MIDGE ELLIS
Excerpts from Sharon Dargay article, Features Writer, Observer/Eccentric Newspapers

Gary Ellis told band friends and followers that his mother, local jazz advocate and promoter, Midge Ellis, had died, by posting a message on his Broken Arrow Blues Band website. Midge passed away on January 9, 2015.

His message will go beyond the Web page and into the concert hall this spring, when the Ellis family stages a musical memorial to “Ma Jazz,” the longtime Livonia resident who co-founded the Montreux (Detroit) Jazz Festival, ran a popular big band jazz series for years in the Clarenceville School District, and produced the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College. She was 91 and vice president when she died earlier this month.

“This is a party. The tentative date is Sunday, May 17 at Schoolcraft College in the DiPonio Room,” said Gary, who lives in Brighton. He said the concert probably will include a few headliners and a jam session. Although he drums for a blues band, Gary said he likely will play during the concert probably will include a few headliners and a jam session. Although he drums for a blues band, Gary said he likely will play during the jazz jam. "We’re trying to make it accessible to everyone.” The list includes the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association, Greater Detroit Jazz Society, Michigan Jazz Festival organizers, Schoolcraft College where Ellis held several administrative jobs in the 1970s to early 1990s, fellow Livonia Hall of Fame inductees — she was in the class of 2011 — jazz club regulars, students and “all the musicians.” That’s at least partly because jazz musicians “absolutely loved” his mother, he said.

“Musicians say how much she changed their lives,” said her daughter, Holly Ellis, who lives in Washington state. “A lot say ‘I wouldn’t be where I am if it weren’t for her.’”

“She gave them their first gig,” Gary added. “She was an advocate. She talked to every musician I know. People would call her from all over... Count Basie, Stan Kenton and others.”

Rick Selva, Ph.D., director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, considered Ellis his “friend and mentor. “I call her my Jazz Grandma,” he said.

Selva is planning a special tribute to her at his annual spring concert on April 20. The Up Jumped Spring Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Schoolcraft VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Joan Schott, treasurer of the Michigan Jazz Festival and member of the board of directors is pleased with the tributes for Midge to date. “Her contribution has been unbelievable. Jazz was her life. She was a great promoter and everyone loved her. She will be sorely missed.”

The Greater Detroit Jazz Society’s twice-monthly concert last weekend at Shield’s of Southfield turned into a tribute to Ellis. The Society had booked Ron Kischuk’s Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, with Johnny Trudell on trumpet.

“They’re all Midge’s friends,” said Sally Bolle, Society co-founder. “I received a call from Holly Ellis... she said she would like to

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B’Jazz Vespers

2-15, Sunday, 5 p.m., Cheek to Cheek celebrates romance at the B’Jazz Vespers with “The Look of Love...A Jazzy Valentine.” Featuring Sandra Bomar and Tony Camilletti on vocals, Harvey Reed on piano, John Dana on bass and Eric Lundquist on sax and winds. 3-15, Sunday 5 p.m., Metro Jazz Voices featuring Carl Cafagna, Meri Slaven, Trish and Jordan Schug.

Society Notes ...

We have moved the newsletter schedule to a month later than previously published due to the holidays in December, and influx of membership checks and forms to our house in January. It’s a crazy place at the Bolle household running the jazz society at this time of the year. Thus, this is the February/March issue.

We hope that everyone reading our newsletter will come to our wonderful Mardi Gras party on Sunday, February 15. Dave Tatrow has organized an incredible band for us, and you know how much fun we have – ladies in their shimmy dresses, struttin’ with our parasols. You can dress up, or not, but the important thing is to join us. The beautiful Forêstré Banquet Center in the Concorde Inn is the perfect venue – dance floor, authentic New Orleans-style food, hot jazz and friendly jazz lovers. This year will be the 23rd annual Mardi Gras for the GDJS (formerly the Windsor Detroit Jazz Club). That’s a long time of celebrating Mardi Gras, so you know that we know how to do it right. So don’t delay, there’s not much time to purchase your tickets. For our food count, please sign up in advance by calling Rosemary Newton or sending in your check. We prefer not sell tickets at the door. Please see page 5 for the information.

