FDS: Newsletter

Fresno Dixieland Society March 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: by *Linda*

Our 34th "Sounds of Mardi Gras" was a huge success. Everyone absolutely loved this year. So many new people attended and stated that they would bring all of their friends next year.

We had 21 bands playing for us. There was music for everyone. As always, TRADITIONAL JAZZ was in the Sequoia room all weekend. For those of you who Love TRAD music, this was the venue to be in.

We also brought in Zydeco and Swing music. This music brought in more people who like a variety of music. Gino and the Lone Gunmen played an Elvis Presley set that had everyone jumping out of their seats. Lots of good reviews for the set. Gino and the Lone Gunmen very versatile and even played a "Western" set that many of the TRAD patrons also enjoyed and ventured over to do some dancing to a western beat. All in all, the music was fabulous.

Many thanks to all members of the board for helping make this happen. We have 34 committees and only 8 members of the board. Needless to say, we do need more people to help us with our committees. If you know of anyone who would like to help participate in a small part of the festival, please let us know. We have a need for people of all ages. You may want to help in the band room (where you have a chance to meet the members of your favorite bands while helping them check in their instruments) or be a door monitor (where you sit/stand by a venue checking badges and wristbands) or help decorate (on the Thursday morning before the festival begins) or the band hospitality room (where you help serve food / snacks to the band members) or if you just want to sign up to bring snacks to the festival for the band members.

Any of these options are a blessing to us. We welcome anyone who wants to be a small part of this wonderful festival. If you want to volunteer your services, please contact our website at www.fresnodixie.com . If there are 2 of you coming together to the festival (or more) we will place you at the same time and almost always in the same area.

Remember, you will get a free pass each day that you volunteer. What better way to save money and be able to listen to over 20 different bands .

KIDS HAVING FUN

Next year will be our 35th annual "Sounds of Mardi Gras". We are hoping that we will continue to grow and stay strong. As many of you may know, we lost 3 festivals this year alone. We don't want that to happen to the "BEST LITTLE FESTIVAL IN CALIFORNIA". We have more FUN and AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION than any other festival. We really are "JAZZ FAMILY" in Fresno. Our theme next year is "THE ROARING 20's" So get your costumes ready.

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"Laissez le bon temps rouler...Let the good times roll"

Thank You from Youth Jazz Campers

Every year, Fresno Dixieland Society sends at least 4 students to the Teagarden Youth Summer Jazz Camp in Sacramento. This gives our Young Musicians a chance to learn from some great teachers and professional musicians, while at the same time making new friends and having a lot of fun. Summer Camp was never so much fun. Below are some of the Thank You notes we have received. The students are ever so greatful for having been given the opportunity to participate.

Barbara

Thank you for providing the funds needed to send me to the Sacramento Jazz Camp. It has been an overall wonderful experience for me to learn more about jazz, improve my playing, and meet new people. Thank you again for the opportunity. Sincerely, Ryan

Dear Sponsor, Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to come back to the STJS Teagarden Jazz camp again this year. I got to learn more about music theory, and how to make my improvisational skills better. Additionally, I got to make new friends and amazing memories I know I will keep with me for the rest of my life. Again, thank you for this chance to play with wonderful musicians and to grow as a musician, I greatly appreciate it. Sincerely, Stephanie

Dear Fresno Dixieland Society, I thank you for sponsoring me for 3 years to come attend Sacramento Jazz camp. It has been such an amazing experience, and I've learned so much. I've made friends that I know I will never forget and had amazing counselors that were great. I don't only thank you for sponsoring me, but I thank your for giving me the opportunity to make amazing memories. This year being my alst year, I couldn't have been happier. Gabe

Membership

Thank you to all new members that have joined in the last year. We look forward to continue to increase our membership in the coming year. Our dances have not only been well attended, but, also great fun. The music and dancing have been great. Chris Pluhar of Fresno Swing Dance has taught several East Coast Swing dance lessons. These have been very much enjoyed by all. Chris will continue to teach at each dance.

Refer your friends and encourage friends and family to join. Come one, come all….join our wonderful society. Bring your friends. The more the merrier is definitely true of our Fresno Dixieland Society. Come Join The Fun!

