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Dear Friends of the Accordion,

Mamma mia! Already January is finished and 2012 is 8.5 percent passed. If you did not practice your accordion during January, typically you would never be able to recoup that unused time. However, February may be able to help you. This year, you will notice, is leap year. You now have the opportunity to practice 24 straight hours on February 29th to recover what you lost in January. Just sayin'.

At our January 9th club meeting we experienced the artful ensemble “The SophistiCats”, comprised of Kevin Christensen, Thomas Richey and Lisa Reed. Though Lisa was unable to perform that evening due to a swollen jaw, we were still able to meet and greet her. Kevin and Thomas performed an accordion/guitar combination reminiscent of some early 20th century combos, as well as more recent material. Hopefully, they will return as a fully functioning trio when, at that time, we will be able to experience Lisa’s voice, as well.

For our upcoming February 6th meeting, we will once again be able to listen to The Accords, consisting of Glenna Archibald, Joan Weitzel, and Susan Henshaw. This accordion trio has played for us numerous times in the past, each time with a remarkable array of pieces, and a memorable style. Glenna indicated the drive from Utah County to Salt Lake County has been very harrowing the past 12 months, or so. Nonetheless, the trio is willing to dodge orange cones, heavy equipment, and the errant driver/texter on I-15 to entertain us one and all. We certainly look forward to hearing them again.

We would like to encourage you, our members, to play a song or two at a future meeting this year. It is always a great pleasure to hear from our members as well to hear from our youth.

Lastly, thanks to all of you who have paid your 2012 dues in such a timely manner. We look forward to seeing you on February 6th at 6:30pm at Kowloon Café and during the coming year.

Keep Squeezin’

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