Welcome to our many new members! And, we are very grateful to all members who have paid their dues. Please remember that dues were payable by January 31 unless you joined in the last quarter of 2014. We have again included the membership form (for members receiving hard copy) and for those receiving digital, that form is on page 6. Payment of dues is critical to our operation, and we would not survive without the support of our Patron members. This year, we have added a Corporate Sponsorship. If you have a business, you can be listed on each of our “Jazz as Shield’s” flyers and in every newsletter as a Corporate sponsor, the details are on the membership form. Members not paying dues by the end of February will be deleted from the membership roster.

We need to mention e-mail addresses again – it’s critical that you let us know of your e-mail changes. If you do have a valid e-mail and want to receive the jazz information (almost daily, the most up to date possible, and a lot more information than we can get in this newsletter!) give us a call at 248-909-8668 and we’ll add you on. If you expected to be receiving e-mails and are not, please call us. We’re having an issues with AOL addresses, they have identified us as spam (imagine!) and many e-mails are bouncing back. We’re working with our web hosting company (who is no help at all) and trying to get a live body at AOL is impossible. Please know that we’re working on that problem.

We must once again thank our fabulous volunteers – without you we would be nothing. Too many to list here but we so appreciate Rosemary Newton for being our new PR lady at the door, Nancy Blake for mail- ing out membership cards, Don Goss and Pat Elliott for covering the raffle, Rickie Atkinson for seating guests at our concerts, Brian Pelton for helping with sound equipment and again, Pat Elliott for organizing volunteers for our events. Emily Laura, we’re looking forward to seeing you back now that you’re over your pneumonia. This IS going to be a great year... come often and support your jazz club!

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make the concert into a tribute for her mom. She brought 20 people and the board members from the Michigan Jazz Festival joined us. It was a packed house with no seats left. There were many tears flowing that day and it was a heartfelt tribute."

Bolle described Ellis as a powerful music promoter who “laid the groundwork for many fine events in our area.

Gary said his mother honed her mediating skills as a music promoter, while trailblazing her way through what was then a male-dominated industry. He said his mother could get things done, even when others couldn’t. He even uses “some of the tools she used” as a promoter when marketing his own band.

Both Gary and Holly say their mother also taught them how to listen to jazz. When legendary drummer, Peter Erskine, told Holly “you get it” after one of his concerts, she responded, “Of course I do, I’m Midge’s daughter.”

Gary said his mother “was carrying on a tradition given to her from our grandfather,” by teaching her children to appreciate and understand jazz. Gary remembers riding in the back of the family’s 1965 Mercury Country Squire, his mother at the wheel and singing jazz tunes, as they headed south to visit their grandfather.

Ellis also stressed the importance of teaching youth not only to listen to jazz, but learn to play it.

“You’ve got to grab the kids,” Gary said. “It’s not about the people who can play jazz, it’s about people who need to learn to play jazz.”

Her children will help pass jazz literacy on to the next generation by a scholarship fund through the Schoolcraft Foundation in her memory. Checks may be made out to the Schoolcraft Foundation, noting that it is for the Midge Ellis Scholarship Fund.

“To donate online, go to: http://scf.schoolcraft.edu – Click on “Foundation” and “Donate Now” in memory of Midge Ellis. The college will do the rest. The number of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is 734-462-4455 if you have any questions, or e-mail: development@schoolcraft.edu."
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*We’re grateful to the friends and musicians who contribute articles, artwork and photos for our newsletter. We thank you for your time and expertise. If you’re interested in providing an article or have questions regarding the society, please give me a call at 248-909-8668 or e-mail me at: sally@greatdesignsolutions.com.*

*All photos by Sally Bolle unless otherwise noted.*

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**Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge**

**“JAZZ AND BLUES @ THE ELKS”**

The Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #1780 in Plymouth now features jazz and blues!

**Blues @ The Elks** happens on the second Tuesday of the month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. Time is 7-10 p.m. There is a $5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

**Jazz @ The Elks** happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes “more than hors d’oeuvres.”

2-10, Tuesday, *Kathleen Murray and Her Blues Band* will be playing. Performing are Kathleen Murray on vocals, Bob Bowman on drums, Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, and Dan Denstaedt on keys.

2-24, Tuesday, features the *Dennis Tini Trio* with vocalist April Tini, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums.

3-10, Tuesday, *RJ’s Blues Gang* with an upcoming young performer Jarrod Champion on keys and vocals, Carlton Washington on guitar and vocals, and RJ Spangler on drums.

