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**Basin Street Regulars Hot Jazz Club
Sunday, December 15 Holiday Party
Central City Swing plus
Brad Lusk & Liz Douglas at the
Pismo Beach Veteran's Hall**

by Rhonda Cardinal

Brad Lusk (vibes) and Liz Douglas (bass and vocals) from San Luis Obispo and the Central City Swing Band from the California Central Coast will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' December Concert and Holiday Party from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday the 15th at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Building, 390 Bello Street in Pismo Beach. We will have a holiday jam session starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sonny and April Paz will cater. They have been providing delicious food at our Sunday sessions for the last few months. The menu includes Cranberry-Roasted Chicken and veggies, Butternut Squash Casserole, Rice Pilaf, Green salad, and pies.

There are three tiers of ticket prices. Members who do not want a meal or champagne will pay \$10, non-members \$15. For all attendees that want a meal and champagne, the cost is \$25 charge this year. Silver members can attend and eat for free, but must RSVP. A champagne toast is only included with the \$25 ticket, but you can purchase champagne at the bar. You do not need to bring anything for the party but if you wish to have some snacks before lunch, please bring your own. We would appreciate it if you would patronize the bar.

Guests who are not having a meal will be asked to sit on chairs that will be set up in the right wing (the usual dance floor). The dance floor for this event will be in front of the stage, surrounded by tables.

If you want the meal, you must RSVP to Shonda Croly at (805) 937 2419 or shamrockshonda59@gmail.com or buy advance tickets for the meal on <https://www.my805tix.com/>

All advance tickets and reservations for the meal must have been received by December 8th. General admission tickets (no meal) will be available at the door.

*Featured Band:
Central City Swing Band*



Central City Swing, an amazing 17-piece big band, will perform a swinging Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15th, 2024, from 2:00–4:00 PM at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Hall. Sponsored by the Basin Street Regulars, this holiday event will feature some of the area's top musicians playing various seasonal swing and jazz music. Central City Swing, led by Bob Swayze, was formed in 2002, drawing from professional and semi-professional musicians throughout the central coast.

"The group gathers weekly, just for fun," explains Swayze. "We sight-read charts from famous bands we admire, such as Buddy Rich, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson, etc. About four times a year, we perform concerts for the public."

Opening Band:

Brad Lusk & Liz Douglas

Brad Lusk, on vibraphone, and Liz Douglas, on guitar, will perform background music while we enjoy our meal at the BSR holiday party.

Brad Lusk's love of music started with a gift from his father: a used Marimba instead of a guitar. Brad continued playing music in High School in Big Bear, California. The Army derailed his career in 1969 but helped him achieve a college degree in Music Composition and Business Administration at Cal State Fullerton.

The Jazz Collective, Patrick McDowell, keyboards; Charlie Buscaglia, guitar and vocals; and Brad on Vibes, played at the Chumash Casino and The Vineyard House Restaurant in Santa Ynez. Brad has recorded two CDs with



Guitarist Mike Thibault. Now that he is retired, you will see more of him on the Central Coast. Liz Douglas attributes her love of music to



having been blessed with a musical family. Her earliest memories of singing are riding in the family car and singing a capella harmony with her Mom and siblings. Mid-song, Mom would call out, "Change parts," and without knowing "how," they would do it. Fast forward to 1971, when Liz and her

Professional Musician husband, Bill Douglas, moved from Kansas to Santa Maria, California.

The highlight of Liz's musical career, however, was joining her husband on vocals and guitar in the "Bill Douglas Quartet," which performed for several years aboard Princess Cruises. It was an excellent way to see the world and share their love of music. Liz feels extraordinarily blessed to be playing and singing all these years, and she loves and looks forward to playing every day.

Timeline for Sunday December 15th:

- 11:00 - 12:30** Jam Session
- 12:30 - 12:50** Clean up/Set up
- 12:30 - 1:55** Brad & Liz (on dance floor)
- 1:00** Lunch Starts
- 1:55** Champagne Toast
- 2:00 - 4:00** Central City Swing (with a break)

Prez Says

Your Board has been struggling with a few issues lately and we want the membership to help us decide how to proceed on them.

One of our most urgent issues is the

escalating cost of the security guards at the Vet's Hall. We are mandated to hire Security Guards through the City of Pismo Beach if we are serving or selling alcohol. Prior to Covid, the City did not enforce this requirement except during Jubilee. Post-Covid, we have had to have a security guard and a city employee at all of our events when alcohol is sold. The City requirement is that we have one security guard for every 100 people. They have not required us to hire more than one, to date.

