ENJOY DIXIELAND BY THE BLACK DIAMOND EXPRESS
Monday, February 18th

ROD HAM’S BLACK DIAMOND EXPRESS IS BACK FOR THEIR 19th YEAR TO PLAY GREAT LISTENING (& DANCING) DIXIELAND FOR FLOWER-CITY-JAZZ-SOCIETY. THESE TALENTED MUSICIANS PRESENT A GREAT ENTERTAINING EVENING WITH THEIR REPERTOIRE OF EARLY JAZZ & SWING.

The Black-Diamond-Express (train) was the flagship passenger train of Lehigh Valley Railroad, running from New York to Buffalo (1896 to 1959), touted as "the Handsomest Train in the World" and "the Honeymoon Express".

The Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY, 14623, located near Rochester Institute of Technology. For Flower City Jazz Society events, “parking” is in the well-lighted parking lot at the back of the hotel. A convenient, separate entrance to the ballroom area is also at the back of the hotel. FCJS event-schedule times are at the top of the dinner menu, page 3. Membership contact: see page 2.
**MUSICIANS in the BLACK DIAMOND EXPRESS**

**Rod Ham** (trombone) leader is retired from a career in finance at Eastman Kodak followed by 19 years substituting in the instrumental music department of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Central Schools. He remains active in the Honeoye Falls Community Band (29 yrs), the Pittsford Fire Dept. Band (27 yrs), the Penfield Rotary Big Band (23 yrs), his trombone quartet and the Michigan State University Alumni band. He lives in Mendon.

**Steve Quance** (trumpet) plays in a wide variety of big bands and ensembles. He co-directs the Starlight Orchestra/ Penfield Rotary Big band from Rochester, the Western NY Big Band and the Penfield Fireman's Band. Each year he plays in a number of high school and college musical productions and plays throughout the area. He is on call for several of the big bands in the area including Johnny Matt's Big Band and the Jack Allen Big Band. Steve is retired from the Xerox Corporation (35 years) and lives in Macedon.

**Chuck Van Buren** (clarinet and saxophone) — A Lockport native with degrees in music education (University of Wisconsin (Stevens Point) and Eastman School of Music), Chuck retired from the Penfield Central School District after thirty-three years of teaching concert bands and jazz ensembles at all levels. Since 1988, Mr. Van Buren has served as director of the highly regarded Perinton Concert Band. He has performed on saxophone as a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Chautauqua Symphony and the Gap Mangione Big Band as well as with nationally known entertainers and groups including, Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Lou Rawls, Benny Goodman Tribute Band, Harry James Tribute Band and the Xavier Cugat Orchestra.

**Lynn Eberhardt** (bass and tuba) is a retired public school music teacher, having taught for thirty years near Rochester, NY. He graduated from the Eastman School of Music followed with four years as the bass player in the U.S. Coast Guard Band. Lynn enjoys playing in any setting that requires a bass player, from duos to community orchestras, including shows, brass quintets, early jazz, and of course The Black Diamond Express. He lives in Scottsville.

**John Montgomery** (piano) is a band director in the Greece Central School District and the music director of the Greece Baptist Church. He has played professionally in the Rochester area since he was fifteen and currently plays piano in the Allegro Entertainment Band and drums in the Mike Kornish Band. He is on-call for a number of bands as he plays a wide variety of instruments. He lives in Gates.

**DICK O’CONNOR** (Drums) - Dick has played with the Music Educators Wind Band, the Penfield Symphony, Cindy Miller, Vick Platti’s Festival and timpani with The East Side Brass Quintet. Currently playing with the Perinton Concert Band, The Penfield Rotary Big Band, Four on the Floor Quartet and Ann Mitchell Jazz, he can also be heard as sideman with Joe Pera or Brad Batz. Since retiring from the Monroe County Transportation Department, Dick has been volunteering in schools and with the New Horizon Big Band.

