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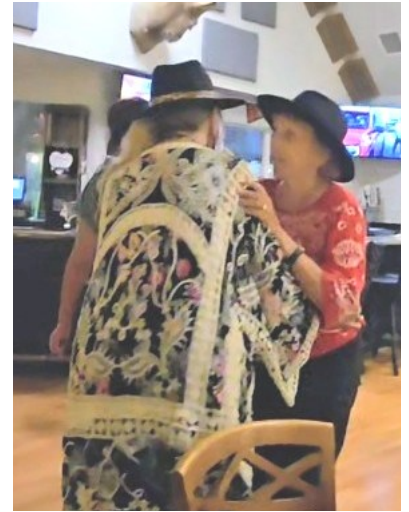
Boot Scootin' Boogie party a blast

On Sunday, July 19, about 60 guests enjoyed a fantastic, fun western party at the Fullerton Elks Lodge. There was plenty of dancing, a BBQ buffet and a good time was had by all. We really enjoyed our favorite C & W band, Coyote Sunrise.

Guests bought 50/50 raffle tickets and bid on 10 lovely auction items.

The Wolf family surprised Jerry's wife, Linda, by celebrating her birthday with cake, candles, singing, and more dancing.

Thanks to Nancy Nehring for manning the check-in table, along with Queen Judi, to Chef Zee and the Fullerton Elks staff, to Kitty & Larry Arthur for the auction items, and the fabulous Coyote Sunrise.



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Upcoming Jazz Events!

Choi Cunliffe Big Band, Thurs., July 30, 6:30pm, Campus JAX, Newport Beach

Sunset Jazz at Bistango—2026 Summer Series. Aug. 4, 18, 19; Sept. 1, 15. 19100 Von Karman Ave., Irvine. Tickets: Call Joe Rothman, (949) 759-5003.

FOJ Members Party, Sun., Sept. 13, 5pm, Saenz Home, YL

FOJ Sponsors Party, Sun., Dec. 13.

Debbi Ebert, 6pm, Fri. & Sat., Cedar Creek Inn, Brea

Jennifer Hart, 6:30pm, 2nd Friday/ea. Month, Baci's, Huntington Beach

Thanks to these new & returning members:

Sharon Lambert Sheri & Michael Chu
Bill & Trudy Durette Jim & Donna Harlan
Dennis Aigner/Camille Bertolet Ellie Castillo
Jim & Karen Aurelio Doris & Bob Muschek
Shirley Laroff Terry & Karen Blackley Tom Rybolt
Laura Gomez Vicki Pedrini Helga DiNardo
Bill & Pat Dawson Richard & Susan Dolnick
Kaaren Hathaway Dale & Mary Botts
Betty Murphy Doug & Paulette Chaffee
Christina & Jim Garner

Friends of presents our *26th Annual Members Party*

Sunday, September 13, 5-9pm, \$35/person

Buffet, silent auction, drawing, no-host bar
Music by jazz students and professional musicians

The Sonny Saenz Home
5216 Lupine St., Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Info: Dottie (714) 525-6669 or Colleen (714) 273-7504
RSVP by August 30, 2026.



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Student (\$20)	Invitation to Friends of Jazz events, recognition in FOJ newsletter
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Keeping Music in Our Schools, Other Opportunities

☐ Yes, I'd like to help with fundraisers, scholarship awards, mailings! Please contact me.

For more information, call Rudy Lara (714) 273-6515 or Jean Klinghoffer (714) 871-6342.
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Join or Renew Your Membership



Your membership matters. It's our annual membership drive. If your membership has expired, the sooner you renew it, the better for FOJ and its mission—keeping music in the schools. A membership form for first-time members, renewals, or to make a donation is on page three of this issue.

We also need you to reach out to others and ask them to join – so 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 business donations, as well. If you can't renew or join, please consider volunteering for us.

Thank you for whatever you can do to help keep music in schools!

Fall 2026; We're Looking For Fourth-Grade Recorder Teachers

Teach children in local elementary schools how to read music and improvise their own melodies by playing the recorder. We play the music of Ella, Satchmo, The Duke, and Count Basie and show children the fun of making music with the hope that they'll want to join the band in the 5th grade. The program lasts 10 weeks each semester, 30 minutes per classroom per week. If you're interested, please contact Cindy Leone, cl7850@aol.com



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



Richard Abraham & Debbi Ebert,
Jazz/Piano/Vocals
(714) 323-1426 E

Bruce Babad, Jazz Sax (714) 992-7275 E, L

Jan Jordan, Jazz/Classical/Pops Piano
714) 803-5780 L

Ron Kobayashi, Jazz/Classical/Pops Piano (714) 289-0364 E

Jennifer Hart, Jazz/Pops Vocals Piano
(949) 233-5476 E, L

Michael Le Van, Jazz/Pops/Vocals/Piano
(562) 714-4415 E

Chris Carranza, (714) 539-0552, PT

Jim Boydston, (760) 865-8578, PT

Harry Bui, (714) 276-5661

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



News & Notes

Prayers and good wishes to Bailey Wadsworth who is recovering from a bad traffic accident. She is the granddaughter of our Friends of Jazz President, Colleen.

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Call/text me with comments or questions.

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