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GUEST BAND Jan. 3, 2016

Shelley Elkan &

Bite The Bullet

1:00pm to 3:00

Followed by
The Dry Creek Band
3:00pm to 5:30

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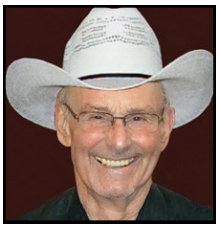
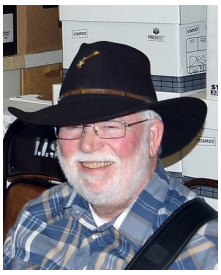
From the PRESIDENT



Hi Y'all:

This will be my final article as President of the Board of Directors. The Board has elected a new slate of officers for 2016. They are Bill Seabridge – President; Chuck Webb – Vice President; Janet Jimenez – Secretary; and I will serve as Treasurer.

Bill Seabridge



Chuck Webb

In my judgment I leave my tenure as President with the Western Swing Society in sound fiscal health. It will be important to keep an eye on the bottom line in 2016 and ensuing years to insure the Society remains in the black.

My wife will relinquish the bartending duties to Cyndi Lee come February 7. Gayle, as I, have so enjoyed everyone's friendship and support.

Unfortunately, we enter 2016 with no one to run our kitchen. Attempts to find volunteers or professional entities were to no avail. We'll continue our effort to find someone but it really doesn't look good. I'd suggest eating lunch before you come to the dance and/or bring a snack. Of course, Eleanor will continue to be at the popcorn machine

Is January, 2016 your month to renew your membership?

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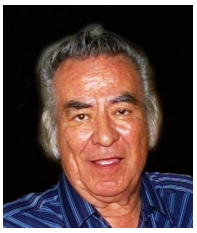
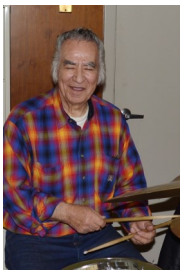
JAM-ARANA REPORT

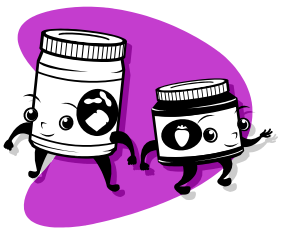


Another great jam session at our 1st Sunday of the month dance. Bring your talent to the stage on Jan. 3rd in our jam room.

Until next time, See Ya!

Tony Arana (Jam Room Host)





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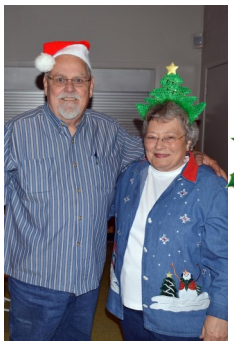

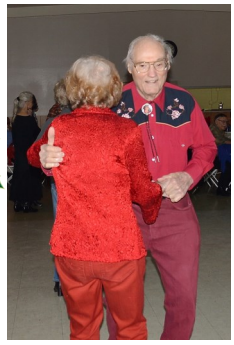

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The Western Swing Society of Sacramento has had a social media presence on Facebook since February 5, 2013.

Our fan base is 60% men and 39% women. While most of our fans are in the US, we have fans in Canada, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Argentina, Brazil, Spain and Belguim!

If you have western swing-related content that you would like to have considered for posting, please contact the webmaster at our site:

https://www.facebook.com/SacramentoWesternSwingSociety

FaceBook helps us stay in touch. For example, more than 525 posts were exchanged during one of our Western Swing family's recent hospital stays.

It is also a great place to see vintage footage of Western Swing greats as well as where music is happening in our own community.

ALBUM REVIEW

by Mike Gross

Album: Before It's Too Late!

Artist: Various Artists

Steel guitarist Tommy Dodd and lead guitarist Billy Puckett have just produced this wonderful 14 tune album of Western Swing created by some of the top Western Swing artists in the State of Georgia. The other musicians are Max Harper- sax and David Leonard- piano & bass. In addition to Billy the other vocalists are Susan Riley, Norris Allen and Jim Dorsett.

The album opens with Jim Dorsett's wonderful version Johnny Bond's *Ten Years* from the Bob Wills hit parade. Other remakes from Wills with Jim on vocal are Herb Henson and Jelly Sanders' *Waltzing in Old San Antone*, Cindy Walker's *Warm Red Wine* and Jesse Ashlock's *Still Water Runs the Deepest* and *The Kind of Love I Can't Forget.* Jim also goes into the Wills book for *Honeysuckle Time in the Valley* and *I Wonder if You Feel the Way I Do.* Also from Wills, Susan Riley does a wonderful job on Cindy Walker's *It's All Your Fault* and Norris Allen brings back Cindy's *Going Away Party.* The remaining two Wills classics are brought back with Billy Puckett on vocal, *I Knew the Moment I Lost You* and *Keeper of My Heart.* Jim also reprises Johnny Bond's *Tomorrow Never Comes* from Ernest Tubb and *She's Just a Whole Lot Like You* from the late Hank Thompson. The album closes with Susan's

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remake of *Smile* from Charlie Chaplin and popular music.

