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Dear WAC Members and Friends,

We started out the New Year right with **John Tibolla** entertaining us with his wonderful repertoire. John has been a favorite of the Club and shared with us stories of his youth and playing the accordion. Hearing many of the accordion classics is a wonderful reminder of the golden age of the accordion. Thanks **John** for a FUN evening!

The following is a list of 6 of the songs John played and some background straight from Wikipedia. **'O Sole Mio** is a globally known Neapolitan song written in 1898. Giovanni Capurro wrote its lyrics and the music was composed by Eduardo di Capua. **Come Back to Sorrento** is a Neapolitan song composed in 1902 by Italian musician Ernesto De Curtis. **When Irish Eyes Are Smiling** is a lighthearted song in tribute to Ireland. It was set to music composed by Ernest Ball. It was first published in 1912. In June 1939, **Beer Barrel Polka** was #1 on the Hit Parade. The Czech musician Jaromír Vejvoda wrote it in 1927. **That's Amore** is a 1953 song by composer Harry Warren. It became a major hit and signature song for Dean Martin. In 1955 the tune for **The Chicken Dance** popped into Swiss musician Werner Thomas' head. He then spent a few years revising it. The song was not inspired by chickens as one might think but by skiers on the slopes in Switzerland. With all the snow we have received this winter it should be our theme song.

Something to think about: A trombone player and an accordion player are doing a New Year's gig at a local club. The place is packed and everybody loves the music. Shortly after midnight, the owner comes up to the duo and says, "You guys are terrific – everybody is raving about the music. Would you like to book here for next New Year's Eve?"

The two musicians look excitedly at each other, nod agreement, and then turn to the club owner and say, "Sure, we'd love to. Is it OK if we leave our equipment here?"

Put **Monday, February 6th** on your calendar now for our next meeting so you will be sure not to miss **Bart Chadaz** of Tremonton as he entertains the club. He is always fun to listen to and is very talented. His programs are always entertaining and it's always a pleasure to hear from Bart. Invite your friends and neighbors! The more the merrier!!

See you then,

Sandy Hunsaker

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PS - One last thought: *What do you get when you put a diminished chord together with an augmented chord?* A demented chord!