



# JAZZ ME NEWS



SUNCOAST JAZZ SOCIETY INC

July—August—September 2021

Vol. III

ISSUE 3

## OPENING SEASON STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

The amazing Jay Muller and friends will be entertaining us at Cove Cay Golf Club. We always look forward having Jay perform for the Society. Please plan on joining for the grand opening of our fall season. We are looking to have a great line up of bands to enjoy and some real good old toe tapping music. Music from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. See you there.

## Jay Mueller & Friends



**UPCOMING EVENT**  
**UPCOMING CONCERT NOTICE**  
**Sunday, September 26th, 2021**  
**Cove Cay Country Club**

### In This Issue

Jay Mueller Concert	1
Presidentially Speaking	2
Scholarship & Youth	3
Scholarship. & Mary Anderson	4
Suncoast Jazz Classic	5
Upcoming Events	6
General Info	7
Back Page—Venue	8



## PRESIDENTIALLY SPEAKING

Ken Kaplan

### **MORE NEWS ABOUT SDJS**

Ken Kaplan

In my regular column I thanked all the members who have donated over and above the amount of their renewals. As long as I'm mentioning these donations, I might as well do it again. THANK YOU all you wonderful people who have sent a little extra to tide us over during this awful pandemic. The donations ranged from five dollars to five hundred dollars, and we appreciated EVERY ONE OF THEM. Thank you again, all of you.

Sometime back around the middle of January, I received an informal report that, including all our renewals up to that date, we had only 18 paid memberships. I was also told that in 2020, we had over 50 renewals by that date (the pandemic didn't start here until February, 2020, and didn't really affect us until March). So Lucie Mondani sent out postcard reminders, and Dick Maley and I started email and JMN campaigns to boost our renewals and to solicit donations. We now have over 80 paid memberships; While this is still down from last year's 118 members, we now know that we'll be solvent through the end of the year. Whoopee!

Speaking of the end of the year, we are trying very hard to book bands for dates in September, October, and the Christmas Party in December. Of course, our ability to present concerts is dependent on what Old-man Covid does over the summer, on what rules come to us from the CDC, and most importantly, what Governor deSantis does. Here's hoping.

One last note about donations: one of our members called me to admonish me for publishing the size -- or even approximate size -- donated by each contributor. So I pulled out old programs from similar, although much larger, non-profits like American Stage and the Florida Symphony Orchestra. Sure enough, they list all their donors in brackets just as I did. I guess that's where I picked up the idea.

---

### **MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC**

Ken Kaplan

We here at SDJS Central are nothing if not optimists. Although we know all about the pandemic and have been crippled by it for more than a year, we're going full-bore into the concert season, talking to bands, talking to venues, and scheduling concerts in September and October as if we had never heard of the Coronavirus. And we're hoping that our sister organization is able to put on The Classic in November. Then, of course, comes the Christmas Party, and we'd love to do something extra special for all of you. I know you all missed it last year as much as I did.

SDJS has the deserved reputation of providing the highest quality traditional jazz that you can hear anywhere in the State of Florida. During the period from January 2019 -- when I became President of this organization -- through March 2020 when the pandemic shut us down, we have been fortunate to hear some of the very best. Locals such as Dick Maley, Bobby Tess, and Paulette Pepper have shared the spotlight with near-locals like Jay Mueller and Randy Morris. Nationally known clarinets like Bob Draga, Allan Vache, and Terry Myers have mixed in with trombonists Bill Allred and rising-star James Walls. It just doesn't get any better than this.

These are the performers who stood out in my mind. So how about you? Which artist(s) did you see whom you'd like to see again? Who were your favorites? If you let us know, we'll try to book them again. You can let us know by emailing me at [KEKAP697@AOL.COM](mailto:KEKAP697@AOL.COM), by calling me at 727-542-0645, or by writing me at 5304 Columns Cir, Seminole FL 33772-6372. I'll consolidate all your preferences and pass them along to our Entertainment Chairman, Barry Potts.

# SCHOLARSHIP & JAZZ CAMP

By Marilyn Heidtke  
Scholarship Chairman  
Scholarship/Youth

Dear Suncoast Jazz Society,

Thank you very much for your generous scholarship! It means the world to me and I look forward to utilizing every penny to help further my education and career.