3-31, Tuesday, the *Dave Bennett Quartet* features Dave on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Cliff Monear on keyboard and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

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**Michigan Jazz Festival Fundraiser Events**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 19, 2015, when the incredible one-day, free *Michigan Jazz Festival* takes place at Schoolcraft College.

Two very important fundraiser events are being held to ensure that the festival remains fully funded. Please support this all-important event by your attendance at these events or by making a donation.

**4-19, Sunday, 3-6 p.m.,**

*Pianists Terry Lower and Tad Weed,* $15 in advance, $20 at the door (no food).

**6-21, Sunday, Father’s Day Brunch** – to be announced

For more information, please contact the Michigan Jazz Festival Department of Music, Schoolcraft College, 1860 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152-2696, 734-462-4403, or info@michiganjazzfestival.org.

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**Thinking of You**

In between newsletters, there is a lot going on. We don’t always receive all of the information but please keep the following jazz friends in your thoughts and prayers, and let’s hope that 2015 brings some better news for those who have lost a spouse, family member or friend, are going through medical issues, surgery or treatment.

- Patron Kerry Price, on the loss of her brother
- Patron Brian Newsom, on the loss of his father
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- Member Joe Recchia, on the loss of his father
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And on a very happy note, Happy 50th Anniversary to Patrons Gary and Joyce Owen. Here’s to 50 more ...
Greater Detroit Jazz Society
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Jazz at Shield's

Saturday, February 7

TnT Big Band
Leaders Tony DiMaria/Ted Smith
Vocalist Renee King Jackson

2014-15 Schedule – Jazz at Shield’s

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015
MARDI GRAS PARTY
CONCORDE INN FEATURING
DAVE TATROW (L), DAVE BENNETT, KEITH DEWITT, BILL MEYER, DOUG COBB, BILL BOLLE
FEBRUARY 21
RAY HEITGER
CAKEWALKIN’ JASS BAND
FEATURING NICOLE HEITGER ON VOCALS
MARCH 7
RJ SPANGLER / PLANET D NONET

MARCH 21
PAUL KELLER “AT SUNDOWN”
FEATURING SARAH D’ANGELO
APRIL 4
VOCALIST BARBARA WARE
AND FRIENDS
MONEAR / PEDRAZ / DOBBINS
APRIL 18
JAMES DAPONGY’S
JAZZ BAND

MAY 2
JERRY MCKENZIE’S “JUST JAZZ” /
TERRY LOWER ON PIANO
VOCALIST EDY EVANS HYDE
MAY 16
THE MILLIONAIRES WITH
VOCALIST GARFIELD ANGOVE
SATURDAY, MAY 23 – 1-4 P.M.
SPECIAL CONCERT 4TH SATURDAY!
PETER AND WILL ANDERSON TRIO
VENUE – SHIELD’S
JUNE 6
VOCALIST KATE PATTERSON
AND FRIENDS
JUNE 20
KERRY PRICE AND FRIENDS
JULY 4 – NO CONCERT
JULY 18
SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
FEATURING GEORGE BENSON

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Greater Detroit Jazz Society

Presents Our

23rd Annual Mardi Gras Concert

Sunday, February 15, 2015 – 3-6 p.m.

Dave Tatrow All-Stars

Featuring
David Tatrow – Trumpet, Leader
Dave Bennett – Clarinet
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Dinner includes jambalaya, crab cakes, shrimp pasta, gumbo, cajun potato salad, salad, brownies and pastries. There’s a large dance floor – dancing and costumes encouraged! Parasols for struttin’ available, Mardi Gras beads included in price.

Tickets are only available through the GDJS, please do not call the venue. Seating is limited so send your check to Rosemary Newton, Event Director, to ensure a spot (check payable to GDJS, mail to: 1581 Witherbee Drive, Troy, MI, 48084).

Please note, we do not mail tickets, we’ll check your name off at the door as you arrive at the event.

For More Information Contact:
Rosemary Newton at (248) 594-1211 or Sally Bolle (248) 909-8668

In the event of inclement weather, please check your e-mail or call the venue for cancellation info.
Please help us keep your information up to date by submitting this form annually with your dues!

Date: ____________________

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☐ Give me a call!

