



Flower City Jazz Society

WHERE FRIENDS and JAZZ MEET...Newsletter Volume XVII Number 5 April 2016

Swingin' on April's FOURTH MONDAY Energetic Dixieland by FREDTOWN STOMPERS April 25th at Radisson Hotel

OLD FRIENDS LEAD TO NEW FRIENDS, certainly true for the Fredtown Stompers & some Flower City Jazz members. It was a mere four Christmases ago thru the parents of a young Rochester-area/Fredonia-graduate trombonist, we learned of his Dixieland "youtube" Fredtown Stompers video. Fast forward to June 2013, meeting Fredtown's piano player on an Ireland tour (& playing) with Rochester's Dady Bros..... Fortunate for us. This young & energetic Jazz Band is back a second time, April 25th !! We look forward to a great, fun evening.

The Fredtown Stompers

The Fredtown Stompers began as an ensemble of students (plus one faculty member) from The State University of New York at Fredonia in January of 2006. Former SUNY



Fredonia and Villa Maria grads playing old school 1910-1930s jazz charts, the band is dedicated to swinging the hell out of good tunes old and new, some traditional and some not so much. Playing for the love of the music & the people, we swing that Hot jazz and have that New Orleans trad jazz flavor all over the Western New York area.

The band met with incredible success gigging weekly at Coughlan's Pub in Fredonia NY and has played regular gigs at Lil' Magills & 41 West (also in Fredonia). Young and old come to the establishments to hear this fun, sincere and spirited New Orleans style ensemble playing the right stuff for all the right reasons. The style spreads; infectious enthusiasm gets feet tapping & sends the whole crowd dancing.

MUSICIANS IN THE FREDTOWN STOMPERS

Sean Ebert- Trumpet/Cornet/vocals Mike "Magoo" McGough- Piano/vocals
Melissa Sauers- Clarinet /vocals
Brian McKenna- Drums
Brian DeJesus- Bass
Ralph DeMarco - Tenor Sax
Drew Azzinaro- Guitar



REMINDER: SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS 10-DAYS AHEAD, so they reach Jerry Williams by TUESDAY before FCJS Event. Local US Mail takes two days (or more) after you put check in mail. If check may not arrive Tuesday, call Jerry (729-6555), "check on its way"

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting, February 8th, 7pm, Kathie & Kent Campbell's house
FLOWER CITY JAZZ SOCIETY www.flowercityjazz.org **Board of Directors (names with " * ")**
President: Kathie Campbell* 248-5864 Vice-President: Ron Anderson* 381-0686 Secretary: Jeanne Thomann* 227-6684
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Flower City Jazz Society formed to preserve & promote Dixieland Jazz in Greater Rochester.
[ASCAP Licensee] Membership dues: \$15 per person for one year. Dinner-Concerts are third Monday, January through December, at the Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY, 14623). FCJS, Inc. c/o Kathie Campbell, 127 Park Lane, Rochester, NY 14625



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THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBERS Michael Amorese, Claudia Amorese, Dwight Burnham, Charles Cometa, Richard & Carol Fox, Lynn Gottler, Bill & Joan Keyser, Albert & Jean Nicoletti, Louis Piazza, David Pierce, Tom Raisner, Bob Rutzen, Heidi Wolf, John Warney, Bernard & June Wiese
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Gil Porter, Gerry Schwartz

MEMBER PROFILE. **Charlie Cometa.** A stalwart at our monthly dinner concerts is Charlie Cometa. He has been a member of FCJS for about ten years. He is a musician in his own right, too, having played the drums since grammar school.



Currently, Charlie is a member of the New Horizon Jazz Band, and also of the larger New Horizon orchestra. In past years, he has played occasionally with Johnny Matt, and for a few years he was a member of a group called the Keynote Quintet that played at the old Mardi Gras in Charlotte. As he says, "he drums around!"

Born in Rochester, Charlie grew up in the Lyell Avenue area and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1956. He spent two years in the Army reserves in the 1950s, and played in the Army 98th Division Band here. His working career saw him spend seventeen years at the U of R, where he was an electrician and in maintenance. He also did construction work. At age 79, he is still working, driving cars for National Car Rental.

