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October 30, 2012

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

Our October meeting format proved highly successful judging from the number of volunteer performers and the size of the group in attendance. Eight members stepped onto the stage in response to a call to share their latest musical achievements. Those volunteering were: Eilene Benevidez, Molly Creel, Ruth Paslay, Tom Squirek, Pat Whall, Leland Flinders, Dave Marasco, and Yvonne Mueller. Though all the performers experienced "a touch of the nerves", their smiles and the great applause given each performer eased the players back into their seats. In fact, at the board meeting the following week, supportive statements indicated the club should have perhaps two or three of these "open mike" club meetings every year. All in all, the courage displayed by the performers and the warm reception given them lends considerable credence to the notion that our club functions within an extended-family atmosphere. Kudos to our club.

For our November meeting we will be experiencing a double highlight. From Alpine hails our very own Ruth Paslay. Ruth has appeared numerous times on our stage with a wide variety of repertoires. Smooth as silk, soft as cotton, and shifty as a fox describes her delivery. Just as she has us enraptured in a comfort zone of easy listening, she jostles our senses with ethnic, jazz, or a complex chord structure. We welcome "Ruthy's Return".

Another highlight for the evening will be the return of Kevin Christensen, along with his stage partner, Elsbeth Gugi. Both Kevin and Elsbeth perform regularly at the Goldener Hirschner Restaurant in Deer Valley. Though we are familiar with Kevin's accordion, many of us do not know that Elsbeth sings and yodels at the restaurant with Kevin as her backup musician. Though it will be a surprise to Elsbeth, Kevin has assured me he will bring a 20' alpenhorn that he can clandestinely connect to the bellows of his accordion. While he is pulling his bellows outward, the alpenhorn plays marvelous background sounds to the yodeling. However, when the bellows are pushed inward, the resultant sound is of belches and screeches -- quite compatible with the residual Halloween ambience. So, for an evening full of pleasure and surprises, please join the club on Monday, November 5, at 6:30pm at Kowloon Café.

Mark December 10 on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party and start practicing a Christmas song or two!

Remember, the family that squeezes together, generates a lot of heat and is energized thereafter. I believe it was Albert Einstein who said that. Or was it Arnold Weinstein, or Arthur Rubenstein? Or perhaps I misquoted Barney Rubble. Regardless, the host will always benefit from hugs, capisce?

"Keep Squeezin"

Dave Marasco

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