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**Artistry in Rhythm Orchestra**

2-22, Sunday, *Artistry in Rhythm Orchestra* presents a Cabaret Concert Tribute to the Stan Kenton Orchestra featuring vocalist Jeannine Couse Miller, 5-7 p.m., The Polish American Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd., at Dequindre, Troy, MI 48083. Admission $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Cash bar and full Polish/American menu available and served at your table. A limited number of “Gold Circle Tables” of 10 are available, if purchased as a group ($150 for a table of 10), includes two bottles of wine of your choice. Reservations 248-689-3636.

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**Craig Strain’s Dr. Pocket**

2-27, Friday, Joy Manor, doors open at 7 p.m., music 8-midnight. $10 includes food, large dance floor. e-mail or call Craig for reserved seating of 6 or more, 586-924-6866. Joy Manor is located at 28999 Joy Rd., Westland.

2-28, Friday, Blue Goose, 9:30-1:30 a.m., 28911 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores.

3-6, 3-7, Friday and Saturday, Blue Goose, 9:30-1:30 a.m., 28911 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores.

3-21, Saturday, Rec’ Bowl, 40 Crocker Boulevard, Mt. Clemens, $30 includes excellent meal, one drink, dessert, music 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m., reservations only. 586-468-7746.

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**Rhythm Society Orchestra**

3-6, Friday, *Rhythm Society Orchestra* Concert at Bohm Theater, 201 S. Superior St., Albion. Probably a 7 or 7:30 start. Reserve seats at 517-343-2112.

3-21, Saturday, “Big III” and “Battle of the Big Bands” at Masonic Temple, Detroit. These events are awesome - for dancers and non-dancers alike. This is the open swing dance of the year! *Rhythm Society Orchestra* and *Swingmania*, from Toledo, which features the sounds of Gene Krupa. $25 admission. For more info go to http://www.djanddance.com/big3xxiv.html or call 248-879.3706.

4-25, Saturday, *Dance at the Detroit Yacht Club*. Dance lesson at 7 PM then RSO plays Swing & Ballroom dancing from 8:15 p.m. to Midnight. Make checks payable to John Gibson and mail to: John Gibson, 1074 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Tickets $25 in advance $35 at the door.

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Each Friday and Saturday, *Jazz Series at Onyx*, 208 W. Fifth Street, (Royal Oak’s newest, hiphpest Modern Steakhouse & Whiskey Bar, in Royal Oak, 8-midnight. 248-543-6911

2-6, Friday, *The Jimmy Smith Quartet* featuring Beth Stalker

2-7, Saturday, *Soul Cycle*

2-13, Friday, *The Jimmy Smith Quartet* featuring Sarah Barnes D’Angelo

2-14, Saturday, *The Russ Miller Quintet* featuring Jeannine CourseMiller

2-20, Friday, *The Jimmy Smith Quartet* featuring Beth Stalker

2-21, Saturday, *The Doug Horn Trio* featuring Sunny Wilkinson on vocals, Kurt Krahne on bass and Cary Kocher on vibes

2-27, Friday, *The Kris Kurrawa Quartet* featuring Liz Mervak

2-28, Saturday, *The Bob Mervak Trio*

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**Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills**

2-6, Friday, “Friday Jazz at the Maple” with the Legacy Jazz Group “Classic Jazz from BeBop to Post Bop.” Romantic jazz featuring Dave Lundin, Marc Levin, Keith Malinowski and Karen Tomalis. 6:15 p.m., free at the Maple Theatre Café, corner of Maple and Telegraph.

2-7, Saturday, *Dennis Coffee Trio*, 6-9 p.m.

2-13, 2-27, Dr. Dick’s Good Vibes with Dr. Dick on vibes, Bill Meyer on piano and Ron Pangborn on drums. 6-9 p.m.

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**Meri Slaven**

2-14, Saturday, Valentines Dinner and Jazz at Page’s Food and Spirits with The Meri Slaven Quartet featuring pianist Phil Kelly, Pat Prouty on bass, and drummer Jerry McKenzie 7-10 p.m., 23621 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For reservations: 248-477-0099.


3-7, Saturday, *Fireside Jazz at Crew’s Inn with The Meri Slaven Trio* featuring pianist Scott Gwinnell & Shannon Wade on Bass 7-10pm ....31988 N. River Rd. Harrison Township... For reservation: 586 463 8144

3-14, Saturday, Vocalist Meri Slaven performs at Page’s Food & Spirits with pianist Kevin Grenier and Miles Brown on bass. 7-10 p.m., 23621 Farmington Rd., Farmington. For reservations: 248-477-0099.