With his late wife, Charlie raised four children. After she passed, he had a special friendship with Sandra Saturno, who was also a FCJS member. She passed about a year ago. Charlie said that "Sandra loved it here," referring to our monthly FCJS get-togethers.

Written by Ron Anderson

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=>> SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS Friday, 10-days ahead

DINNER RESERVATION FORM FOR Monday, April 25, 2016

MAIL TO: **JERRY WILLIAMS** 84 Chippenham Dr., Penfield, NY 14526 (585) 729-6555

Reservation form and payment is due on or before Tuesday, April 19, 2016

_____ Telephone _____
 Last Name First Name
 Spouse/Companion _____

<i>MENU for MONDAY, April 25th</i> <i>=>> the FOURTH MONDAY in April !!</i>	PRICE	# of MEALS	PRICE X # MEALS
<i>Herb-Roasted Bone-in Chicken served with chef's choice of starch & vegetable</i>	\$21		
<i>Haddock French served with chef's choice of starch & vegetable</i>	\$21		
<i>Baked Penne Pasta with Basil and Mozzarella</i>	\$21		
<i>Cheesecake</i>	\$4		
<i>Chef's choice of ice cream and topping</i>	\$3		

Total enclosed: \$_____ (check payable to FLOWER CITY JAZZ SOCIETY)



COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD:

RATE LAST MONTH'S BAND:

O BELOW AVERAGE

O AVERAGE

O ABOVE AVERAGE

(Bourbon Street Parade)



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Bob Livingston, top-tier jazz drummer & friend to many Flower City Jazz members, passed away, Feb. 26th, age 86.

Bob was a highly regarded musician, even in 1958 when some of our local bands were just starting out. Condolences to his daughter Suzanne, husband Christopher & many grandchildren, great grandchildren and to Bob's many, many friends.

FLOWER CITY JAZZ 2016 Radisson Hotel (Airport) 175 Jefferson Rd (near RIT), Rochester, NY 14623 (585) 475-1910
Park in well-lighted area in back of Hotel; Enter thru Doors At Back Of Hotel to Ballroom Area.

Live Jazz Calendar (support live jazz) Note: AlexandriaBayRagtimeJasstime Fest (below)

UPCOMING "FCJS" CONCERTS & OTHER VENUES

Radisson Hotel (Airport), 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 (585) 475-1910

April 2016 25th Important: the FOURTH Monday (FCJS) Fredtown Stompers, Radisson

May 2016 16th Monday (FCJS) Jon Seiger's International Jazz Band (international guests!!), Radisson

May 2016 Alexandria Bay Ragtime/Jasstime Festival May 27, 28, & 29, 2016 (Friday evening - Sunday noon)
 The Bonnie Castle Resort, Alexandria Bay, NY See <https://alexbayjazz.wordpress.com/tickets-contacts/>
 for Festival-Badges & Festival-Lodging+Meals-Package: Meals Friday night thru Sunday Noon & Accommodations Friday and Saturday nights. Package-Deal Reservations must be made directly with the Bonnie Castle.
 Call: 1-800-955-4511 or 1-315-482-4511 Ask for "The Festival Package" \$425/double occupancy, \$320/single.

Admission is by Festival badges: \$120 US per person (\$135 after March 31, 2016). Badges MUST be purchased from TheGrandInternationalRagtimeJasstimeFoundation by sending a check to: Wayne and Nancy Pauli, 3-180 Highland Crescent, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. N2M 5K4. 519-744-2665. Email wnpauli@rogers.com

Featured musicians: "Professor" Don Burns (Buffalo); Neville Dickie (United Kingdom); Jack Hutton (Canada); Jon Seiger (Rochester) & trio; The JazzHappensBand (Cortland); & The Mardi Gras Spirit Brass Band (Alexandria Central School). Also, Jon Seiger's Saturday Morning Seminar: "Songs & Stories About Louis Armstrong You May Not Know"

June 2016 20th Monday (FCJS) Joe-Cavallaro's Celebration Band with Ed Clute/piano, Radisson

July 2016 18th Monday (FCJS) (TBD)

August 2016 15th Monday (FCJS) Summer Picnic-Style Event Plus FCJS Musician's Jam Session, Radisson

Rochester, NY 14625
 127 Park Lane

