Selleck at a recent Friends of Jazz Mardi Gras Ball. Above right: Dave Reid in his prime.



Dave with Bill Cunliffe at a recent concert on the Cal State Fullerton campus.

Photo by Patrick O'Donnell

Dave's niece, Robin Reid Tidwell, of Lexington, South Carolina, said that because Dave's father was also David, Dave "has always been known in the family by Michael, his middle name – therefore, my sister and I have always called him Uncle Michael."

"My dad, Patrick, is Uncle Michael's only sibling. My parents and my sister and I

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Oktoberfest fun sparked memorable moments



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Polka” and “Edelweiss” to “A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square.”

Of course, the oom-pah-pah “Chicken Dance” was featured, with Friends of Jazz-ers out on the dance floor, hav-

ing a blast busting the dance’s comical moves.

The band’s nods to jazz included numbers like “Take the A Train” and two numbers starring guest vocalist Shep Shepherd: “When You’re Smiling” and “S’Wonderful.” Jennifer Hart also took up the microphone and sang “Besame Mucho,” “Ain’t Misbehavin’” and “Misty.” 🎵

Save the dates of these Friends of Jazz events!

**General Membership Party,
Reception & Scholarship Concert**

December 1, 2017, Meng Hall, Cal State Fullerton

**Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Concert
and Scholarship Presentation**

Dec. 5, 2017, Campus Theatre, Fullerton College

Sponsors Party

December 17, 2017, Florentine’s Grill, Fullerton

Mardi Gras Ball

March 11, 2018, Embassy Suites Hotel, Brea

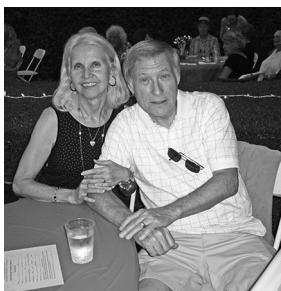
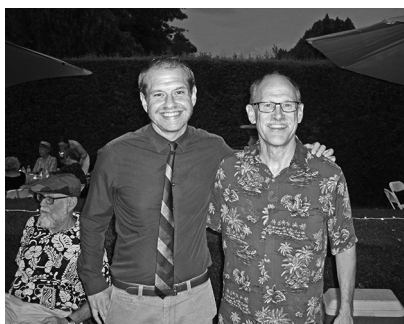
Members Party an easygoing backyard affair

The FOJ members party was held Sunday evening September 10 at the Fullerton home of Nick and Dottie Batinich, who graciously donated the use of their beautiful back yard.

The delicious Mexican cuisine included a variety of dishes and the bar served up festive margaritas, turning the event into a genuine fiesta. A team of mothers and daughters from the National Charity League was on hand to assist the FOJ board members who organized, staffed and ran the party.

More than 100 members attended the outdoor evening event, which featured outstanding live jazz performances by students from Fullerton College and Cal State University, Fullerton.

Along with the students, CSUF's Bill Cunliffe played keyboard and FC's Bruce Babad played saxophone. Bill, Bruce and the student musicians accompanied guest vocalist Shap Shepherd, FOJ member Jeremy Siskind played for Jennifer Hart, and Richard Abraham accompanied guest vocalist Debbi Ebert.



Photos by Eric Marchese

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Gold Benefactor (\$2,500+)	All benefits of Benefactor level plus two complimentary tickets to annual FOJ Mardi Gras gala dinner-dance.
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Dave Reid devoted his life to reading and education

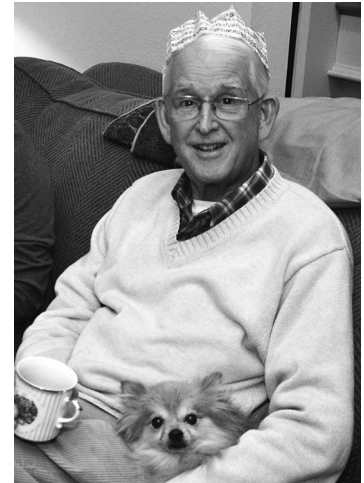
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have always called him Uncle Michael."

"My parents, and my sister and I, would like Friends of Jazz patrons to know that our Uncle Michael was a great person and lifelong learner. He always took time to send us thoughtful educational presents for our birthdays and at Christmas. Our entire family always appreciated his love of jazz. He supported Friends of Jazz not only with his money, but his time. On numerous occasions he made and donated wooden items to be sold or auctioned to support Friends of Jazz."

"Uncle Michael was very proud of the fact that all three of my children (his nephews and niece) are musicians: Reid, 20, plays violin and piano. Benjamin, 17, plays trombone and piano, and is starting to learn bass guitar. Margie Grace, 14, plays violin and piano. He was also very proud that Benjamin plays trombone and Margie Grace plays piano in River Bluff High School's jazz band."