For the Pismo Vet's Hall, the City Employee and the rental fees are non-negotiable. The total cost for the day in 2024 has been \$895, for 2025 it will increase to just under \$1000. The daily rental rate for the hall is almost \$150 higher due to the serving of alcohol. In 2025, we estimate that serving alcohol will cost us almost \$400 out of the total \$1000 for each Sunday session that we have at the Vet's. This [rental] cost, though high, is competitive with other city facilities in the area. These costs and requirements are the reasons we have been exploring other venues.

In comparison, the Oceano Elks charge us a flat rate of \$500, and they provide the set-up and the food and beverages. We bring our own sound equipment and instruments to the hall. Ribline and Harry's do not charge us anything. We are looking at some other venues for 2025, including the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge and the Minerva Club in Santa Maria.

It is important to note that our organization is currently financially stable due to the generous donations we have received from our members and supporters.

With all of these facts in mind, we are now asking our members to complete a survey, as part of this newsletter. You can mail it to us or bring it to the December Sunday session. We will also have copies to complete at the December Sunday session. There may also be an on-line survey option, TBD.

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Basin Street Regulars Sunday Session Survey:

Knowing how much the bar license, the increased rental fee for the hall and security guards cost the club, should we continue to serve alcohol at our Sunday sessions in the Vet's hall?
 Yes, alcohol _____ No alcohol _____

If yes to serving alcohol, would you be willing to pay an additional amount for drinks, estimated at \$3.00 per drink, TBD, to cover the cost of selling it?
 Yes to increased cost _____ No, I won't pay more _____

Do you prefer that we are only at the Vets Hall for our Sunday Session (except for the BBQ) or do you like going to other venues?

Vets Hall only _____ Other Venues OK _____

If other venues are OK, please check the venues you prefer (Check all that apply)

Oceano Elks _____

Ribline _____

Harry's _____

Other (TBD or write in) _____

Please mail this survey to:

Basin Street Regulars
 P.O. Box 356
 Pismo Beach, CA 93448
 Or bring it to the December Sunday session

Surveys may also be available on-line TBD.

Thanks for your feedback.

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**Video Recordings are Now Available:**

Recordings are now available from our Jazz Jubilee Central Coast shows featuring Crescent Katz and Tom Rigney and Flambeau. To view these and other previous BSR shows, go to our website, <http://basinstreetregulars.com/> and scroll down until you see the link for the BasinStreetRegulars YouTube Channel. Or go directly to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars/>. You can also see it on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BasinStreetRegulars> and look under videos. And while you're at it, check out all of our videos, starting with the most recently uploaded.
 Rhonda Cardinal

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Donate on-line at: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/basinstreetregulars>
 or you can mail a check directly to:
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In The Wings

The January 26th Featured Band will be the Night Blooming Jazzmen!



The Night Blooming Jazzmen (NBJ, or "Nightbloomers") is a traditional, or dixieland band, formed in October 1975 to represent the Society for the Preservation of Dixieland Jazz at the third Sacramento Jubilee. There were very few jazz bands in existence then – not enough to put on a festival. The NBJ was started as an ad-hoc "pick-up band." It was not expected to survive – but the NBJ were so well-received and had so much fun that they stuck together. Since then, they have played thousands of concerts, church services, funerals, house parties, grand openings, jazz clubs, wedding receptions, dances, etc .. AND several dozen cruises and land trips to China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, the Amazon, the Mediterranean, and many other parts of Europe.

The Night Blooming Jazzmen has been one of the busiest bands in the nation – and they hope to be so again soon! They have a lot of fun with their audiences and each other – and despite this their music is top-quality. They play well and put on a great show. The band's Sunday morning "hymn-a-long" often typically has the largest attendance of any event at a festival.

The opening band will be **Tu Chez** from Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande. Tu Chez is a local four-piece combo, known on the Central Coast for their smooth, bluesy sound and fun interpretations of jazz standards. They cover

the Great American Songbook and Latin favorites with lots of fun energy and audience participation. Bodil Prescott on vocals, Chris Roullard on guitar, Geoff Moran on drums, and Terry Handy on bass. Tu Chez Jazz on the menu!



Opportunities to Serve

We could use a few volunteers for some critical tasks. The current Board has been handling these details, but it takes time away from other important jobs that they are doing and contributes to the overall overload. In particular, we are seeking volunteers for this task: **Obtaining ABC (liquor) licenses** for the Vet's Hall events

Every time we have an event at the Vet's Hall, we need to get a liquor license from the state Alcohol Beverage Control. This involves filling out two forms for the City of PB and submitting each specific show date applications along with a check to the ABC. We don't use the Vet's Hall every month, so - this task is only necessary five to nine times a year.

