



WHATS HAPPENING WITH
"SUNCOAST JAZZ SOCIETY"

A positive outlook for 2021.....

**Jazz Concerts.....*

A. Still in discussion

B. Looking into fall months

**New Friends.....*

**Supporting Our Musical Kids.....*



PRESIDENTIALLY SPEAKING

Ken Kaplan

I went into semi-isolation in February (full in March), so November marks 9 months for me. Long enough to have completed a full school year, or to have a baby if I had just become pregnant. Liker everyone else, I'm really tired of it. But I see no real relief in sight. Even though a vaccine has been announced, we have no way yet of knowing if it will be effective. I wish us all a lot of luck.

I'm not getting any reports from anybody about members who have become sick or who have died. From this I deduce that we're all an extraordinarily healthy bunch in spite of the fact that our average age exceeds that of old Galapagos tortoises. However, if any of you have been really sick or injured, especially if you contracted Covid-19, please let me know. My contact info is 727-542-0645 between 7AM and 6PM or KEKAP697@AOL.COM at any time. If you become sick, please contact me or have someone do it for you as soon as possible. If, however, you die, you may wait one week.

Incidentally, I do know that Joe Wall, our Treasurer, was a Covid-19 victim (mild case a few months ago) but is now fully recovered

While we're on this grisly subject, I think you all know that our membership -- that's all of you who are reading this -- are, on the average, slightly older than dinosaurs, which makes us all prime targets for the Novel Coronavirus. So I think you will all understand that the entertainment schedule for this quarter is pretty thin. Actually, it's non-existent. All programs which had been scheduled for November, December, and January have been cancelled. We have not yet cancelled the programs scheduled for February, March, and April, but I see little hope for them. Most of the musicians with whom we contract are senior citizens just like us; in spite of the fact that this pandemic has hurt every part of the entertainment industry, especially the entertainers themselves, they are still apprehensive about appearing on stage in public. I can't say that I blame them.

If you think about it, it must be obvious that the lack of a January program means no meeting which means no election. The bylaws say we must have an election, but nobody told the bylaws that we would be having a flu epidemic this year. I feel it is beyond moronic to try to get a quorum of the membership into a meeting place. So here's my best attempt at holding a legal election. Elsewhere in this JazzMe News is a small form which we call "Election Ballot." Please cut it out and mail it to our PO Box. Thanks.

Let's try to end this article on an up-note. It's still early, but we've had a few membership renewals already. I know that there are pessimists among us who believe that there will be no concerts

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at all in 2021; therefore, there is no sense in paying dues this year. That's logical, but OH SO COLD. We've kept our dues schedule very low, and I find it hard to believe that any of our members will lack for necessities because of the payment of thirty or forty dollars for the year. The really good news -- besides the wonderful feeling that you get by supporting our wonderful organization -- is that because you may be receiving no discounts next year, your entire dues payment can be considered a contribution and be deducted on your income tax. Incidentally, if you mail your check prior to December 31, you may deduct the full amount on your 2020 taxes. If you mail after January 1, the deduction can be taken on your 2021 return. Think positively. All of us dinosaurs are going to live to file 2021 tax returns.

Let's get back to that wonderful feeling. It can be even more wonderful, maybe even colossal or stupendous, if you add a few bucks more as a pure donation. The pandemic has been brutal on our Society. If you can help us, please do. On behalf of the Board and all the rest of the membership, we would really appreciate your fine gesture.

Until next quarter, ple-e-e-easant dreams.

2021 Board of Directors Election Ballot

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
PRESIDENT	KEN KAPLAN	_____
VP	DICK MALEY	_____
SECRETARY	PAT HOON	_____
TREASURER	JOE WALL	_____
PAST PRESIDENT	DICK MALEY	_____
MEMBER AT LARGE	JAY HART	_____

This year we will be doing things a little differently. Due to the Corona Virus we will be doing our elections via USPS snail mail and eMails.

Please write down your nomination on this form then take this ballot from this mailer and mail to:

Suncoast Jazz Society
PO Box 1014
Largo, Florida 33779-1014

The Nominating Chairman will then tally all the nominations and I will make a ballot that will be distributed to the membership for our annual voting. We will contact all nominated members for their acceptance or rejection of the nominations.

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April, May, June 2020

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Clearwater, FL 33760

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