Fresno Dixieland Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NEW ☐ RENEWAL ☐ ADDRESS CHANGE ☐

NAME:_____

eMail:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ZIP_____

PHONE:_____

MEMBERSHIP: $30/per person Due by Jan 31st.
INCLUDES Digital Newsletter.
SUNDAY DANCES: $5/member with membership card. $15/non-member

☐ I would like to volunteer for the Society and/or Mardi Gras Festival

mail check or money order:
Fresno Dixieland Society . PO Box 16399 . Fresno, CA 93755

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Sunday Dances 2018

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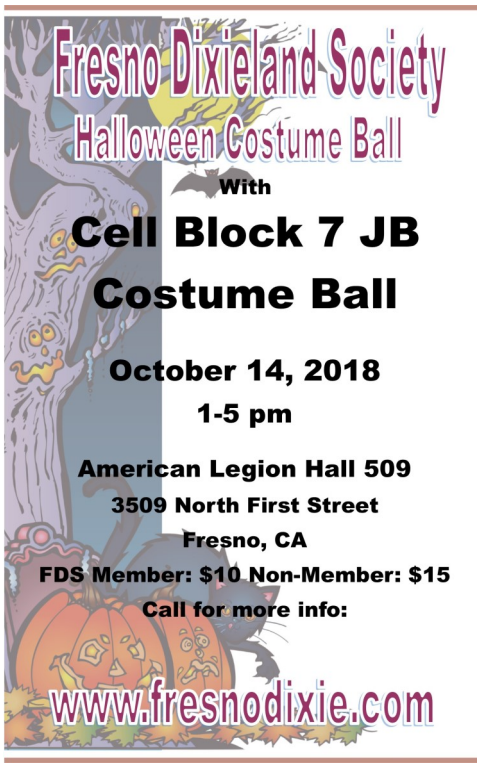
The Fresno Dixieland Society has been forced to move their Sunday dances to a new location. After much searching, we have found a wonderful site.

We are moving to the **American Legion Hall 509**, West Room. The "509" provides us with a bar that charges a reasonable price for drinks. There is ample parking in a safe fenced in area. The "509" is located two blocks north of Shields on the West side of 1st Street. It has great access from both the North and South off of Highway 41. The room is about the same size as the Elks lodge. Many of our members and guests have been to the "509" and find it very comfortable for listening and dancing to music. The Fresno Dixieland Society will also continue to provide snacks.

Our dances will be held bimonthly starting **June 10th**. **Blue Street** will be our band on the 10th of June, with music starting at **1 P.M.** The theme will be "**Flag Day"** The next dances will be held on **August 12th**, **October 14th,** and **December 9th**. We will have **John Pemberton** perform for our **"Hot August Nights" dance on August 14th.** He will provide some Jazz numbers along with some of his old favorites. In **October**, we will have **Cell Block 7** back for our Halloween dance, and we are bringing the **Star Dusters** back for Our **December /Christmas** dance.

The price will be $10 for current paid members and $15 for non members. Everyone is welcome. 2018 Memberships are now being accepted, so please make sure you have paid your $30 for the year. Membership forms can be found in this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you on **June 10th** at the **American Legion Hall 509**.



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MardiGRAS

Invited Bands & Guest Artists

High Sierra Jazz Band
Bob Schulz' Frisco Jazz Band / Climax
Grand Dominion / Yosemite Jazz Band
Tom Rigney & Flambeau
Jazz Sea Jammer
Gino and the Lone Gunmen
Tom Hook and the Terriers
Young Bucs / Youth Bands

Bands and artists subject to change without notice

Special Events

Thursday Night: Pre-Party
Friday: Roaring 20's / Coronation / Swing Dance Party
Saturday: Parasol Parade / Masquerade - Costume Parade Mardi Gras Dance Party
Sunday: Wind Down Dinner and Dance

For More Information

and volunteer opportunities please call (209) 584-1924 or
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Mail Order Form to:
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P.O. Box 16399, Fresno, CA 93755

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2019 Special Events

THE SOUNDS OF MardiGRAS

Thursday Night Pre-Party: Come early and enjoy the pre-party.

