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April 1, 2014

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

At our last meeting, Paul Pasquali sauntered forth with two of his "rising-star" students, Mary Thomason and Emily Strobell. Mary started the evening and though she said she was nervous, it was not evident during her performance. Like a pro she withstood the pressures of stardom until returning to her seat. Paul had a secret stash of smelling salts readily available. As soon as Mary returned, she immediately began administering the salts and Paul perked up in time to accompany Emily on her first song. I couldn't help but notice a bit of a smile on Paul's face, as a proud parent would express, at the success of his talented students. Now that Mary and Emily have begun their professional "accordionship" at the Wasatch Accordion Club, we look forward to more performances by them in the not-too-distant future.

Come April 7th, we will have the privilege of hearing two of the three Accords direct from Orem, Utah. Glenna Archibald and Joan Weitzel have graciously accepted the Club's request to entertain once again. You will recall they played for us early last summer with their patented musical flair interspersed with good humor. They forewarned me, however, that they would arrive in their new attire in honor of Star Trek. Since only two of the Accords will be in attendance, they have no choice but to present themselves in mathematical fashion. One of the Star Trek series star characters was "Seven of Nine." Glenna and Joan will perform as "Two of Three." Both will be sporting tin foil hats, metal spats, and chrome-coated bellows and fingernails. Dazzling is the term both used to describe their presence. I must agree, though I am a bit concerned they might short-circuit their act.

Stop the presses! Stop the presses! (I learned that phrase from Jimmy Durante, that 1930's to 1970's comedian, actor, singer who pined for Mrs. Calabash, "wherever she is"). I have just been informed we will have a once-a-decade accordionist play for us at our April 7th meeting. This person has been a celebrated piano-accordionist, a chromatic accordionist (although he recently sold it), a skinny-pants stylist, a pork-pie hat model, and an accordion performer, tuner, repairman. His skills have been honed at Accordions International over the past 10 years. Accordions have long been a passion with Chans Iverson and we are delighted to hear from him.

If any members are interested in participating in the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention being held from August 18 - 22, Paul will have applications available at the meeting.

We look forward to visiting with all our members and guests on **April 7, 2014, at Kowloon Café 2000 West 3500 South in West Valley City at 6:30pm.**

Keep Squeezin'

Dave Marasco