3-17, Tuesday, Vocalist Meri Slaven Performs with pianist Bill Meyer at Metropolitan United Methodist Church 5 O’CLOCK RUSH Concert Series 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m., 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 313-874-7407. Every Tuesday at 5 p.m., people within the metro-Detroit community gather to listen to free jazz music and to fellowship with others. The 5 O’Clock Rush Series is more than just a concert. It’s a place for individuals to connect to a loving community. It’s also an opportunity for Metropolitan Church to connect with and serve people within the community.

3-20, Friday, *The Jimmy Smith Quintet* performs at The Onyx featuring Jimmy on trumpet, vocalist Meri Slaven, pianist Phil Kelly, Jeff Pedraz on bass, and Pete Siers on drums. 7-11 p.m., 208 West 5th Royal Oak. For reservations and info: 248-543-6911.

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**Terrace Inn 2015**

On the Mother’s Day weekend of May 8-10, 2015, *Dave Tatrow and Friends* will play for the annual Spring Jazz Weekend at the Terrace Inn Historic Bed and Breakfast in Bay View (Petoskey). Dave Tatrow will be accompanied by Dave Bennett on clarinet, Ron Kischuk on trombone, Doug Cobb on drums, Frank Steed on bass and Jeff Kressler on piano.

This weekend is sponsored and promoted by the Greater Detroit Jazz Society. It’s not too soon to make reservations. We’ll be providing more information soon, but if you just cannot wait, their toll-free reservation number is 1-800-530-9898.

Visit www.TheTerraceInn.com for more information about the inn.
WHERE'S THE JAZZ?

Some weekly events often change, if you're in doubt, please call the venue. For more extensive schedules including out-of-town concerts, please visit the musicians’ respective web sites. Don't forget to check the Jazz at Shield's schedule on another page of this newsletter to see many of these fine musicians playing for our GDJS concerts. For the MOST up-to-date information, be included in our weekly e-mail jazz blasts, call Sally at 248-909-8668.

Radio Jazz

WRJ – Classical radio by day, jazz by night. 90.9 WRJ-FM is Detroit’s premier public radio source for classical and jazz music. Visit www.wrj909fm.org for programming.

WEMU – Jazz, News and Blues: Music Director Linda Yohn hosts 89.1 Jazz on 89.1 WEMU each weekday, 9-12:30 p.m. Mornings feature Jazz with Brad McNett, weekdays host and Operations Manager Michael Jewett from 12:30-4 p.m., and Sunday mornings feature Daniel W. Long. Visit wemu.org

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Dirty Dog Jazz Café Every Tuesday, pianist Charles Boles, guitarist Ron English, bassist John Dana and Renell Gonzalez on drums, 6-9 p.m., no cover.

Please visit their web site for their complete schedule. Top jazz acts every Wednesday-Saturday, 97 Kerchival, Grosse Pointe Farms, 313-882-JAZZ (5299). Cover charge for Friday and Saturday shows. The Dirty Dog is open for lunch. Great drink and food menu specials. Please call the venue for exact schedules or visit www.DirtyDogJazz.com.

• 2-4 Wednesday through 2-7, Saturday – Straight Ahead
• 2-11 Wednesday through 2-12, Thursday – Tad Weed Trio
• 2-13 Friday through 2-14, Saturday – Barbara Morrison
• 2-18 Wednesday through Saturday, 2-21 – Spencer Barefield Quartet
• 2-25 Wednesday through 2-28 Saturday – Scott Gwinnell Quintet
• 3-4 Wednesday through 3-7 Saturday – Dave Bennett Quartet

Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor

For complete lineup of their jazz schedule, please visit: www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Marge's Bar at Marge's Bar and Grill

2-12, 2-26, 2nd and 4th Thursday. The Marge's Bar Band features special guests Steve Wood on reeds and James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals (2-12) and Paul Klinger on reeds, Anthony Stancio on trumpet (2-26) with regulars Terry Kimura on trombone, Bob Pinterich on drums, John Hammer on piano and Bill Bolle on bass. A 40-year tradition of Thursday night jazz continues from 7-10 p.m. Marge’s Bar and Grill, 15300 Mack Avenue at Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, 48230. Lots of sit-ins have been joining the band every week . . . so come on out! Visit Marge's on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MargesBarBand

