



FDS: Newsletter

Fresno Dixieland Society June 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I personally want to thank the BOARD MEMBERS of FRESNO DIXIELAND SOCIETY for their participation in our annual "Sounds of Mardi Gras Festival". As most of you already know, we ended up in the BLACK for the first time in 3 years. We hope to continue to add more attendees next year. For those of you that missed the wonderful festival, go on line to see pictures of everyone. Our theme was "Prom Night" for the Friday Night Swing Party. We had LOTS of participants. Some attended their first prom while others relived their prom of not so long ago. It was a party of mature 18 year olds. Barb and Jack were officially given the title of PROM QUEEN AND KING.

We also celebrated and crowned our 2019 Mardi Gras King and Queen: John and Betty Reenalda. Queen Stephanie and King Steve handed over their crown, but, Queen Stephanie will continue to keep her crown as she is now our Official QUEEN OF FRESNO DIXIELAND SOCIETY. We want to thank Stephanie for all of her hard work she did in 2018 to help our festival succeed. Stephanie has been promoting all year round and will continue promoting at all the events that she is able to attend. She is also recording promos at the studio and her commercials will be able to be viewed on FACEBOOK and YouTube, so don't miss it. Tell your friends all about it.

We also want to remind you that Fresno Dixieland Society has worked for over 30 years to keep our MISSION alive: "FDS WILL KEEP TRADITIONAL DIXIELAND MUSIC ALIVE AND SEND THE YOUTH TO JAZZ CAMP TO PARTICIPATE IN A WEEK LONG OF INSTRUCTION WITH SOME OF THE TOP BAND PLAYERS IN THE COUNTRY," We were able to send 6 students in 2018 and we hope to send the same in 2019. With your help, this is all possible.

Please become a member of FDS. All proceeds from the dance / raffles will go to sponsor a student to Jazz Camp. We are returning to Diana Court with our first dance on June 9th. Membership is \$30 and entry fee to our Sunday Dances is \$10 dollars for members and \$15 for non-members. Our new venue will be the same for THREE years. Our Queen Stephanie negotiated a 3 year contract which allows us to return to a much preferred venue for our dances. Our contract stipulates a Bar Bill minimum \$250. You can help us keep our costs down by drinking

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QUEEN OF FDS STEPHANIE

Hello my Fellow Dixielanders. Stephanie, Queen of FDS, here. I just wanted to thank you for the honor of being chosen as Queen of Fresno Dixieland Society and to keep you informed about what we are doing to kick off the new Fresno Dixieland season.

Jo Ann Burton, Barbara Cardoza, and I have been calling sponsors of the Mardi Gras festival to thank them for their interest, energy, and support and inform them of this year's events.

I cannot stress enough how important the sponsors, the volunteers, all of the people and our members who donate in so many ways. We honestly could not do it without them. And we could not do it without you, either. So here's another great big THANK YOU!!!! to all of you who support the Fresno Dixieland Society.

Some other BIG NEWS is that we have changed our Sunday Dance location!!! We are returning to the FRESNO ELKS LODGE at DIANA COURT!!! So... spread the word. Our first dance is June 9 and Blue Street Jazz Band will be playing.

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

FDS Sunday Dances: 2019

Fresno Dixieland Society Sunday Dance

With

Blue Street JB

"Flag Day Celebration"

June 9, 2019

1-5 pm

FRESNO ELKS LODGE 439

**5351 North Diana Court
Fresno, CA**

FDS Member: \$10 Non-Member: \$15

Dance Lesson 12:30

w/ Chris & Veronica

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Fresno Dixieland Society Sunday Dance

With

Midnight Rose

"Hot August Days"

August 11, 2019

1-5 pm

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Fresno Dixieland Society Sunday Dance

With

Yosemite JB

"Halloween Costume Ball"

October 13, 2019

1-5 pm

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Fresno Dixieland Society Sunday Dance

With

Stardusters

"Holiday Celebration"

December 8, 2019

1-5 pm

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Sounds of Mardi Gras 2019



2019 King & Queen of Mardi Gras

We are John and Betty Reenalda and are the 2019 King and Queen of Mardi Gras. It is an honor for us to represent the Fresno Dixieland Society.

