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April 29, 2014

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

On April 7th, we had the privilege of enjoying a pleasant trip down memory lane with Glenna Archibald and Joan Weitzel. Both are well-respected accordionists up and down the Wasatch Front who present themselves as easygoing, carefree performers. We are all delighted when they appear. In addition, we heard the smooth, light side of Chans Iverson. Although he was scheduled to play for us, he nonetheless dealt us a delightful surprise simply by strapping on his accordion. He has been well known in town for his Irish pub-style playing in the past. However, at our club meeting, Chans showed us the jazz and standard side of himself. No doubt he plied his accordion repair trade by whittling and tuning his reeds immediately preceding this occasion---his cord to the tuning strobe was still attached at the base of his accordion, or was that his lip-synching connection?

For our May 5th meeting, the husband and wife team of Wayne and Julie Eckman will return with a Cinco de Mayo celebratory engagement. Wayne stated his Mediterranean musical lineage, which stems from the ancient island region of Atlantis, will be combined with the fragrances of Julie's "mummy's" early Egyptian recipes of Beetle McNile Nuggets, thereby creating a strange phenomenon: wafts of their patented Scarab Salsa Dip and Sip will exude from the stage while the sounds of incredible music will abound. Both performers have assured me no animals will be hurt during the show. However, they could not guarantee the same for the audience.

As a reminder, Camp Concerto will begin the evening of May 12th at Fort Douglas. The culmination of the camp is a concert, which will include camp participants. Gordon Kohl and Steve Albin will be performing – something you don't want to miss! The concert is free – you are all invited. It will be Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 PM in the Commanders House at historic Fort Douglas on the upper University of Utah campus (see map).

Also, if any members are interested in participating in the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention being held from August 18th to August 22nd, Paul will have applications available.

We look forward to visiting with all our members and guests on May 5, 2014, at Kowloon Café 2000 West 3500 South in West Valley City at 6:30pm.

“Keep Squeezin”

Dave Marasco