Ongoing – Musicians and Bands

ATTIC DWELLERS The Attic Dwellers Acoustic Music Club – Sunday, (second of every month), note their change of venue. Attic Dwellers Jam Session will now be at Jean's Lounge, 12002 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, Hamtramck, 1-5 p.m. Free and open to all acoustic players and listeners. Please plan to attend and enjoy the circle jams. Beginners, as well as seasoned musicians will enjoy themselves. The venue is just east of Joseph Campau. There is a public parking lot across the street one half-block east and street parking. Come on over and join in the fun. For more information, please contact Wolfgang Spider at spiderblues@sbcglobal.net.

Dave Bennett Dave is listed at many venues in this newsletter. For complete schedule visit www.DaveBennett.com

NICOLE HEITGER Appearing frequently with the Easy Street Jazz Band of Ann Arbor 5:30-8:30 p.m., Zal Gaz Grotto, Ann Arbor, 20707 Stadium Boulevard, 734-663-1202.

RAY HEITGER / CAKEWALKIN’ JASS BAND 2-14, Saturday, Ye Olde Durby Bird, Toledo, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
4-19, Sunday, Ray Heitger’s Cakewalkin’ Jass Band at the Tonogony Presbyterian Church, Tonogany, Ohio, 10-11 a.m.


Paul Keller Every Monday, The Paul Keller Orchestra (PKO). Ann Arbor, The 15-piece Paul Keller Orchestra PKO plays every Monday night from 7 till 9:45 p.m. at Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium Boulevard (between Liberty and Pauline) on the west side of Ann Arbor. Good food and drinks available at Zal Gaz Grotto. All year long, the Paul Keller Orchestra celebrates its 25th season! Abundant, safe and FREE PARKING. No steps. Come enjoy great big band music and enjoy Ann Arbor’s beloved Monday Night big band tradition with PKO.

For complete local schedule of Paul’s extensive schedule visit: www.pkrecords.com

RON KISCHUK / TARTARSAUCE TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND First Wednesday of each month, Ron Kischuk’s Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band at TV’s Grand Event in Trenton. Ron Kischuk on trombone with an all-star group. TV’s Grand Event, food is reasonably priced and excellent (the hotel has the former Opus One chef). 6:30-9:30 p.m., reservations recommended. $5 cover, food and drink specials. 2651 W. Jefferson Avenue, Trenton, MI 48183, phone 734-671-5676, www.tvsgrandevent.com.

Paul Klinger / EASY STREET JAZZ BAND

Every Tuesday, Paul Klinger’s Easy Street Jazz Band leader, cornetist Paul Klinger, pianist James Dauphiny, clarinetist Mike Jones, trombonist Terry Kimura, string bassist Paul Klinger, guitarist Rod McDonald, drummer Pete Siers and special guests Kerry Price (2nd Tuesday) and Nicole Heitger on vocals other
WHERE’S THE JAZZ?

Tuesday’s, Dixieland and traditional jazz from 6-9 p.m. at Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 Stadium Boulevard (between Liberty and Pauline) in Ann Arbor, MI. Call 734-663-1202. $10 cover. Guest appearances and a great lineup of Paul’s wonderful, obscure tunes!

SHEILA LANDIS / RICK MATLE
2-12 and 2-13, Thursday and Friday, Sheila Landis sings and Rick Matle plays the 7-string guitar from 7-10 pm at Filippa’s Wine Barrel, located at 45125 Mound Road @M-59 in Utica. Tel: 586-254-1131. Web: www.filippas.com


HUGH LEAL – SPEAKEASY QUARTET
For Hugh’s busy schedule, visit www.hughleal.com

JERRY MCKENZIE / NIKOLA’S
Jerry McKenzie and “Just Jazz” appear at Nikola’s, 25225 Telegraph Road, Southfield, 48034, 248-355-4695. 7-10 p.m., Jerry’s group appears on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday of each month. Great food! Don Swindell Quartet on the second Thursday.

