

Knight Sounds Big Band

This month's guest band is

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011 — 12 p.m. TO 5:00 p.m.
at The **CLARION INN** ON SISK RD In MODESTO

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Knight Sounds Big Band

It's that time of year again!
The club's favorite swing
band is back on our stage.
Knight Sounds Big Band is
Modesto's best swing
orchestra.



Originally named the
Downey Alumni Band,
Knight Sounds was formed in 1991 at the request of Downey High
School's then Activity Director, the late Major Bob Porkorny.

Band leader Glenn Mount was asked to assemble a band to play for
Downey's 40th year Celebration held on Sept. 21st 1991.
The band played its first real Swing dance for the Ballroom Dance
Club of Modesto. The response from the club was overwhelming.

In 1995 Knight Sounds honored Mr. Kenneth Farrell who was the
Band Director and instrumental music instructor at Downey High
school from 1954 to 1974, by establishing a music scholarship in his
honor.

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Next Meeting
November 20, 2011

Musically Speaking

President's Message

It has been over a year now since our first meeting at the **Clarion Inn**. The Jazz Society has become a regular established guest on the third Sunday of each month. We've arrived some Sunday mornings to a few surprises, but we have worked them all out. The staff welcomes us each month and tries hard to meet all our needs. Alex Roach and his crew assist every way possible. The Clarion has also provided us with venues for our other activities. All they ask in return is that you eat, drink, and be happy!

Since arriving at the Clarion we have heard some terrific bands. Sue Eastman has done an excellent job bringing in new bands and guest artists. Most of the bands have complimented our venue. Complaints from members have dwindled, and most everyone seems to be happy with what they are seeing and hearing.

Our raffles this past year have been great. Donations seem to get better each month as members and friends continue to bring in a wide variety of items to choose from. Raffles help sustain the club, often bringing in more than the attendance.

We need jammers. We have lost some of our loyalist jammers
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In 1995 the first recipient of the Ken Farrell Music Scholarship received a certificate and a check for \$500.00 from the Alumni Band presented by Mr. Farrell at Downey's award assembly. Knight Sounds has continued this scholarship at Downey ever since and have expanded to the other area high schools.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the
MODESTO TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY

To preserve & promote our unique American National music treasure for future generations,

To give jazz musicians opportunities to share their talent with appreciative audiences,

To encourage youth to learn & to continue the original American art form of playing jazz.

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Modesto Traditional Jazz Society

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for the MDJS General Fund.
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for the Youth Band Scholarship Fund.
- I am interested in volunteering for
Club functions.

PLEASE MAIL TO:
MDJS c/o Rozetta McNulty
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Riverbank, CA 95367

Thank you for your help in keeping Traditional Jazz alive!

Jazzette

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Next Board Meeting
November 29th
Gottschalk Music
133 Burney St. Modesto

MTJS 2011 CALENDAR

December	18	Monthly Club meeting - <i>Clarion Inn</i>	Catsnjammer Jazz Band
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January	2	Deadline for Jazzette material	Notice: Youth Jazz Camp applications available Feb. 1st
	15	Monthly Club meeting - <i>Clarion Inn</i>	The Whippersnappers
	24	Board of Directors Meeting	7 p.m., Gottschalks Music
February	6	Deadline for Jazzette material	Reminder: Youth Jazz Camp applications due March 15
	19	Monthly Club meeting - <i>Clarion Inn</i>	Band TBA
March	5	Deadline for Jazzette material	Youth Jazz Camp applications due, submit to MTJS Secretary
	15	Youth Jazz Camp applications due	submit to MTJS Secretary
	18	Monthly Club meeting - <i>Clarion Inn</i>	Band TBA
	27	Board of Directors Meeting	7 p.m., Gottschalks Music

ATTENTION FRIENDS

If you know of someone who is ill, celebrated a birthday or could use some cheering up, contact Jeannie Wemken at 524-3517.



133 Burney Street, Modesto 523-5326



**Supporting music in Modesto
for over 50 years**

Thanks Helping Keep Jazz Alive

Many thanks to all the members who donated additional money, either by mail or at the door.

Send news items to the
JAZZETTE the last week of the
month to appear in the coming
issue.

Mail to...
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JAZZ SOCIETY**
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Or e-mail to
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in the last two years, and we need to reach out and invite musicians to join us. There are three jam sets each meeting, and anyone that enjoys playing Traditional Jazz or Dixieland is welcome to join the jam sets. The rhythm section has been the hardest to fill of late. We are especially looking for interested youth, to keep the music alive.

Remember...Our next meeting date will be Sunday, November 20th, at the Clarion Inn, with jam sets beginning at 12:00 Noon. KnightSounds Big Band will provide the entertainment this month. Put on your dancin' shoes, and bring a friend to dance, dance, dance! In its 20th year, Knight Sounds, continues to fund a \$500 Music Scholarship to a graduating senior from every public high school in Modesto. All income the band makes goes toward sustaining these scholarships.

