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Dear WAC Members and Friends,

Everyone had a very good time at our July Fest open mic meeting! The performers all gave us a night to remember.

Dave Marasco got the evening off to a quick-paced rhythmical start by playing 'La Cucaracha' and 'Lazy Mary'. BOTH of these pieces got our toes and fingers tapping right away.

Mary Thomason and Jenny Robinson were up next. They played several numbers including one of their all-time favorite duets, 'Woodland Flowers'. They ended with a rousing rendition of 'Battle Hymn of the Republic'. Jenny passed out the lyrics to ALL 6 verses, so if you weren't there and would like them, be sure to ask the next time you come.

Shireen Mooers added an Eastern European flair to the evening as she played and danced and toe-tapped making it look way-too-easy to stand up and play an accordion. HOW can she make it look SO easy!!!!??? As one member commented, 'She has music in her bones!' This was totally evident as the music flowed from her fingers. It was very easy for me to 'relax into' her playing.

Bart Chadez was next. Besides his beautiful renditions of 'Deep Purple' and 'Here's Laura', he played the best 'Jambalaya' that I've ever heard. He got totally into it and boy was he jiving!!! (Afterwards, just for fun, I listened to a few other versions of Jambalaya on You Tube.) Bart's by far is the most spirited yet. Bart...you really MUST put your version on You Tube.

Yvonne Mueller finished up the evening by playing lots favorite polkas, marches and waltzes, plus a few new pieces...including a piece written by the Oppenheimer Brothers. She told of an historical account of how they had to run for their lives and sneak out of the back window after a performance---to avoid being trampled by their fans! Her delightful medley of German folk songs was the perfect way to end a perfect night. Yvonne's natural style makes everything she does look easy; she will always be one of our professional favorites.

Last month we included 3 excerpts to kick-off our mini-bios. In case you were unable to attend, here are the answers to our brain-teaser: Jenny Robinson was the 4th grader who decorated floats for the Pasadena Rose Parade; Mary was the child-prodigy TV star; Wayne Eckman was the one who was first introduced to the accordion by a door-to-door salesman!

On August 7th, we are pleased to present "The Polka Dots" from Mantua!!! Performing will be Eliza Johnson Jessee, Janice McAllister, and Gwen Shoemaker. They always provide lots of great entertainment and we look forward to hearing from the Polka Dots!

Stand by for our next mini-bio to be revealed at our August meeting. Until then, stay cool...and enjoy the rest of this sizzling summer!

Warmly!!!

Jenny Robinson

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