• 2-5 – Dave Tatrow on trumpet
• 2-12 – Don Swindell Band
• 2-19 – Vocal stylings of Kate Patterson
• 2-26 – Paul Vornhagen on sax/flute/vocals
• 3-5 – Sandra Bomar on Vocals
• 3-12 – Don Swindell Band.
• 3-15 – Ed Gooch on Vocals/Trombone
• 3-26 – Cheryl Martin on Vocals
• 4-1 – April Tini on Vocals, husband Dennis on Piano.
• 4-9 – Don Swindell Band
• 4-16 – Jim Cooper on Vibes

BILL MEYER
2-12, Thursday, 14th Anniversary Celebration at Bert’s Marketplace with Bill Meyer and the RGB Trio, Save the date! Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. – Bert’s Market Place, Award-winning and longest running open jam session in Detroit, going on 14 years with the RGB Trio featuring Ralph Armstrong on bass, drummer Gayelynn McKinney and Bill Meyer on piano. Cover $3, free parking, great food. 2727 Russell in the Eastern Market, (313) 567-2030. www.BertsEntertainment.com. Also, visit http://www.billmeyermusic.com

BOB MILNE

GENE PARKER
Tuesday’s, 8 p.m., Dégagé Jazz Café, the Gene Parker Jazz Jam. Dégagé Jazz Café, 301 River Road, Maumee, OH 43537, 419-794-8205. Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Degage Jazz Café – Gene Parker Jazz Jam, Gene Parker and Friends, www.historiccommercialbuilding.com/degage.html

The Inn, Ada Oh, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., On the campus of Ohio Northern University, Alternating between trio and single every other Friday during the summer. Call Gene for the schedule. 419-345-4480 cell, www.innatonu.com

Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, Oh, Jackson Square Atrium, Exit 193 off route 75 Sunday’s, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (brunch), duó, www.hfjq.com

PLANE T D NONET/R.J. SPANGLER (9-piece swing band)
For a list of RJ’s extensive playing schedule and CDs, please visit their web sites: http://rjspangler.com/, http://www.eastlawnrecords.com/, http://facebook.com/PlanetDNonet.Detroit

KERRY PRICE
Second Tuesday of very month at Zal Gaz Grotto in Ann Arbor with Paul Klenger’s Easy Street Jazz Band.

2-20, Friday, Kerry Price does Third Friday at the Royal Oak Senior Center (on Manor, near the ROHS, off 13 Mile Road); 12:30-1:15 p.m., $2. Program with sing-along: “Name That Movie – Great Songs from the Silver Screen.”

Third Thursday of every month, “Anything Goes” at the Dakota Inn on 3rd Thursdays, great sing-along with Kerry, Dakota Inn on John R. just north of McNichols (6 Mile) Detroit. 7 p.m., Good German food and drink, Lighted, guarded parking lot, reservations recommended, 313-856-9722. Call Kerry for questions 248-549-2057 or e-mail: catchkerrybug@sbcglobal.net.

INGRID RACINE
Sunday (and every Sunday, trumpeter Ingrid Racine Quartet at the Gandy Dancer, 10 a.m., brunch) 734-769-0592, 401 Depot Street in Ann Arbor. Call to make sure she’s playing that day!

RAGTIME RICK AND THE CHEFS OF DIXIELAND
Every Wednesday, Ragtime Rick and the Chefs of Dixieland every Wednesday at the Sodbuster. 8-11 p.m., The Sodbuster features a full menu of appetizers, salads, and sandwiches, including Ragtime Rick’s Original Red Light Chili, guaranteed to give you a warm feeling to “clear your sinuses, bring a tear to your eye, and leave you with fond memories.” Complete bar service is available, with an ample selection of draft beers. Located in Haymarket Square, 5758 N. Main Street in Sylvania, Ohio, 419-517-1045, www.chefsfordixieland.com or www.sodbusterbar.com. For their complete playing schedule, please visit their web site: www.chefsfordixieland.com

MICHELE RAMO / HEIDI HEPLER ON VOCALS
Every Tuesday, Thursday, Michele Ramo on 8-string guitar and various other instruments, Heidi Hepler, voice at the Jenuwine Cigar Factory with all-star guests, 7-10 p.m., 44791 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights, MI. 586-997-1731.

http://www.ramomusic.com/ and www.detroitcigaroutlet.com/

RIVERBOAT RAMBLERS
Second Thursday, Riverboat Ramblers featuring Patrick MacCarroll, Bob Ervin and the gang at the Blue Goose Inn, 6-9 p.m., 28911 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, 48081, 586-296-09510. www.bluegosseefn.net