We were born during the war in 1942 in the Netherlands (Holland) and started taking dance lessons at the age of 16. It was common in those days for teenagers to learn how to dance to Dixieland and Ballroom music. John and I met on the dance floor at a Dance Studio party when we were both 18. He was a good dancer and it was LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

While we were going steady, we took advanced dance lessons together and really enjoyed it. It became our favorite hobby. We had to quit and take a break from it, since John immigrated with his family in the Spring of 1962 to California. We got engaged 1 week before he left and were both only 19 years old. He promised me that he would be back to marry me after 1 1/2 yrs. So instead of dancing, I decided to take on another job besides my regular office job. It would be very costly for us when John returned to marry me and I would be immigrating as well. We both worked hard towards our goal to live in California.

In those days it was very difficult to make telephone calls overseas and it was very expensive, so we never talked to each other and only wrote each other letters every week. John included some pictures of the Sunny State and I was really excited to join him. I never liked riding my bike in my dressy clothes in the rain.

On the 28th of November 1963, John kept his promise and returned. We got married on the 17th of December in our hometown. It was a Wedding and a Good Bye at the same time for our families and friends!

We arrived here in Fresno on January the 4th 1964 and it was not like I envisioned. It was a dreary and foggy day! But, we were only 21 and full of hopes and dreams and I wanted to see Fresno, so John gave me the tour of the City. A whole new world. Big cars and wide roads and lots of neon lights on Blackstone, were my first impressions. Totally different from Holland!

This is now 55 yrs. ago and it's amazing how these years flew by. It has been a good life for us and our family. We have 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grand baby! We have no regrets and certainly would do it all over again.

Dancing is and has always been our favorite hobby and it kept us in Good Shape. It was just meant to be that we met on the dance floor, now 58 years ago. To us, Dixieland music is so much fun! We still play an old Dutch Swing College Band record we have that we danced to then and now.

John and Betty Reenalda

The Happy Dancers

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Festival Times

June 27	6pm - Kick off party
June 28	11:00am - 10:45pm
June 29	9:30am - 11:00pm
June 30	9:30am - Gospel
Festival	10:45am - 3:45pm

Kick-Off Party

June 27 - 6pm - 9:30pm

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Thursday Night Bands (subject to change)

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Jeff Barnhart Charlotte's Boys

Tom Rigney Flambeau

Food & beverages available

Shuttle service - 1 hour before event start

Special Events

June 29..... Farmers Market - 11am-2pm

June 30..... Sunday Gospel - 9:30am

After Glow Party - 5pm - Tugboat Annie's

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____ 4 day All Event: Thurs, Fri., Sat., Sun. after May 31, 2019 ..\$120

____ 3 day All Event: Fri., Sat., Sun. after May 31, 2019 ..\$105

____ Kick Off Party Thursday Evening 6-9:30 pm.....\$20

____ Student - 14-22 w/ID, All Event.....\$15

____ Young Adults - 22-30 w/ID, All Event.....\$30

____ Friday only.....\$50

____ Friday nite after 5pm.....\$30

____ Saturday only.....\$60

____ Saturday nite after 5pm.....\$30

____ Sunday only.....\$25

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Sounds of Mardi Gras 2019





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Sounds of Mardi Gras 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont)

up. (Drink up and be merry....Responsibly of course.). We hope that you will enjoy Diana Court as much as we did in the past. Diana Court is very centrally Located whether you are coming from out of town or coming from somewhere in town.

We will continue to have our 4 dances. June (Flag theme), August (Summer theme), October (Halloween), and December (Holiday dress-up theme). Please join us in celebrating these dances. We hope to add more dances as we continue to grow with more members.

We also have openings for some of our committes. We appreciate any help. Please, if you would like to be part of this wonderful club, email us, come to one of our dances, or telephone one of us and let us know. Just a few hours of help goes a long way. We have numerous committees that you can participate in. Telephone calls, addressing envelopes, helping decorate our Sunday dance or during our festival are just a few of the tasks.

Thank you again to all of our volunteers. Some are friends from out of state that help us. Also, thank you to all of our generous sponsors who sponsor the wonderful bands that you enjoy during the festival. Without sponsorships, those bands would not be able to come.

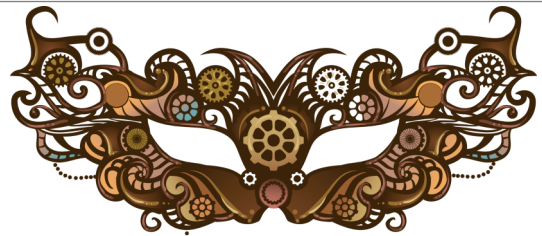
Linda

Queen of FDS Stephanie (cont)

I am once again doing commercial spots on CentralValley-Talk.com to promote everything our Society has to offer. The Webcasts will be posted on YouTube and Facebook and we will be asking you to share with your friends and on your Facebook pages as well. We want to get the word out to as many people as possible.