Membership: Len Marcus, 347-4820. 328 Lenora Ln, Webster, NY 14580-2874

**SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS by Friday, February 8th** to reach Jerry by TUESDAY, Feb. 12th. **If check may be late, call Jerry (729-6555), “tell him your dinner order”**
THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBER: John Murphy. NEW MEMBERS: Richard Terboss, Owen Reise

MEMBER PROFILE. Peter and Connie Barker

Peter and Connie Barker have been members of Flower City Jazz for about a year. They say that they very much enjoy music and Dixieland. Peter has a bit of a musical background, too, having played piano while he was in college.

Both are Rochester natives. Connie started her life in the city's south wedge, and spent most of her growing up years in Churchville. She is a graduate of the old Churchville High School. Peter grew up in the city's 19th Ward, and graduated from West High School. Both got their college degrees locally, too, he from the U of R with a major in History, she from Empire State College with a major in Business.

Both of their working careers were in insurance. Peter worked for the Kendall Agency in Rochester. Connie worked for an insurance agency in Bergen. At one point, Kendall bought out her agency. That is how they first met, with he being her boss in the business world.

In 1984, after initial first marriages, Peter and Connie married each other. They started their own insurance agency, Barker, Heslip, and Bradshaw. She was the Bradshaw. It was a decent sized business, with an average of about thirteen employees. They sold the business in 2004.

Between them, they have five daughters, sixteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, with one more on the way. They live in Pittsford, where they have lots of time for entertaining their family. Holidays are big for them, with up to 25 people coming for meals on those days.

They are active in their church and other organizations, and keep very busy. They also travel extensively. Peter said he once owned his own airplane and was its pilot. He said he has flown to all four corners of the continental USA. They also love to fish, and for 28 years owned a cottage in Canada.

Written by Ron Anderson

DINNER RESERVATION for Monday, February 18, 2019
MAIL TO: JERRY WILLIAMS 84 Chippenham Dr., Penfield, NY 14526  (585) 729-6555
Reservation form and payment is due on or before Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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Last Name                   First Name                                              Telephone
Spouse/Companion    ___________________                          ___________________

SALAD (all dinners): ASIAGO CAESAR: Chopped romaine hearts, freshly shredded asiago cheese, garlic butter croutons and creamy Caesar dressing, served with a slice of lemon

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

COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD: ____________________________

RATE LAST MONTH'S BAND:  O BELOW AVERAGE
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( Smugtown Stompers with Carol Mulligan )
UPCOMING FCJS CONCERTS & OTHER VENUES

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

FCJS times:  5:30pm cheese/crackers social;  6:30pm dinner service starts;    music 6:30pm—9:30pm

Queen City Jazz (Buffalo) events: SEAN PATRICK’S, 3480 Millersport Rd, Getzville, NY. Concerts 5pm

NEW Location Syracuse Jazz (JASS): Spaghetti Warehouse, 689 N. Clinton St, Syracuse, NY. Concerts 4pm

February 10th Sunday (Queen City Jazz (Buffalo) Dan Priore’s Backroom Jazz Band (Sean Patrick’s)
February 2019 18th Monday (FCJS) Rod Ham’s Black Diamond Express  Radisson
March 3rd Sunday (Queen City Jazz (Buffalo) Phil Nyhuis’ Queen City Jacks (Sean Patrick’s)
March 2019 18th Monday (FCJS) Al Bruno’s Bourbon Street Parade Radisson
March 24th Sunday (Syracuse Jazz Society) Original Cornell Syncopators (Spaghetti Warehouse)
April 2019 15th Monday (FCJS) Barroom Buzzards Plus Two Radisson
May 5th Sunday (Syracuse Jazz Society) Smugtown Stompers (Spaghetti Warehouse)
May 2019 20th Monday (FCJS) Fredtown Stompers Radisson
June 2019 17th Monday (FCJS) Jam With Jon (Seiger) Radisson

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