— *Jan Leer,*
President, MTJS



Monthly Trad Jazz Schedule

1st Sunday:	Stockton Jazz Society — Elk's Lodge; stocktondixielandjazz.org
2nd Sunday:	Sacramento Jazz Society, Dante Club; sacjazz.org
3rd Sunday:	Modesto Jazz Society, Modesto Clarion Inn; modestojazz.com
4th Sunday:	South Bay Jazz Society, Elk's Lodge, Sunnyvale; southbaytrad.org

Sue's Jazzy Tidbits

Top of the Hill Jazz Band played some great dance tunes. It was good to see **Rich Owens** on piano, & **Dick Williams** on cornet.

September's Jam Set Musicians were **Rozetta McNulty & David Dow** on piano; **Don Rees** on reeds; **Bill Sharp & David Livingston** on trumpet; **Tony Palazuelos** on drums. We also had several members of **Top of the Hill** sit in on the jam sets.

Our regular raffle table was very full last month. Our photographer, **Forrest Jackson**, won the **Last Supper print** by **Martin Matrinez**. Thanks again to all of you who continue to donate prizes for the raffle. The money goes to send a local youth musician to jazz camp.

We had many empty seats in October....some due to football and others due to illness. **Ann & Al Fosco, Jim & Mickie VanHook, Larry & Nikki Crowell, JJ & Gerry Cox**, were absent, and I haven't seen **Linda** and **Alfredo Montelongo** in a while. **Audrey** and **Warren Axe** from Fresno were absent since Warren was in the hospital. I spoke with him this morning (11/03) and he's doing much better and glad to be home. Warren says they hope to be back dancing in December.

I attended the **Pismo Beach Jazz Festival** in October. **George** knows how to have a successful festival. They had a great band line up as usual. The weather was beautiful and in the 80's everyday which made it very hard for me to stay away from the beach and listen to music. There were several Modesto members in attendance. Okay, I saw **Linda** and **Alfredo** dancing!

Please join us in November for swinging sounds **Knights Sounds Big Band**.

Sue

The club board has decided to run the monthly expenses to show the membership how money is spent each month.

MODESTO TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY

Income / Expense 10/01/11 — 11/01/11

Income:	\$670.00	Expenses:	\$645.67
Donations (Club):	\$97.00	Jazzette Expenses:	\$145.67
Donations (Youth):	\$175.00	Guest Band:	\$500.00
Membership Renewals:	\$100.00		
Raffle (Club):	\$108.00	Net Gain:	\$24.33
Raffle (Youth):	\$108.00		
Admissions:	\$190.00		



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Modesto Dixieland Jazz Society

Images from the October Meeting



Thanks to Forrest Jackson for the club photos.

San Diego Adult Traditional Jazz Camp

January 19-22, 2012

TUITION: \$400.00 * Enrollment is limited.

2012 FACULTY:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Phil Kirk - trumpet, cornet | Clint Baker - trombone |
| Jim Buchmann - clarinet, sax | John Royen - piano |
| Katie Cavera - banjo, guitar | Marty Eggers - tuba, bass |
| Steve Apple - drums | Alan Adams - Executive Director |

Lafayette Hotel & Suites

* There is a \$50.00 tuition discount for Jazz Camp students who stay at the Lafayette. For room reservations, contact the hotel at 1-888-272-6343; www.lafayettehotelsd.com. Ask for the "Jazz Camp Suite rate."

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Proposed By-Laws Revision

In accordance with Modesto Traditional Jazz Society ARTICLE VI:

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AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

A two-thirds majority of those casting ballots is required to amend, change or otherwise revise these Bylaws. The membership must be notified, in writing, of any proposed amendment or revision at least thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled vote on any proposed amendment or revision.

This Proposed Revision will be voted on at the December Meeting:

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Section 2

Election Dates

Elections for qualified candidates for all offices - President, Secretary, Treasurer, Music Director, Membership Director, Publicity Director and four (4) At-Large-Directors - shall be held every year, during the June meeting. The office of Vice-President is held by the Immediate Past President, and is not an elected office. There shall be no term limits.

Section 2 - Revision

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Section 3

Election; General Procedures

The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three (3) members not later than the March meeting of the Board. The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for office to be presented to the membership at the June meeting.

Members of The Jazz Society may nominate themselves or other members, provided the candidate meets the qualifications for office as stated in Article V, Section 1. A nominee's name, along with a declaration of the position sought, may be submitted in writing to the board secretary at least 30 days prior to the scheduled June election.

In the event no candidate declares for a particular position to the Board of Directors, the incumbent will be re-nominated and shall retain the position until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3 - Revision

Election; General Procedures

A. The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three (3) members not later than the March meeting of the Board. The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for office to be presented to the membership at the April meeting.

B. Members in good standing of The Jazz Society may nominate themselves or other members, provided the candidate meets the qualifications for office as stated in Article V, Section 1. (A) The nominee's name, along with a declaration of the position sought, may must be submitted in writing to the board secretary at least 30 days prior to the scheduled (June) May election.

C. In the event no candidate declares for a particular position to the Board of Directors, the incumbent will be re-nominated and shall retain the position until the next regularly scheduled election.