This job will take about 20 hours of work during 2025. Curtis can train the new volunteer. The process is simple but takes a little time. Chasing signatures and replies is the most time-consuming part of the procedure.



House Concert at the Cardinals

The Cardinals are hosting Carl Sonny Leyland with special guests Ethan Leinwand & Valerie Jo Kirchoff, (also known as the St. Louis Steady Grinders) at a House Concert on Monday, February 17th, 2025. This is a very popular house concert and will be indoors. Suggested donations are \$25 each and will include food and drinks. Donation slips will be available at the door. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402 or e-mailing her at jwcardinal@msn.com. Doors will open at 5:00; the concert starts at 6:00 p.m.

BSR Receives 2024-2025 Senior Dancing Grant!

Our organization is truly grateful for the many years of support from the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County. This grant of \$10,000 helps pay for the professional musicians who share their musical talents at our monthly Sunday concerts, offering the kind of music to which our seniors love to dance!

The story of this grant goes back in time to the days of BSR musician and past president, Tom Dutart. Among his many donations of time to Seniors, Tom was also president of the Santa Maria Valley Citizen's Club. He received a call one day from a man who was charged with finding a non-profit organization to handle a million-dollar donation for senior dancing from a deceased gentleman who loved to dance. Tom kept in contact with this man who several years later said the money was available through a grant application. At that time, the Senior Club had

a band named Riptide playing for senior dances once a month. They were paid tips only. Thinking musicians deserved more than tips, Tom successfully applied for this grant of \$10,000 for the Riptide Band!

When that grant was awarded, Tom gave his copies of the application to our current BSR President Rhonda Cardinal, knowing BSR would be eligible. Rhonda applied annually beginning in 2012-2013. At that time, it was not administered by the Community Foundation. The grant had to be hand written and delivered in multiple copies.

Rhonda believes this grant was turned over to the Community Foundation in 2016 and eventually became totally available electronically. Rhonda had been applying and receiving this grant since 2012-2013. LaDean Talcott took over writing this grant in 2018-2019. All total, if our memories are correct, we have been receiving this grant for 13 years!

Last year in celebration of their official 25th Anniversary, the Community Foundation gave out \$25,000....25 grants of \$5000 each to some of their long time and most worthy recipients. BSR was one of those 25 organizations! We were awarded this special grant at a lovely reception held at the Talley home in Arroyo Grande.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You have made many dancing seniors very happy!

Sunshine

Shonda Croly sends sympathy and get-well cards to our members & families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone who needs a little support, please contact Shonda at (805) 937-2419.



Please LIKE our Facebook pages! Basin Street Regulars, Pismo Jazz Jubilee and Rhonda BSR Cardinal. Subscribe to our YouTube channel—Basin Street Regulars. On Instagram we are #basinstreetregulars! Don't miss out on photos and videos from our Sunday Sessions and from the Jazz Jubilee By the Sea.



BSR Jammers Entertain Seniors



The third Monday of each month, BSR Jammers Jon Mounts and Debi Burdman-Deutsch, along with community organizer Hannah Edwards, entertain a group of seniors at The Wyndham Residence in Arroyo Grande.

Starting around 10:30 a.m. and finishing before the residents' lunchtime, the Trio lead a relaxed Sing-Along style session of Trad Jazz and popular old-timey music -- peppered with stories from the residents and musicians alike, this interactive session is much appreciated by all parties.

Debi was approached by Hannah after one of the BSR Sunday sessions with the idea, to which Debi enthusiastically agreed. "I love singing, I love the Senior Citizen Community, and I love giving back, so it was a no-brainer. They have a lovely piano there, so when I reached out to Jon (Mounts) he was happy to

join us."

Jon adds: "I am thrilled to be included in this fun event, and we are looking into expanding to other facilities. It's a great way to brighten the day!"

"Sometimes it's SRO, and sometimes people come-and-go, but the group of residents are always appreciative and happy for the entertainment." Says Hannah.

We look forward to next month! BSR



MEMBERSHIP

We currently have **285** members, with **66** as Silver Members. Please welcome David Ogren, William, and Susanna Soller. Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st, so please remember to pay your dues for 2025. You can pay at the Holiday Party or the January Sunday Session. You can pay online at our website or mail your membership to our PO Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA 93448. Please remember to let me know about address, phone, or email changes.