The cost of the cd is $15.00 including shipping. Mail to Billy Puckett, 1645 Rambling Woods Dr., Lawrenceville, Ga. 30043

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX & KTNK -AM, Lompoc, CA

Check out Barbara Martin's

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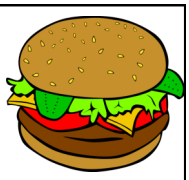
NOTICE— LUNCH COUNTER CLOSED



Sorry for the inconvenience, but due to finances, we are no longer able to support the lunch counter. Popcorn and beverages will still be available, thanks to our volunteers who staff those functions.

If you need sustenance during the dance, please feel free to bring your own food, or bring in food from one of the nearby restaurants.

UPCOMING BANDS

January	Shelley Elkan & Bite the Bullet
February	Charlie Hull & the Country Swing Playboys
March	Geoffrey Miller and the Sactown Playboys
April	TBD
May	Tony Arana and the Jam Room Band

LARRY BROCKWAY

Inducted October 4, 2015

Larry W. Brockway, aka Lenny Bowman, was born April 14, 1952, in Fredona, KS. Larry started performing at age five (5) doing "Al Jolson" routines at a variety of venues throughout four (4) states. And in 1971, he produced his first recording project at Wayne Rainey's studio in Concord, Arkansas.

That same year he moved to California and was hired by Capitol recording artist Stoney Edwards. In 1973 he hired on with Sonny Chavers in Vallejo, CA, but later moved to Bakersfield doing live shows with Merle Haggard, Tanya Tucker, Jerry Wallace, and many others. He also played around the San Francisco Bay area and in 1975, he signed to Snapp Records, his first record label, in Boise, ID. His first single release charted well both in the US and a number of other countries.

Working at Cherokee Studios, Larry spent a week working with the Beatles on a recording project. Larry continued to record singles and albums, some with his wife, Linda. In 1980, Larry appeared on the Grand Ole Opry singing "Always Late." But Larry's mainstay became working in recording studios as an engineer and producer.

Larry has assisted superstars such as Paul McCartney, Sherl Crow, Elton John, Paul Simon, The Temptations, Merle Haggard, Clint Black, Brooks &

Dunn, Randy Travis, Roy Clark, and many others.And in 2012, He produced "A Salute to Bob Wills" with the Tulsa Playboys and guests Roy Clark, LeRoy Van Dyke, Wanda Jackson, Billy Parker, Red Steagall, Riders In The Sky, and others.

What a guy!

MARVIN STANDIFORD

Inducted October 5, 2014

The late Marvin Standiford was born in La Junta, Colorado, on September 14, 1919. He was the fourth child of Wesley and Cornelia Standiford that had migrated from Northeastern Texas. Marvin had thirteen siblings.

The Standiford family eventually moved to the Northwest and had trying times during the Great Depression. But his father, Wesley Standiford, formed the "Texas Longhorn Band," and he and his sons began playing and traveling all over the Northwest to make money. Marvin generally played the fiddle.

But during World War II, Marvin joined the Army to serve his Country. He was a Paratrooper, parachuting behind enemy lines on the D-Day Invasion in Northern France.

After the war, Marvin, and his loving wife, Lottie, began a new life. They had a daughter and two sons. Marvin worked construction, but he couldn't give up music.

Known for his fiddle playing, he also was quite good on the mandolin and guitar. Living in Northern California he entered many fiddle contests winning numerous awards.

Marvin also wrote a number of songs. One he wrote was entitled "The Lottie/Claudia Waltz," in honor of his wife and daughter. But most noted is a Western Swing tune entitled "Sierra Swing," in 1987. In 1990, Bobby Yount, author of "Please Release Me," wrote words to the song. Marvin's brother, Lewis, recorded the song.

Marvin continued to play mostly Western Swing and in fiddle venues until he came down with bad health, passing into the afterlife at age 75 on February 13, 1995. He was living in Loomis, California, and was interred in the Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, California.

John and his loving wife, Tracey, live in Spring, Texas, with their pets.

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016
SHELLEY ELKAN & BITE THE BULLET
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New and Renewing Memberships: Due to email and snail mail problems the names that would have been listed this month will be listed in the February issue

Any Changes? Keep us up to date on any changes in your membership information, especially mailing and emailing addresses. We can't get your newsletter to you unless we have your current addresses.

