SEPTEMBER 16th’s FALL EVENT
BACKROOM JAZZ BAND

FLOWER CITY JAZZ welcomes the Backroom Jazz Band to the Radisson on Monday, September 16th. Several Flower City Jazz Society’s “traveling” members recommended this Buffalo-area group recently. All the band members are seasoned musicians who enjoy playing the kind of music we love to hear.

Here’s Dan’s write-up about the band: In the summer of 2010, four friends and musicians Paul Borowiak (banjo), Fred Lenz (tuba), Michael SantaMaria (clarinet and sax), and Dan Priore got together at Wallenweins Hotel in East Aurora, NY to have a fun night of playing traditional jazz. All four original members still either play or sub with the band. The BACKROOM JAZZ BAND plays on the second Monday each month at Wallenweins Hotel.

Dan Priore began playing trumpet at the young age of 5 years old, when his neighbor, Bob Belz, who played with big bands in the 40s and 50s, brought out his trumpet and Dan fell in love for the first time. 50 years have passed and also his mentor, but Dan still has that same love for the trumpet and music. He grew up listening to the likes of Louis Armstrong, Herb Albert, Doc Severinsen, Al Hirt, and the Big Bands of the 40s. He began his Dixieland career in 1984 with 23 Skidoo, The French Quarter Jazz Band, and now the Backroom Jazz Band. He also is section leader and soloist with the Boston Town Band in Boston, NY, and Choir and Music Director of the Hilltop Baptist Church in Angola, NY. The Bible says in Psalm 98 verse 6 “With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.” That’s what Dan likes to do.

Fred Lenz is a founding member of the Backroom Jazz Band. His interest in traditional jazz was fostered at a young age when his parents took him to hear various traditional jazz groups. He is an active participant of the Western New York music community and performs on orchestral tuba and sousaphone with many groups in various musical styles.

Fred is an original member of Rockwell Brass, the resident brass quintet at Buffalo State College. He is a long-time member of the award-winning Tonawanda American Legion Post 264 Band. Fred regularly performs with symphony orchestras including the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra, the Cheektowaga Symphony Orchestra, and the Amherst Symphony Orchestra; he also performs with various groups throughout Western New York including Just Banjos, Buffalo Banjo Band, and 23-Skidoo. Fred performed with the Buffalo State College Wind Ensemble, and the Buffalo Silver Band, an English style brass band. Notable performance venues include Carnegie Hall, the Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans Music Hall, and the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater.

Fred is a graduate of the University at Buffalo and Canton College, with an MA in Political Science and degrees in Business Administration and Mortuary Science. He is a licensed funeral director and is employed by Matthews International as an account manager in the Memorialization Division.
Other Members of the Back Room Jazz Band:

Mark Panfil, banjo. Mark is new to the jazz scene but not to the Buffalo and national music scene. He is retired public school music teacher who has played in the Bluegrass band Creek Bend for 35 years. Besides banjo, he plays and teaches dobro, diatonic and chromatic harmonica and piano. He is a member of the Buffalo music Hall of Fame and a former chairman of the International Bluegrass Music Association’s educational Foundation based in Nashville Tennessee. His jazz influences include jazz guitar guru, Frank Girard and jazz harmonica greats, Howard Levy and Toots Thielemans having studied with the first two.

Michael SantaMaria, reeds. Michael studied clarinet and saxophone privately with Marvin Kam who studied under the great Rudy Wiedoeft in the late 20’s. While in high school, played for three years in the Buffalo City All High Band and performed the 1812 Overture with the BPO under the direction of Lukas Foss. After high school, performed with The New Charleston Chasers Dixieland group for five years at the Speak Easy Night Club in Niagara Falls NY. Later, took advance jazz studies under Dick Grillo. Dick played with the U.S. Jazz Ambassadors in Washington D.C. and with the Woody Herman Band. Further Jazz studies were taken from Harry Fackelman, a member and baritone saxophonist with the Amherst Saxophone Quartet and Saxophone Professor at the University of Buffalo and Buffalo State College. Michael still continues to freelance and appear steadily with a number of groups: the Jazz trio/quartet out of Rochester, A touch of Jazz. The trad Jazz group, The Backroom Jazz Band, 23 Skidoo and the 16 piece Anderson Big Band.

