WHERE FRIENDS and JAZZ MEET... Newsletter Volume XX Number 10  October 2019

Oct. 21st with Beck-Blumenau

Upstate Dixie Six

It’s Traditional!! This year again Rod Blumenau and John Beck have assembled exceptionally talented musicians to delight Flower City Jazz audiences.

The Beck-Blumenau Upstate Dixie Six: world-class musicians assembled from over a 250-mile area of upstate New York: two guys from Buffalo, one from Rochester, one from Canandaigua, one from Penn Yan, and one from Rome. They'll be holding forth from 6:30pm-9:30pm at Flower City's October 21st event (Radisson Hotel, Jefferson Rd near RIT). These musicians excel playing traditional Dixieland & swing music, and many are active in groups that perform other styles of jazz and even classical music (but you won't hear that at Flower City on Oct. 21st).

Rod Blumenau began studying piano before the age of 5 from his grandmother, a piano teacher. He started clarinet at 8 and saxophone at 11. Rod also displayed an aptitude for math, and received his Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering and Master's of Science in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He enjoyed a 32-year career with Eastman Kodak while continuing to perform music as an avocation. Rod has performed with Andre Kostelanetz, Henry Mancini, Clark Terry, Cab Calloway, Mel Torme, Regina Carter, Gene Bertoncini, Kevin Mahogany, Terell Stafford, Russell Malone, Stefon Harris, Tia Fuller, Tamir Hendelman, Darmon Meader, Eddie Daniels and other notables. Today Rod arranges vocal, jazz band, and orchestral music for students, teaches at a summer jazz camp for adults, plays nightclubs and jazz concerts, and is a first-call sideman in the upstate New York area. Recently he has become an ASCAP composer and had original jazz compositions for student bands published nationally by the Neil Kjos music publishing company. He has recorded several CDs. More information, including upcoming performances, can be found online at http://www.RodBJazz.com.

John Beck is a Rochester percussion legend. He was a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for nearly 50 years, most of it as tympanist, and was head of the percussion department of Eastman School of Music for nearly as long. He’s just hitting his stride at 84+, and playing better than ever! On top of all his accomplishments, he’s a great guy. John was recently inducted as one of the first class of members into the Rochester Musician’s Hall of Fame, a well-deserved special honor.

Please come up to the bandstand and say hello to Rod, John, Tim, Jeff, Phil, & Ron at Flower City Jazz gathering on Monday October 21st. They will play a request if a quorum of them knows the tune. They are looking forward to swinging up a storm for listening, dining and dancing!
BECK-BLUMENAU UPSTATE DIXIE SIX

Tim Clarke, trumpet and cornet, comes to Western New York by way of his hometown of Eugene, Oregon. He resides with his wife and kids in East Aurora, and works days as an audio engineer at Fisher-Price, where he creates music for Fisher-Price toys! Tim has quickly secured his place among the top jazz players in the area. He has performed with such luminaries as Dick Hyman, Randy Sandke, Ken Peplowski, Frank Wess, Bob Wilber, Howard Alden, Harry Allen, Scott Robinson, Byron Stripling, Dave Frishberg, Kenny Davern, Frankie Capp, Peter Appleyard, Greg Cohen, and many more. Tim has found his trad jazz "sound" on the short cornet, drawing his inspiration from Bobby Hackett, Wild Bill Davison, Ruby Braff, Bix Beiderbecke and other legendary cornetists. While fluent in many jazz styles, he is inspired by the rich history of traditional jazz, and looks forward to continuing the legacy of this vital music into the future.

Ron "Pee Wee" Joseph, a native of Rome, New York, is one of New York's hottest jazz clarinetists. He has appeared with various Dixieland and swing bands and combos at jazz festivals and events throughout the Northeast and Canada, including such notables as Warren Chiasson, Ed Polcer, Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band, Gene Mayl, John Ulrich and Phil Flanigan. Ron's diverse playing style is reflective of the influences of jazz clarinetists Peanuts Hucko and Pee Wee Russell, but none more so than his lifelong mentor and friend, acclaimed upstate jazz clarinetist Jack Maheu. Pee Wee Will play some tunes identified with Jack Maheu in tonight's concert, on the Buffet R13 clarinet given to him by Jack. He was an original member of Buffalo's 'River Dogs Jazz Band' and performs with them and several other upstate New York traditional jazz bands.

Phil Sims, trombone, multi-instrument performer, also, orchestra-music-arranger & composer for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Mel Torme, Salvatore Andolina, BPO Grateful Dead Orchestral/Tribute Band, Wendell Rivera Latin Jazz orchestra, Nancy Boone and the Lithuania Chamber orchestra, NPR show "Prospering In America", "Rat Pack" show, Jazz Concerto for Euphonium & Brass Ensemble and John Stevens (American Idol Finalist) Jazz Studio Orchestra Christmas Album and Mosaic Records. Phil has toured with Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Jack McDuff, Mel Torme, Doc Severinson, Frank Sinatra Jr., Herman's Hermits, The Platters, Dion, Mickey Dolenz and Davey Jones of the Monkees, Danny & the Juniors and Mel Lewis. Phil has a Masters Degree in Music and is gifted with perfect pitch. Phil leads his own Phil Sims Brass and his acclaimed big band The Buffalo Brass.

Dr. Jeff Campbell, bass, is professor of jazz and the chair of the Department of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media at Eastman School of Music and is also a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, but he doesn't let his education and prestigious position get in the way of his playing cooking bass in support of a swinging front line.
THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBERS: Dan Priore, Tricia Murphy, Thomas Pyrek

MEMBER_PROFILE. Nancie Beaven. Nancie has been a member of FCJS for a couple of years. She joined after a friend, Jon Seiger, recommended us to her. She is delighted she came and said she has always been interested in traditional jazz.

Nancie grew up in Ridgewood, NJ, and has lived in many places during her 85 years. These places include Florida, Ohio, Connecticut, and Vermont. She said that Vermont was her favorite. For eight years she owned a bar and restaurant in Manchester, Vermont, called the Jolly Green Joint.

She came to Rochester 2 1/2 years ago, as she had a niece who lives here. Divorced many years ago, she had no children. During her long working life, she worked mostly in hospitality. She has been a bar tender, ski instructor, restaurant owner, and real estate agent. In the latter role, she specialized in selling business and restaurant properties.

Nancie, who lives in Henrietta, loves to swim, walk (30 minutes per day), eat out, and socialize. She is currently learning how to use a computer.

"I have had a fun life," Nancie said.

Written by Ron Anderson

DINNER RESERVATION for Monday, OCTOBER 21st, 2019

MAIL TO: KAY SALERNO, 48 ELMORE RD, Rochester, NY 14618 (585) 442-1076
Reservation form and payment is due on or before Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 2019

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<td>Caesar Salad. Zucchini Stack. Roasted Sheets of Fresh Zucchini, Layered with Garlic Honey Tomato Sauce, Sliced Mushrooms, Onion, Spinach, Roasted Red Peppers and Sliced Tomatoes.. (Gluten Free; ask for Gluten-Free Salad)</td>
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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
O AVERAGE          O ABOVE AVERAGE
( The Backroom Jazz Band )
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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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 18th 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
December 2019 16th Monday (FCJS) Roger Eckers Little Big Band Radisson