Third Thursday, the Riverboat Ramblers at the Commonwealth Club, 7-10 p.m., 30088 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI 48092-1811, 586-751-9560. www.commonwealthclubmi.com

GABBY ROSOLINO AND FRIENDS
3-5, (not playing in February!), Thursday, and the first Thursday of every month, following, Gabby Rosolino on flugelhorn and vocals, Jerry Neeley on keyboard/vocals, Tom Ploeger on sax, Dennis DeCello on drums, Ron Rosolino on bass and vocals at Sports Channel Bar, 7:30-10:30 p.m., 25419 Jefferson Avenue, north of 10 Mile Rd., next to Harbor Lanes, in St. Clair Shores. Phone 586-771-2333. Good selection of food and drinks at affordable prices, nice room with lots of tables. Sit-ins welcome!

PETE SIERS AND LOS GATOS
For complete schedule, visit www.PeteSiers.com

DICK TAPERT – DR. DICK’S GOOD VIBES
Please see Maple Theater Listing on page 7.

DAVE TATROW / WALLY’S WAREHOUSE WAIFS
Dave is playing at several venues listed throughout this newsletter. For a complete schedule, visit www.WallysJazz.com

SUSAN TOBOCMAN – NEW YORK VOCALIST
See Susan’s schedule at: www.susanbtobocman.com

TUMBAO BRAVO
www.tumbabbravo.com

JOHNNY TRUDELL
2-14, Saturday, Valentine’s Day at Andiamo’s Celebrity Showroom featuring vocalist Barbara Ware and Mark Randisi with Johnny Trudell’s Big Band, tickets and info 586-268-3200. 8 p.m.

John is playing a various venues listed throughout the newsletter.

BARBARA WARE
2-17, Tuesday, Vocalist Barbara Ware with Cliff Monear on piano at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, MI 48237, 7 p.m.
To our jazz-loving friends:

Jim Wyse Memorial – Sunday, February 8

Jim Wyse, leader of the Marge’s Bar Band since the death of Tom Saunders, and long-time favorite reed guy in the Detroit area, recently passed away following a long illness.

On Sunday, February 8, a memorial service for Jim will take place at the Harry J. Wills Funeral Home at noon. The funeral home is located at 37000 West Six Mile Rd., Livonia, 48152 (on the north side of Six Mile, east of Newburgh Rd.). The telephone number is 734-591-3700.

Following the service, there will be a memorial luncheon and jam session from 1-4 p.m. at the Burton Manor, 2777 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, 48150 (just west of Inkster). Telephone number is 734-427-9110. The Marge’s Band that Jim has led for so many years, will perform featuring Terry Kimura on trombone, Paul Klinger on reeds, Anthony Stanco on trumpet, John Hammer on piano, Bill Bolle on bass, and Bob Pinterich on drums. There will be another rhythm section comprised of Paul Keller on bass, Chuck Shermetaro on piano and Tom Brown on drums to facilitate the jam session. There will be plenty of Jim’s favorite tunes. Lunch with beer, wine and pop will be provided. Jim’s family members welcome friends as well as his musical colleagues. Musicians, please bring your instruments.

Dave Bennett Special Events

3-6, Friday, Dave Bennett performs at The Fountains Golf and Banquet, $20 Ticket, 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 show, Call for reservations, 248-625-3731. 6060 Maybe Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. www.golfthefountains.com

4-9, Thursday, Dave Bennett playing a fundraiser for the Waterford Senior Center’s 6th Annual Enchanted Evening – “Dazzle Dazzle and All That Jazz.” A special benefit for Encore Adult Day Service, Outreach and Senior Specialized Services, Waterford Kettering High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Kettering Drive., Waterford, 48329. Appetizers and Silent Auction at 5 p.m., Gourmet dinner by Bon Appetite at 6:15 p.m., Tickets $75 per person. Please call 248-682-9450 for tickets and reservations. Tickets available online at 222waterfordpac.com. Limited seating, Sorry no walk-ins.

Save the Date – “Jazzalot”

4-26 – JAZZALOT featuring George Benson, The Cliff Monear Trio, and the Southeastern Music Academy, 7 p.m., Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, $30 (tax deductible), all proceeds go to cancer patients. More info to come: jazz concert.lfm@gmail.com, 248-661-6344.