I will never forget my first time playing with professional players in 10th grade with Chuck Redd, Rosano Sportiello, John Lamb, Nate Najjar and Mark Feinman on stage. It is one of the coolest moments I've had in my career so far, and I look forward to more awesome opportunities like this one thanks to you all.

I look forward to coming back..... and thanks for your generous scholarship.

Sincerely, Ben Dunham

Dear Suncoast Society,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship toward my college education as I pursue a degree in music business and performance. This money will allow me to focus on my studies while I double major at a private university. With the secondary education I gain, I hope to be at the forefront of the changing face of the music business, bringing back the emotional and physical attachment people once felt to music. I am honored to be selected as a recipient. Thank you for helping me to reach my fullest personal and musical potential. Jazz will always be a part of my musical journey. One day, I will pay it forward to other young students who are striving to achieve their goals.

With Gratitude, Samantha Kopec

I wanted to share the two thank you notes I received from our 2021 scholarship recipients.

I'm sure these talented young folks deserve all the assistance we can give them.

I find it difficult to believe that this year, 2021, marked our 25th year of awarding college scholarships to graduating seniors in our area. In those past 25 years we have given out \$131,000.00 in scholarships.

Continued on Page 4

## News From The North

Mary Anderson sent a message to Pat Hoon and asked for Pat to say "Thank you" for all the beautiful Birthday wishes that she received from society members. Mary turned (93) on her last birthday. (please forgive me for telling a ladies age) She said she misses everyone and especially the jazz. Mary lived here in Pinellas County for 22 years and was a staple at all concerts. Her smile is always a welcome greeting to everyone that she met, especially at the door or on the dance floor..

"Mary, all of us here in the Suncoast Jazz Society send you our love. Please know that we miss your enthusiastic energy and beautiful smile. You are always here with us in our hearts and minds.

*Continued from page 3 Scholarship & Band Camp*

In addition to our college scholarships, your Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society has sponsored a band camp scholarship. For the past 19 years, we have sent two aspiring young folks to the Sacramento Teagarden Jazz Camp for a week in the summer. Our expenditures for jazz camp for the past 19 years come to a total of \$39,887.74.

So . . . . . the amount of your jazz society's contributions to the talented young musicians of Pinellas County, from the start of our program to the present, comes to a grand total of \$170,887.74.

I'm certain that all the members of the Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society are proud to be a part of such an accomplishment! Thank you all.

Marilyn Heidtke

Scholarship/Youth Education Chairperson

## A Message from Dick "Spanky" Maley

Hi family & friends. I am please to report that the music is ready to start up again and great concerts are on the agenda. I have been called back into active service with Cornet Chop Suey and my own group, WYSIWYG, for a full fall season of jazz festivals and concerts at home and away. The news is very promising about the return of festivals and cruises all over the USA so lets get out there and get going with the fun and surprises that you expect from your jazz society.

See you around the bend.

"Spanky"



Please Join the Suncoast Jazz Society as we help support the Suncoast Jazz Classic by attending this years festival at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort on beautiful Clearwater Beach. This years festival will be held November 19th—21st. So many amazing bands and guest soloist will be in attendance.

If you would like to help by volunteering to sit at our table in the main hallway that would be greatly appreciated by our jazz society.

Thanks in advance.



**SUNCOAST JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
Friday - Sunday  
November 19 - 21  
2021

*New This Year*  
Brubeck Brothers Quartet • Diego Figueiredo • Ed Metz Trio with Rossano Sportiello & Nicki Parrott • SUNCOAST FESTIVAL ALLSTARS led by Bill Allred, with Johnny Varro Alan Vache, Bob Leary, Davy Jones, Jay Mueller and Ed Metz • The Al Downing Allstars

*Back By Popular Demand*  
Jason Marsalis • Professor Cunningham & His Old School • Dave Bennett Quartet • Cornet Chop Suey Tom Rigney & Flambeau • Heather Thorn and Vivacity • Jim Gover's Dixieland Jam Sessions Bakey and Betty • LaLucha - Mark Feinman, John O'Leary and Alejandro Arenas