You can mail changes in your information to the Society at P.O. Box 2474, Carmichael, CA; phone it to (916) 965-6210; or email it to membership@westernswingsociety.org. Thanks!

Keep on Western Swingin'

MAILBAG

All the colorful clip art add soooooooooo much to your newsletter layout. We are lucky to have such a talented and hard working production team. *Thank you and Merry Christmas, Dennis Ford*

This is a thoroughly enjoyable magazine! Excellent photos and stories. I LOVE the holiday color graphics. As a "sister in arms" I know how much hard work goes into this project and I thank you for keeping us all informed with your enjoyable publication. Keep up the good work! *Best regards, Barbara Martin*

This is so nice now and a joy to read. Thanks for working so hard on this improvement. The person doing the pictures in color is great. ***Thank you, Sue Tolliver***

Letter From The Editor

I'm sure that I speak for all of us at The Western Swing Society when I express my extreme sorrow at the loss of our friend Chuck Hayes. He had a way of lighting up the room or stage when he was around. I can still hear him referring to any musician younger then he as "Young'n" and always with a word of encouragement. A one of kind, great man, great friend and great musician. October Hall of Fames will never be the same

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TOP TEN

by Mike Gross

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX, is a Hall of Fame DJ playing old and new Western Swing on his radio show, available on the Internet at www.swinginwest.com

January 1, 2016

Songs

1 Back in My Texas Home- Hot Texas Swing Band
2 Love is a Lingering Thing- Solitaire Miles (Seraphic)
3 Smoky Clubs and Dizzy People- Cowboy Joe (Chimney Rock)
4 Navajo Trail- Asleep at the Wheel, Willie Nelson & Quebe Sisters (Bismeaux)
5 All the Love in San Antone- Lisa Layne (i2i)
6 Okie Dokie- Cherokee Maidens
7 Meaning to Miss You- Christina Mae
8 Swingtime Lullabye- Western Swing Authority (Canadian Import)
9 Texas and You- Kristyn Harris
10 It's a Sin to Tell a Lie- Mikki Daniel & Dave Alexander (Musikode)

Albums

1 Susie Blue & the Lonesome Fellas- Solitaire Miles (Seraphic)
2 I Ain't Dead Yet- Hot Texas Swing Band
3 Still the King- Asleep at the Wheel (Bismeaux)
4 Something to Bragg About- Leddy Bragg
5 Now Playing- Western Swing Authority (Canadian Import)
6 Down the Trail- Kristyn Harris
7 Cowgirl Swing- Mikki Daniel (Musikode)
8 Legends- Coby Carter
9 Badger & the Belles- Rich O'Brien, Devon Dawson & Kristyn Harris
10 That's My Home- Jason Roberts

REST IN PEACE, CHUCK HAYES

4/25/29 to 12/10/2015

Charles E. (Chuck) Hayes, son of Orville and Jewell Hayes of Braggs, OK, passed away on December 10, 2015.

Chuck was born on April 25, 1929 and raised on a small farm in Braggs, Oklahoma

His love of music began at a young age when his father taught him to play the violin.

He moved to Avenal, California with his family as a young man but returned to Muskogee after serving 4 years in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Chuck went to work for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Southern California in 1953. In 1958 he was transferred to the Missile and Space Division in San Jose, California where he eventually had responsibility for designing and launching satellites for the government.

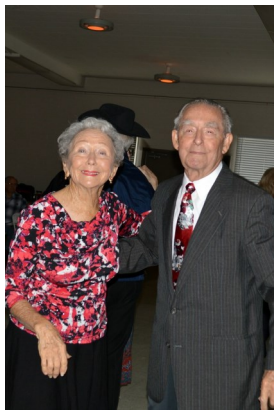
Chuck retired from Lockheed after 37 years of service and returned to Muskogee where he pursued his love of western swing music and playing steel guitar. He served as president and director of the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest. During this time he was also inducted into the Western Swing Halls of Fame in Sacramento, California, Seattle, Washington, and Kansas.

Because of Chuck's outstanding achievements in western swing music, he was honored with the Living Legend Award by the Cowtown Society of Western Swing Music in Texas. The highlight of Chuck's musical career came very early when he played steel guitar with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys during a two week West coast tour.

Charles was preceded in death by first wife Eileen (Larson) Hayes, his parents, daughter, Retha Davies and son Charles Hayes Jr.

He is survived by his brother Gary and wife Lizabeth of Tennessee, daughter-in-law Cindy Hayes of Missouri, grandchildren Brian Shrum and wife Peggy and their three children of California, Christina Davies of California and Jessica Hayes of Missouri, and niece Karen Waller of Illinois.

He also leaves behind his loving partner of 18 years, Barbara A. Karr.



