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October 8, 2012

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

At our September meeting, we were all pleasantly surprised by having four entertainers instead of two, as earlier mentioned. Mitch Adams and Bart Chadaz both showed up unannounced and each played several pieces remarkably well. Mitch, a school friend of Jacqi Patterson, played songs from his Palmer-Hughes course demonstrating skills seemingly beyond his book level. Bart performed some standard and ethnic pieces in jazz form and complex chord fashion. Both performers rounded out what was a very family-oriented gathering.

Next, Jacqi Patterson played some solos from her competition in Kimberly, British Columbia. Her rendition of John Gart's *Vivo* was so gracefully and energetically played, it may well become her signature piece when she one day soon plays at Carnegie Hall. In lending credence to this statement, Jacqi has been under the wings of two worldwide adjudicators at the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention. Both Gina Brannelli and Joan Cochran Sommers have given Jacqi regular guidance while in attendance at the convention. Something is cooking and it smells pretty good! Following Jacqi's songs, her proud mom, Cherie (I know just how proud, I watched Cherie watch Jacqi when she played in Las Vegas) joined Jacqi for several duet pieces. Cherie displayed her usual elegance, touch and stage presence as she performed for the club.

For our upcoming October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have for your listening pleasure music provided by TBA. If you have a song you would like to present to the club, we would love hear from you - just bring your accordion!

Since we function as a family of sorts, remember you are always missed when you fail to show up at the dinner table.

"Keep Squeezin"

Dave Marasco

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