"In 2014, he made beautiful music stands out of oak for each of them, with a dedication plaque from him with the quote 'practice, practice, practice.' And when my dad would visit Uncle Michael in Whittier, Uncle Michael would take



At left: Dave presents "the golden shovel" at the vaunted Intercollegiate Elephant Race at CSULB in 1962. Above: Dave relaxes at home.

him to FOJ events. We will greatly miss Uncle Michael. For the rest of my life, whenever I hear a jazz piece, I think of him. Here's to you, Uncle Michael. Cheers."

Dave's closest friends, Patrick and Peggy O'Donnell, are holding a celebration of Dave Reid's life at their home at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Reminiscences of Dave's life and a brief slideshow will begin at 2 p.m. All FOJ members and anyone who knew Dave are invited to attend

and encouraged to bring a dish for the potluck and any stories to share about your friendship with Dave.

The O'Donnell home is at 10840 El Mar in Fountain Valley. To RSVP or for more information: podonnell@fullerton.edu or call 714-963-4466. 🎵

[Note: Portions of this article are reprinted from an "in memoriam" article written by CSUF news service and published on the college's website on Oct. 19, 2017.]

RagFest a hit at the Curtis

RagFest made a successful debut in its new home at the Curtis Theatre in Brea. A wide variety of ragtime musicians performed in half-hour showcase sets from noon to 6 p.m. on two stages: The indoor main stage of the 199-seat venue, and outdoors on the plaza. Some 60 patrons attended the afternoon portion of the festival. After the dinner break, the performers presented the festival's evening revue for an audience of 50.

Among the biggest hits were new performers like former Disneyland pianist Johnny Hodges,



Johnny Hodges dazzles 'em.

but old favorites like Brad Kay and his Syncopating Songbirds, Bob Pinsker, Andrew Barrett and the vaudeville team of Evans & Rogers were warmly received by an appreciative audience. 🎵

Create a lasting legacy that keeps music in our schools

Did you know that you can create a lasting legacy that also will help keep music in our schools?

The first way to do this is to leave a legacy by including Friends of Jazz in your estate plan. This action will allow you to leave a legacy that will live on for generations.

With estate planning, you can make a charitable gift to helping to keep music in our schools by making Friends of Jazz a beneficiary of your retirement account, IRA, annuity or life insurance policy. With a will or trust, you can organize all your plans in one document.

The second way to leave a lasting legacy is to set up a scholarship in your own name or someone else's. Along similar lines, you can donate to an established Friends of Jazz scholarship fund.

For more details regarding our legacy programs, please contact Nick Batinich, 714-525-6669. 🎵

**Dec. 17, 2017:
SPONSORS PARTY,
FLORENTINE'S GRILL,
FULLERTON**

Upcoming Events:

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| Dec. 1 | General Membership Party, Reception and Scholarship Night, Cal State Fullerton |
| Dec. 5 | Instrumental & Vocal Jazz Concert and Scholarship Night, Fullerton College |
| Dec. 17 | Sponsors Party, Florentine's, Fullerton |
| March 11, 2018 | Annual Mardi Gras Ball, Embassy Suites Hotel, Brea |



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News & Notes

Jeff Sotzing of the Carson Foundation (and nephew of Johnny Carson) is now in charge of coordinating the annual Muckenthaler Jazz Festival with FOJ's Bill Cunliffe of Cal State Fullerton.

To help boost attendance at all CSUF student jazz concerts, Friends of Jazz members will now be admitted free of charge: Just tell them you're with FOJ when you step up to the box office for tickets.



AROUND TOWN



Fans of jazz pianist Andrew Marks can hear him play on alternating Wednesday evenings at Florentine's Grill, 102 N. Harbor Blvd. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., it's Andrew and his Andrew Marks Trio filling the restaurant and bar with beautiful jazz. For more information, call 714-879-7570 or go to florentinesgrill.com. Also on Harbor Blvd. and also providing live jazz is Ziing's Bistro and Bar. Come on by any Saturday night from 7:30 to 10 and you'll hear a variety of jazz performers. Already featured this year have been The Bradford Project, bassist Ian Weinholtz, and a group of high school musicians known as District United. Ziing's is located at 209 N. Harbor. For information: 714-526-5777.

At 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 3, five stunning vocalists will provide a sweet beginning to your holiday season with a concert at the Saddleback Center for Spiritual Living in Laguna Hills. For more information, call 949-768-3545 or go to cslsv.org.

The highly stylish and musically vibrant Jazz Lab Ensemble of Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, will perform on Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's McKinney Theatre. For info.: 949-582-4656. On Sunday Nov. 19, Harvey Mudd College in Claremont is hosting a free Bill Evans film preview and tribute concert at Drinkward Recital Hall: At 4 p.m. is a screening of the new film "Time Remembered," a documentary about Evans' life and music, followed at 7 p.m. by a Bill Evans Tribute Concert. Both events are free and open to the public.