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LOVED ONES, OLD FRIENDS, AND NEW

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THANK YOU TO THE TALENTED MUSICIANS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO KEEP WESTERN SWING ALIVE AND THE DANCE FLOOR FULL!

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OTHER WESTERN SWING MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS/MUSIC HAPPENINGS

Bakersfield Country Music Museum, P.O. Box 81623, Bakersfield CA 93380-1623. Call 661-366-6003 24/7 for more information.

Buck Ford & Pure Country Band: Check Website for schedule, http://www.buckford.com/calendar/

Canadian Western Swing Music Society, Contact: John York, 3565 Cambridge St., Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 1M3. Phone 604-299-2301.

CA Old Time Fiddlers Association, Meets 2nd Sunday. Orangevale Grange on Walnut Avenue in Orangevale, CA. www.cbaontheweb.org/region_details.asp? Region 2

Cowtown Society of Western Music, Contact: Joe Baker, Membership Director, 575-808-4111, 106 Roswell Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Greater Arizona Country/Western Swing Association and Hall of Fame, Inc. PO Box 953, Dewey, AZ 86326. Contact Jim Gamble at 928-458-0714.

Lincoln Highway Band, 4th Sunday of the month, 1-4pm, VFW POST 4647, 3300 U Street, North Highlands, $5.00 cover charge. For more information call (916) 580-7390.

Northwest Western Swing Music Society, Contact: Jeannie Yearian, Editor, 21221 174th Ave. SE, Renton, WA 98058-9740. **Meets 2nd Sunday** www.nwwsms.com

Sacramento Jazz Society, 2nd Sunday of each month, NOON to 5:00 at Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. and Florin Rd., Sacramento, CA 95831. $8 for members and $10 for non-members.

Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest, PO Box 644, Shattuck, OK 73858. **Meets quarterly.** Go to website at: www.wsmss.com.

JOIN THE JAM-A-RANA

The Jam Room is proving to be a great success and a lot of fun. Time often runs out on the main stage for guest performers but that doesn't mean you can't strut your stuff. Come on back to the JR where Board member, **Tony 'Jammin' Arana** is in charge. Bring your instrument, voice, fans, or whatever and share your talent. We'd love to hear you.

President's Article Continued from page 2

Then it's $10/couples or $7.50/singles. Check or cash at the door or check by mail.

ABOVE & BEYOND. Thanks to Linda Michael and each one of the gals that are now covering the front door. Regrettably, Jetta Riley and Lisa Braswell's time has become limited.

Still expressing my appreciation to Dave Rietz for mastering our new website. Check it out at www.westernswingsociety.net. Very nice and still a work in progress.

APPRECIATION. Dancing for the year ended in high fashion with Dry Creek onstage with Bill Enyeart – guitar/vocals; Billy Smith – fiddle; Marty Martens – guitar/vocals; Dave Rietz – fiddle; Len Serdahl – guitar/vocals; Nate Brian – bass/vocals; Bill Cornett – drums/vocals. Guest vocalists were Nancy Long and Peggy van den Broek.

Preceding Dry Creek was The Lincoln Highway Band with yours truly on acoustic guitar/vocals; Terry Crouson – guitar/vocals; Brian McCommas – bass/vocals and Joe Bennett – drums/vocals. We were fortunate to be joined by Amanda Crouson – fiddle/vocals and Gary Blodgett – guitar, mandolin/vocals plus a cameo appearance by Dan Cribb.

Shelley Elkan and Bite the Bullet will kick off 2016 as our guest band to be followed, as always, by Bill Enyeart and Dry Creek. Do plan to join us.

Bye Y'all, Doug

Board Meeting Invitation

You can attend the Society's monthly Board meetings; first Sunday of each month starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Machinists Hall in Rancho Cordova.

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$20 for a Couple at one address

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Paid membership includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter, reduced admission fee at Society music functions, the right to vote in Society elections and on proposed By-Law changes. Non-dues payers must subscribe if they wish to receive the newsletter. Subscriptions are for twelve consecutive mon*ths.* Mail to Subscription, **PO Box 2474, Carmichael, CA 95609**. Include your name, address, phone, and e-mail address

MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

The Western Swing Society holds a music and dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands and artists and jam sets.

1:00 pm to 5:30 pm at The Machinists Hall
2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA*

Donation: $5 for Members; $8 for Non-Members

For information, browse to
www.westernswingsociety.org

*The address is Sunrise, but the driveway is on Citrus.

Driving Instructions to MACHINISTS HALL: From Hwy 50, take the Sunrise Blvd. South exit and cross two lights (Folsom Blvd. and Trade Center Drive). After crossing Trade Center, be in the left lane and take the next left turn which is Citrus Road. You will see an Enterprise Car Rental lot in front of you. Turn right into the driveway just past Enterprise. You'll see our wooden sign, and you are there. Park, come in and join the fun.