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Dear Friends of the Accordion,

At our June meeting, John Tibolla returned to the Wasatch Accordion Club for another splendid performance. He regaled us with many Italian pieces from classics to standards. In addition, he played numerous pieces from the highly acclaimed American songbook. It was even brought to our attention that our own Leland Flinders had John as a choir student at Murray High School some years ago. To this day, John still calls Leland Mr. Flinders. Either Leland commanded that level of respect, or John never knew Leland's first name.

Our July 6th meeting will once again showcase our own members on stage. Open mic has become a semi-annual celebration of members entertaining members in a casual atmosphere. Interested members are asked to have one or two pieces ready for that evening.

The upcoming August 3rd meeting will feature a one-of-a-kind presentation. The three-generation accordion-playing Patterson extended family will entertain the entire evening. As of late, the group has taken to the highways and by-ways of the Wasatch Front. In fact, it is rumored they have taken to skyping Germany to include daughter Jacqui in some events. When Germany is involved, they must employ the moniker "The Von Patterson Family Squeezers" to signify an affinity for the German language, schnitzels, and strudels.

Our September meeting will be held August 31st when the Wasatch Accordion Club will sponsor **The Europa Band** of international acclaim. Europa performed at the Las Vegas Accordion Convention to a hand-clapping, foot-stomping, cheering crowd. The event will be held at the Joy Luck Restaurant in Bountiful free of charge for two household members of each family, including dinner. Please see the backside of this letter for details!

The Las Vegas International Accordion Convention was a great success. Virtually all the headline performers were new this year. Grammy winner *Riders In The Sky* and world champion *Grayson Masefield* (from New Zealand) made flawless performances, both on stage and in the workshops. August 17-21 at the University of Utah's Fort Douglas will be Camp Concerto. Enrollment is limited, check with Paul Pasquali for availability.

We look forward to seeing you at **Kowloon Cafe, 2055 West 3500 South - Monday, July 6th at 6:30pm**. Bring your accordions and, in the words of Mamma Cass, "Make your own kind of music".

Keep Squeezin,

Dave Marasco

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WASATCH ACCORDION CLUB!

In celebration of our tenth anniversary and in appreciation of our loyal members, the Wasatch Accordion Club is sponsoring a dinner concert for our members, Monday, August 31, 2015. The dinner and concert will be held at the Joy Luck Restaurant in Bountiful. The concert will feature Europa. They cover a wide variety of music including old German polkas, rock, pop, sing-a-longs and current country music. Accordion, trumpet, guitar, violin, drums, and plenty of vocal harmonies can be heard from the group, with a strong groove and passion for what they do!

Because we need to give the restaurant an accurate count of dinner guests and we have to pay for each dinner reservation, we will be selling tickets for \$25 per ticket, which will cover dinner and the concert. We need to charge for the tickets to ensure that if tickets are requested and then plans change and they are not used, we are not left paying for unused dinners. As members enter the dining area, they can turn in one or two of the tickets they purchased for a refund—up to two ticket refunds per current membership as of June 30, 2015. You may purchase as many tickets as you like, but only two will be refunded per membership. There will be a few nonrefundable tickets for purchase at the door for \$35. The ticket will cover the concert, a family-style dinner, coffee tea or a soft drink, and the gratuity. The diner must pay for other beverages.

Tickets can be purchased at the July and August club meetings. You can also buy them from a club officer or at Accordions International.

The deadline for ticket purchases is Monday, August 24th. If you purchased a ticket you find you cannot use, see Pat Whall, refunds can be obtained up to August 24th but no refunds for unused tickets will be given after that date.

This should be a memorable event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