Putting on the Ritz Parade Theme - Roaring 20's: In 2019 we bring you a chance to have more fun then you can imagine.

Parasol Parade: Always a fun parade with over 100 parasols on parade.

Masquerade / Costume Parade: Each year, the Sounds of Mardi Gras brings out the best in fun with the Masquerade & Costume Parade.

Special Dance Events: 2019 is the Friday Swing Dance and Saturday Mardi Gras Party Dance.

Coronation: What is Mardi Gras without Royalty. Sounds of Mardi Gras keeps a New Orleans Tradition alive by crowning a King and Queen at each festival.

Wind Down Dinner - Sunday: In 2019 Dinner will again be held at the Doubletree by Hilton. A special raffle, only for dinner attendees, is planned. Dinner includes free entry to the Wind Down Sunday Dance. Only 100 tickets. **Get your tickets early.** Entry to the Wind Down Dance is included with your purchase of a Wind Down Dinner Ticket. Wind Down Dance **only** tickets will also be sold.

Mardi Gras Boutique: Support the Sounds of Mardi Gras by visiting the Mardi Gras Boutique.

Raffle by Linda: You can help support our festival and youth bands by buying a ticket for a chance to win our best prize ever. Details at **www.fresnodixie.com.**

Butterflies: Wearing a butterfly in your hair or lapel, means you are ready to dance.

Sponsorships

Festival Sponsor, $2,500: includes Hotel Room for Weekend, Four 3-Day Badges, Four Thursday Pre-Party, and Four Wind-Down Dinner & Dance Tickets, Program and Venue Listing, Admission and Reserved VIP Seating. Admission to the Meet & Greet Brunch.

Corporate Sponsor, $1,000: includes Four Thursday Pre-Party, Four 3-Day Badges and Full Page Ad in Program. Admission to the Meet & Greet Brunch. Reserved VIP Seating.

Gold Contributor, $700: includes Two 3-Day Badges plus Two Thursday Pre-Party, Two Wind-Down Dinner & Dance Tickets. Program Listing and Reserved VIP Seating. Admission to the Meet & Greet Brunch.

Band/Musician Sponsor, $600: includes Two 3-Day Badges, 2 Thursday Pre-Party. Program and Venue Listing, Reserved VIP Seating and Admission to the Meet & Greet Brunch. When you send in your badge order, please name which of the invited bands or musicians you wish to sponsor.

Purple Contributor, $400: includes Two 3-Day Badges, Two Thursday Pre-Party, Reserved VIP Seating and Program Listing

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E-mail:_____ ☐ Check if you wish to volunteer

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_____ $125	3-Day, Before 12/16/18
_____ $135	3-Day, After 12/16/18
_____ $65	Friday Badge
_____ $65	Saturday All Day Badge
_____ $30	Sunday Badge
_____ $30	Friends of Fresno Button (Donation)
_____ $30	3-Day Pass Under 30 with Valid ID
_____ $0	18 and Under Free with Paying Adult

Quantity	Special Events
_____ $20	Thursday Pre-Party
_____ $50	Sunday Wind-Down Dinner (Includes Dance Ticket)
_____ $25	Sunday Wind-Down Dance Only
Quantity	**Sponsorships**
_____ $2,500	Festival Sponsor
_____ $1,000	Corporate Sponsor
_____ $700	Gold Contributor
_____ $600	Band or Individual Sponsor
_____ $400	Purple Contributor
_____ $200	Green Contributor

name of band or musician

Total Amount Enclosed $ _____

All Pre-ordered Badges will be held at will call.
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Email: jazzinfo@sdjazzfest.org Phone: 619-297-5277

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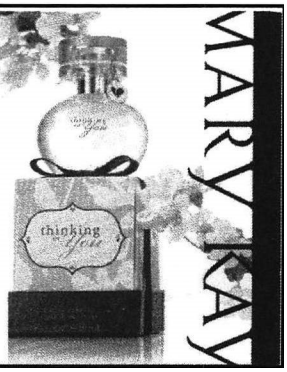

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