Thank you, Shonda Croly, 805-937-2419 or email shamrockshonda59@gmail.com

Dues: Student \$20, Single \$35, Couple \$60. Silver Member \$150 per person (Silver members receive free entry to Sunday Sessions & free BBQ and Holiday Dinner)

Silver Members

Anne Abler &
Richard Woodworth
Alice Addison
Mary Bamonte
Jim Borland
Diane Brand
Chris & Tom Brayton
Jim & Karen Bull
Linda Burris
Eric & Shonda Croly
Linda Dutart

Pete & Judy Felthousen
Linda Flaherty
Flemming Frederiksen
Herb & Sonja Gefen
Robert Ghilarducci
Therese Hanlon
Richard Harvey
Judith Hasting
Tara Hoffmann
Jeff & Laurie Hokit
Sharon Marshall
David McLaughlin
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German Von Thal &
Fran Courain
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Vicki Pobor
Margaretha Weiser
Fran Willey
Linda & Priscilla Wilson

2023-2024 Community Foundation Grant Report***Dancers: German and Fran Von Thal and Bern Verbit Jazz Jubilee by the Sea 2024***

We last highlighted this couple in 2020 during COVID when they were dancing in their homes to our home broadcasts. They have been active BSR members for the past 14 years.

Before retirement, they were both engineers, living in Long Beach. They worked in the aerospace industry for Boeing. German was an electronic engineer; Fran was in the field of configuration management engineering. German LOVED dancing, and when he married Fran, she was not fond of dancing. German then arranged for dance lessons with a professional teacher, and since Fran loved German, she was a good sport and learned to dance with German.

Growing up, German always wanted to be a musician but was discouraged by his family, since it was a most difficult way to make a living. He never lost this desire, so when they moved to this area, German looked for a group where he could play his guitar and ukulele, as well as do some dancing. BSR's monthly concerts were a perfect match.

Update on German and Fran: 2024.

This past year was a difficult one for both Fran and German. While doing yoga, Fran passed out and broke her right hip. It was a bad break and required 10

months of physical therapy. Meanwhile, German was dealing with some heart issues, until finally the doctors found the right medication.

Fran and German really missed attending the BSR monthly dances, and we all missed seeing them there. Fran was quick to

say, not only did they miss the dancing, they missed their BSR friends who have become like family. Both Fran and German commented on the good leadership of the group, the caring for all members, the fact there is no discord in the BSR membership.

As we ended our interview, both Fran and German asked that we include a thank you to the Community Foundation for helping to fund the musicians who provide the music for the dancing. It is their sincere hope this opportunity is available for young musicians and dancers in the future.

Bern Verbit, age 101, dancing with BSR member, Debi Burdman -Deutsch, at the Jazz Jubilee 2024

BSR celebrated the 100th birthday of Bern Verbit in July 2023.

Bern's favorite singer, Lisa Doran, aka Mz Buffy, was invited to join the Jump Jax to help recreate the sound of favorite band, Viper Six.

During the break we presented Bern with some very special awards. One of the awards was the President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award. This award is available to anyone who puts in at least 100 hours of volunteer service. Awards can be made for up to 4000 hours, if approved by a certifying organization. BSR is one of those organizations. Congratulations Bern!



Basin Street Regulars, Inc.

a.k.a. "The Central Coast Hot Jazz Club"

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Pismo Beach, CA 93448

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Invite a friend to a Sunday Session using this Pass!





Basin Street Regulars Inc.
'Hot Swingin' Jazz
Dance Concerts

11 AM - 4 PM Last Sunday of the Month
usually at the Pismo Beach Vets Hall

(venue and dates subject to change) visit www.basinstreetregulars.com

Guest Pass Free Non-Member Admission (1-2 guests/1 time only)

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December 13, 7 PM
December 14, 3 PM
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Looking Ahead - BSR Sunday Sessions & Special Events

December 15th: Annual Holiday Party, Pismo Vets Hall, Central City Swing, Opening Band Brad Lusk & Liz Douglas

January: Don't forget to renew your membership!

January 26th: Night Blooming Jazzmen , Feature Band; Tu Chez opening band. Location TBD.

February 17th: House Concert at the Cardinals Carl Sonny Leyland with Ethan Lienwand & Valerie Jo Kirchoff, (also known as the St. Louis Steady Grinders) Donation \$25, indoors.

February 23rd: Opening Band Arroyo Grande High School Jazz Band, Featured Band Big Sirs of