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Dear WAC Members and Friends,

Happy White Winter! Happy Quiet January! For those of you that don't love winter, be reassured that the Summer Solstice is less than 6 months away. Personally, I'd like to see winter last until June and simply skip summer. Hmmm...is anyone still reading this letter?

We look forward to one of our favorite club performers, John Tibolla, to be featured at our upcoming February 1 meeting. John has been playing the accordion for more than five decades and is enthusiastic in his love of performing on the accordion. His stories are as much fun as is his playing and we are sure you will be delighted. Be sure to join us for a most memorable evening!

RIDDLE: What do Leanna Briggs, Lou Fornoff, Larry Pino, Janice McAllister, and Paul Pasquali all have in common?

Our January meeting was a perfect example of expecting the unexpected. Unexpectedly a cameraman from KSL showed up and recorded Mindy and Garry Garff. This husband and wife duo was delightful in every way. Their music was pleasant and upbeat and charming. They kept us engaged with a wide variety of genres & tempos. One of the most beautiful pieces they played was their own arrangement of 'Hello Again'. I came away inspired by their musical prowess. Not only did they play the accordion masterfully, they made it look easy and natural. Their music blended so well that one couldn't tell where one stopped and the other began. It was a beautiful performance from beginning to end.

Who would have guessed that some of our members were going to end up on the Sunday, January 10, KSL 10 PM news? It goes to show that it pays to always look your best...as those first 5 mentioned in the riddle above can attest. Yes---you guessed it: they were the ones caught by the KSL cameraman.

Start off your Chinese New Year celebration with the award-winning young musical prodigy, Chinese accordionist Tian Jianan (winner of multiple international competitions). Tian Jianan will be performing Tuesday, February 2 at Libby Gardner Hall on the U of U Campus at 7:30 PM. Free tickets are available at UtahPresents.org.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 1 at Kowloon Café for another delightful WAC meeting!

Warmly,

Jenny Robinson