*Guest Musicians*  
Dick Hyman • Nate Najar • Daniela Soledade • James Suggs • Synia Carroll Betty Comora • Mike Evans • Jean Bolduc • The Legendary John Lamb

visit [SuncoastJazzFestival.com](http://SuncoastJazzFestival.com) FOR MORE DETAILS! We will be following CDC Guidelines



# UPCOMING EVENTS

All Upcoming Events are from 2:30pm-5:00pm on Sundays

Limited Food or Snacks Will Be Served at Each Event with Cash Bar

Events are \$15 Mem / \$20 Non Mem. Dinner Events are \$35 mem / \$40 non mem

## NEW FALL SEASON

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**JAY MUELLER & FRIENDS**

**Cove Cay Golf & Country  
Club**

**2:30pm to 5:00pm**

**OCTOBER 2021**

**Band TBA**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

**Band TBA**

**DECEMBER 2021**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Band TBA**



## NEW WINTER SEASON

**JANUARY 2022**

**Band TBA**

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**Band TBA**

**MARCH 2022**

**Band TBA**

**APRIL**

**Band TBA**



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Ken Kaplan	727-542-0645
Vice President	Dick Maley	863-838-9001
Secretary	Pat Hoon	727-329-9201
Treasurer		
Past President	Dick Maley	863-838-9001
Member-at-Large		

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Hospitality	Shyrle Pollak	727-215-2938
Membership	Gene Mondani	727-789-0609
Membership	Lucie Mondani	727-789-0609
Outreach	Dick Maley	863-838-9001
Publicity	Pat Hoon	727-329-9201
Program	Barry Potts	407-896-4660

### SCHOLARSHIP & YOUTH EDUCATION

Marilyn Heidtke 727-399-1494

### EDITOR "Jazz Me News"

Dick Maley 863-838-9001

### ASSOCIATES

Concert Cashier	Lynn Shaw	727-596-4547
Asst. Cashier	Midge Powell	727-768-2941
Website Production	Dick Maley	863-838-9001
Technical Services	David Segal	813-503-4682

## SOCIETY CONTACT INFORMATION

General Mail: P.O. Box 1014, Largo, FL 33779-1014

Membership Mail: address above

Patron reservations: 727-215-2938 (Shyrle Pollak)

Email reservations: jazzreservations@gmail.com

Outreach reservations: 863-838-9001 (Dick Maley)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One Patron Individual Family

Corresponding (Newsletter Only)

Would you like to be a volunteer and if so, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the application form and make check payable to the  
SUNCOAST DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY, INC. Mail check with  
application to:

SUNCOAST JAZZ SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. Box 1014

Largo, Florida 33779-1014

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY— ANNUAL DUES

Patron (Couple or Individual) \$125.00

Family (Couple) \$ 40.00

Individuals \$ 30.00

Corresponding (Newsletter Only) \$ 25.00

Student (Full Time) with student card **No Charge**

New members joining January through April pay full amount of dues. New members joining May through September pay 50 per-cent of dues. New members joining October through December pay full amount of dues but membership is valid through December of following year. Renewing members pay full amount of dues on January 1.

Family and individual members receive the newsletter and special rates when attending society-sponsored events. Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Patron membership includes individual or family (couple) membership and reserved seating as well special rates for up to four persons at society events (not transferable)

Students must be full time high school or college students. Corresponding membership entitles the member to the monthly newsletter only.

**SUNCOAST JAZZ SOCIETY, INC.**

**P.O. Box 1014**

**Largo, FL. 33779-1014**

**April, May, June 2020**

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



Our Newest Venue is located at  
**COVE CAY GOLF CLUB**  
2612 Cove Cay Dr.  
Clearwater, FL 33760



JAZZ-HEAR IT HERE

**Al Downing's Jazz Jam**—Hanger Restaurant, 540 1st Street South, St Petersburg, FL every Monday 8 to 10 pm

**Suncoast Jazz Society Webpage**  
Just a reminder that you can visit the SDJS on line at our webpage by entering this URL.

**www.sdjs.org** If you would like to see what's happening with your organization please drop by the website a get the most current and up-to-date information and stay informed.

**PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN SEND YOU UPDATES AND ANNOUNCE-MENTS.**

**maleydick@gmail.com**

Please use the words "new email address" in the subject line.

**Suncoast Jazz Society Brings You The Best In Trad Jazz & Swing**