You know, we think of our dances as just dances, BUT, they're really fundraisers, live concerts, parties, and social events. Our mission is to keep traditional Dixieland music alive and we do this in several ways: the dances, annual festival and most important by providing MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS to deserving students to go to the Tea Garden Jazz Camp every year at a cost of \$750 per student!!! So when you are telling your friends about the Dixieland "dances and festival" I want you to stress the importance of what we are doing for the kids in our community. Many people are far more open to attending an event to help kids than maybe they are about coming to a dance or festival. We want to encourage dancing and festival attendance as well and hope all of you will attend and keep dancing with us for a very long time. Until next time!

Queen Stephanie



Membership

We would like to thank members that have renewed their membership and new members who have recently joined for 2019. 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!

Membership is from Jan 1st to Dec 31st. We prefer that you pay your dues by Jan 31st 2019. However we accept payment any time of the year, but remember that membership ends Dec 31st.

Fresno Dixieland Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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NAME: _____

eMail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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MEMBERSHIP: \$30/per person Due by Jan 31st.

INCLUDES Digital Newsletter.

SUNDAY DANCES: \$10/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

Sounds of Mardi Gras 2019



FDS Sunday Dance: December 2018

**Fresno Dixieland Society
Christmas Ball**

With
STARDUSTERS

**December 9, 2018
1-5 pm**

**American Legion Hall 509
3509 North First Street
Fresno, CA**

FDS Member: \$10 Non-Member: \$15
Dance Lesson 12:30 by Chris Pluhar
**Call for more info:
John 559.779.2484**

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FDS Sunday Dance: December 2018

Thank You for the Dance Lessons



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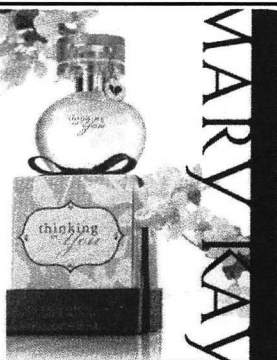
FDS Sunday Dance: December 2018



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NEW TIMES
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Dance: 1:30pm - 5:00pm
Note: No Outside food or drinks allowed

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New Dance Line-Up		
Date	Band	Theme
January 27	Stardusters	Valentine's
March 3	Joe Lenigan Band	St. Patrick's
May 5	Stardusters	Fiesta/Cowboy
July 14	Hal Magnie Band	Hawaiian
September 8	Joe Lenigan Band	Roaring 20's
October 6	Hal Magnie Band	Halloween
November 3	Stardusters	Veterans Tribute
December 1	Joe Lenigan Band	Winter Holidays
December 30	Hal Magnie	New Years Eve, 1 Day Early

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Tom Rigney & Flambeau / Blue Street
Jazz Sea Jammer
Gino and the Lone Gunmen
Tom Hook and the Terriers / Gator Nation
Youth Bands

Guest Artists

Brian Casserly

Bands and artists subject to change without notice.

Special Events

Thursday Night: Pre-Party
Friday: Gangsters & Dames /
Coronation /
Swing Dance Party
Saturday: Parasol Parade /
Masquerade - Costume
Parade
Mardi Gras Dance Party
Sunday: Wind Down Dinner and
Dance

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Putting on the Ritz: GANGSTERS & MOLLS THEME

Costume & Masquerade Parade

Coronation - Mardi Gras Dance Party

Friday Night Swing Dance: WWII THEME

INVITED BANDS:

NEW Sierra Seven Jazz Band

Gator Nation - Tom Rigney & Flambeau

Bob Schulz Frisco Jazz Band

Gino and the Lone Gunmen

Climax - Yosemite Jazz Band

Brian Casserly - Tom Hook & the Terriers

Grand Dominion - Sister Swing

Blue Street Jazz Band

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Quantity	Badge Type All Event	Quantity	Special Events
_____ \$140	4 Day Badge (Includes Thu Pre-Party)	_____ \$50	Sunday Wind-Down Dinner (Includes Dance Ticket)
_____ \$150	After 12/16/19 Badge (Includes Thu)	_____ \$25	Sunday Wind-Down Dance Only
_____ \$70	Friday All Day Wrist Band	Quantity	Sponsorships
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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____		_____ \$200	Green Contributor

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name of band or musician
↑

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