

***Celebrating our 25th Anniversary!***

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# JAZZ NOTES

## Join or Renew Your Membership



**Your membership matters.** Our annual membership drive is now in full swing. If your membership has expired, the sooner you renew it, the better for FOJ and its mission—keeping music in the schools since 1999. Our music programs provide: Music at Schools, Music Showcase, Music Scholarships, and Music in the Community. A membership form for first-time members, renewals, or to make a donation is enclosed with this issue. You can join for as little as \$50.

Reach out to others and ask them to join – we’re asking every current member to find at least one family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor or acquaintance and urge them to join us. Once they hear about Friends of Jazz’s positive influence within the community, they’ll want to be part of our helping students. And you all get to enjoy our parties and events.

Donations over and above membership dues are the lifeblood that keeps us going, so you can also help there. And you can write off your donations to Friends of Jazz when you itemize your taxes. We encourage stocks and business donations, as well. If you can’t renew or join, please consider volunteering for us. Thank you for helping to keep music in schools!

### A word from one of our Members

#### To the Board of Directors of Friends of Jazz:

I would like to offer some thoughts for the Board to consider regarding the Friends of Jazz High School Jazz Bands and the venues under consideration. First let me say what a wonderful and terrific job Jim Harlan does running this program. At each band program he makes a terrific, concise “pitch” on the virtues and the rewards of being a member of Friends of Jazz and why it is so beneficial for membership. A special thanks to Jim!

I understand that the Fullerton Elks Lodge is under consideration as a new venue to replace Lone Wolf Brewing Co. I am a member of that Elks Lodge and understand the desire to support it whenever possible. But I don’t feel that the Lodge is suitable for the High School Jazz Program.

The Lodge room is too divided with the audience on either side of the stage. I realize we use

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Friends of Jazz 24th annual

## Membership Party

Sunday, Sept. 8, 5-9pm

Dinner, silent auction, drawing  
Wine table no-host bar  
The Hinz Home

Info: (714) 870-9067 or (714) 525-6669



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### To Our Friends & Supporters

We are now in our 25th year. But grants, donations and memberships are down. We greatly appreciate your support as we plan some fun events for 2024: a membership party September 8; anniversary party October 20; and college scholarship awards in late Fall.

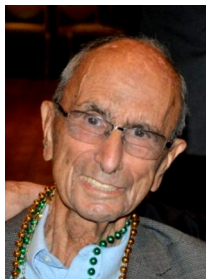


★ Thanks to our new & returning members ★

★ Dale & Mary Botts Jim & Donna Harlan ★  
★ Dennis Aigner & Camille Bertolet Judi ★  
★ McDuff Richard & Susan Dolnick Paul & ★  
★ Amy Hinz Mike & Gail Cochran Jerry & ★  
★ Linda Wolf Vicki Pedrini Marion Brockett ★  
★ Norm & Sandy Johnson Kaaren Hathaway ★  
★ Betty Murphy Shirley Laroff Jill DeWeese ★  
★ Jeanette Reese Terry & Karen Blackley ★



### In Memoriam. . .and sorely missed.



Fred Schneider



Gene Laroff

## We're Celebrating!

It's our 25th anniversary.

We're planning an

Awesome Anniversary Party  
on October 20. And we want you  
to help us celebrate!

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Call/text me with comments or questions.

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## Upcoming Jazz Events!

Sunset Jazz at Bistango Summer Series, Tues., July 9, 23; Aug. 6, 20; Sept. 17; Wed., Aug. 21, Sept. 4; 6-8:30pm, Newport Beach.

OC Ragtime Society, Sat., July 20, 2-5pm, Half-Off Books, Fullerton

FOJ Membership Party, Sun., Sept. 8, 5pm, The Hinz Home

FOJ 25th Anniversary Party, Sun., Oct. 20, 2-6pm, Fullerton Elks

Debbi Ebert, 6pm, Fridays & Saturdays, Cedar Creek Inn, Brea

Jennifer Hart, 2nd Friday each month, 6:30-9:30pm, Baci's, Huntington Beach

### A Word from one of our Members (continued from p. 1)

this for Mardi Gras, but it is a banquet setting and not a "lounge" setting like Lone Wolf. The Elks barroom is just that, with people walking up to the bar all the time, disrupting the jazz performance.

The Lodge is not set up well for restaurant-style dining. It does not have multiple menu items to choose from like Lone Wolf. Even if the Elks served a limited menu the choices are limited, unlike Lone Wolf's extensive menu. I believe table service from the Elks would not be as adequate as the service at Lone Wolf. A buffet style at the Elks would not be acceptable because of the serving chaos and the disruption of the performance. I really don't believe the Elks location will create any additional venue participation from FOJ members.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, a concerned member

## Planning a Party? Need your Piano Tuned? Want Music Lessons? Call FOJ Musicians!

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Key: E = Entertainment, L = Lessons PT = Piano Tuning