Ray Skalski, trombone. Ray has performed with various bands across the country at venues/events such as Disneyland (Anaheim, CA), Summerfest (Milwaukee, WI), John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (Washington, DC), Hyannis Road House Grill (Cape Cod, MA), Hot Steamed Jazz Festival (Essex, CT), EarlyJazz Festival (Strongsville, OH), and many more. Ray has also been on three tours with bands throughout Europe. He has shared the stage performing with such jazz luminaries as pianists Dick Hyman and Norma Teagarden, former Duke Ellington band members trombonist Art Baron and guitarist Kenny Burrell, former trumpeter at Eddie Condon’s in NY City Ed Polcer, former clarinetist with Louis Armstrong’s Allstars Joe Muranyi, former NBC Orchestra leader (on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson) trumpeter Doc Severinson, and multi instrumentalist/bandleader/vocalist Vince Giordano. Ray has also been a member of Jack Bacon’s Morgan Street Stompers, the late Charlie Mussen’s I Love Jazz Band and is currently a regular member of Buffalo, NY-based Backroom Jazz Band, Original River Dogs and Barroom Buzzards traditional jazz bands.

Jim Summers -Drums. Jim has performed with many and varied styled groups from duet to big band in the Buffalo, NY area over many years. Some of which are: The Buffalo Quarter Notes w/ Sam Scamucca, Phil Simms Quartet w/ Nelson Starr, Marilyn Mann Trio w/ Joe Carnevale, just to name a few. He has also worked with the big jazz bands of Joe Bauso, Pete Ciraolo and Ben Boyer, along with the Canisius College Jazz Ensemble. Jim Summers has led his own quartet/quintet, big band and enjoys the continuing Dixieland sounds of the Back Room Jazz Band.

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

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS by September 6th to reach Kay Salerno by TUESDAY the 10th. If check may be late, call KAY (442-1076), “tell KAY your order”

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Flower City Jazz Society formed to preserve & promote Dixieland Jazz in Greater Rochester.
[ASCP Licensee] Membership dues: $20 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. 41 Parkridge Dr, Pittsford, NY 14534 (temporary address)
MEMBER PROFILE. Albert and Jean Nicoletti. Albert and Jean have been members of FCJS for many years. They are here just about every month, and enjoy their evenings with us.

Albert was born in Niagara Falls, NY and moved to Rochester as a child when his father took a job here. He grew up on Lyndhurst Street and graduated from East High School. After working briefly at Kodak, he was drafted into the US Army and served in Korea during that war. Upon his return he attended college, first at the University of Colorado (2 years), then at SUNY Brockport. He then obtained his Masters from the U of R, and worked as a guidance counselor in the Brighton School district for over thirty years.

Jean was born and grew up in Rochester and also graduated from East High School. She obtained a B.A from the U of R, and then two Masters degrees. The first Masters Degree was from SUNY Brockport, the second from the U of R. She spent her working life as first a teacher and then as an administrator in the Rochester School District. She served as an elementary school principal for several years here.

Albert and Jean have been married for 57 years, have three grown children, and seven grandchildren.

An interesting sidelight, Albert's brother married Jean's sister.

Jean said that they love to ballroom dance, and that was what got them together as a twosome many years ago. They also love to travel, and have done much of the US, Canada, and Mexico with the motor home they owned for many years. They live in Pittsford.

Written by Ron Anderson

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS by Friday, Sept. 6th

DINNER RESERVATION for Monday, SEPT. 16th, 2019
MAIL TO: KAY SALERNO, 48 ELMORE RD, Rochester, NY 14618 (585) 442-1076
Reservation form and payment is due on or before Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 2019

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Last Name                   First Name                                              Telephone
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MENU for MONDAY, September 16th, 2019
5:30pm cheese/crackers social; 6:30pm dinner service starts;  music 6:30pm-9:30pm

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RATE LAST MONTH’S BAND: O BELOW AVERAGE O AVERAGE O ABOVE AVERAGE
( The JAZZHAPPENSBAND )
FLOWER CITY JAZZ 2018
Radisson Hotel (Airport) Park
in well-lighted area in back of Hotel; Enter thru Doors At Back Of Hotel to Ballroom.

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

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September 8th Sunday (QueenCityJazz, Buffalo) The Jazz Gangsters, Sean Patricks, Getzville, 4pm

September 2019 16th Monday (FCJS) Dan Priore’s Backroom Jazz Band Radisson

October 6th Sunday (QueenCityJazz, Buffalo) Barroom Buzzards, Sean Patricks, Getzville, 4pm

October 2019 21st Monday (FCJS) Rod Blumenau’s Upstate Dixieland Band Radisson

November 3rd Sunday (QueenCityJazz, Buffalo) New Tin Roof Jazz Band, Sean Patricks, Getzville, 4pm

November 2019 17th Monday (FCJS) Jon Seiger Special Concert, exceptional trad-jazz repertoire Radisson

November 24th Sunday (JASS; Syracuse) Djug Django, Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse, 4pm

December 8th Sunday (QueenCityJazz, Buffalo) Backroom Jazz Band, Protocol Restaurant, Buffalo, 4pm

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