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September 23, 2011

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

Our September meeting welcomed another large gathering of friendly accordion aficionados, thanks in part to Janice McAllister's family. The evening started with Just in Time playing a medley of Italian songs. Janice informed me after the meeting that not only did her family come to cheer her on as a member of "Just In Time", and the duet of Janice and Eileen Benavidez, but to also finish celebrating Janice's birthday. The club wishes Janice a belated happy birthday and many compliments on her accordion performances that evening. Eileen also presented a solo with visible confidence and grace following the duet and interspersed among the "Just In Time" performance. In addition, Pat Whall, our illustrious secretary and pacesetter, "broke out of the pack" and played a solo of her own. Just in Time then returned to play several more numbers. Welcome back Just in Time! It is quite refreshing to have our members take to the stage and entertain the membership month after month. Please keep up the great work.

As a surprise, Dan Stetich slipped in unannounced from Berlin, Germany, where he has been living the past three years. Dan, on a free base button accordion, and Devon Church, on guitar, played two traditional continental songs and a Bach-like piece for us. Indeed, this was a pleasant surprise.

Ruth Paslay, our member with the incredibly large song library, opened and closed for us. Ruthie, as she is endearingly known amongst us, opened the meeting with perhaps 16-18 popular and standard tunes for our dinner entertainment. Though Ruthie stated she has been plagued with arm and hand problems the last little while, she, nonetheless, "pulled a musical rabbit out of her hat" and played standard tunes like there was no tomorrow. In closing, she belted out six or seven accordion classics, including "Espana Cani", a very demanding song. Viva la Ruthie!

Our next meeting will be October 3, 2011. At that meeting, Pat Whall and Leland Flinders will play another "duet spectaculare". They claim they have several renditions of Waldo Fluegenfarfell's orchestrations, and several pieces from the Broadway production of "Blown Away by the Buffalo Bellows of Baltimore's Bowery". I have been informed we should expect a windy experience. Also performing that evening will be the Rob & Cherie Patterson Family. They always do such a wonderful job and we certainly look forward to seeing and hearing another of their memorable performances.

Enclosed please find a flyer. If you love accordions, you don't want to miss the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention. It's terrific!

Lastly, we would encourage you to play a couple of songs for the club. It would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on October 10th at 6:30pm at Kowloon Café.

Keep Squeezin'

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