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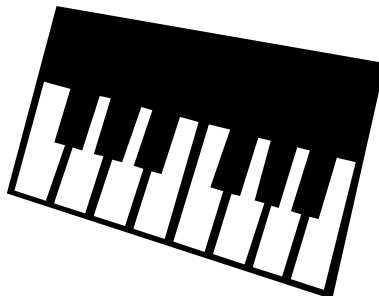
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## **Jon Seiger and The All-Stars, Monday, February 16th at the Green Lantern Inn, 6:30PM**

An evening with **Jon Seiger and the All-Stars** is something you won't soon forget. Their authentic renditions of songs by Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and many other jazz greats will leave you feeling as if you were living jazz history. The band is made up of seasoned jazz musicians, all of whom "swing hard." The band has performed at the **New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival**, the **Oakville Jazz Fest** (Canada), the **Festival de Jazz en Abril** (Argentina), the **Dublin Mucic Festival**, the **Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Classic**, the **Ocho Rios Jamaica Jazz Festival**, the **Tarragona Dixieland Festival** (Spain), and many others. In addition to concert performances, the band also performs regularly for several Swing Dance groups, and makes appearances in schools, colleges and universities.



**MESSAGE FROM DINNER RESERVATIONS CHAIRPERSON**

If you are taking home a dinner for someone who paid for a dinner but for some reason could not attend the concert, here's a suggestion. On the back of your meal slip, write your name, table # and the name of the meal the person ordered. When the waitress brings your dinner to you, present the slip to them and tell them you are taking that meal home for someone. This way the kitchen staff will know that they should save a specific dinner and they will keep it in the kitchen for you.

**Presidents Corner by John Papietro**

As we begin a new year, perhaps it is time to remind the membership that our primary objective is to promote and preserve America's original art form – jazz. In particular what is commonly called Dixieland Jazz. We encourage our members to dance and relax at our concerts but we have asked our bands to play only Dixieland Jazz. (The one exception is the month of December when we hire a band to play dance music.) Our bands are under contract to play only that music specified by the board of directors per our By-Laws. If you ask the band to play dance music, they will be required to refuse and continue to play the music specified in their contract. Failure to do so on their part will result in taking them off our list of preferred bands. If you were at our January concert, the dance floor was crowded for almost the entire evening and the 'Smugtown Stompers' played the music that they were hired to play. So even though they did not play "dance music" per se, the dancers crowded the floor. By the way, if you missed the January concert, you missed a great time.

For our new members, our schedule is as follows:

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Cocktail Hour with cheese and crackers is between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Dinner is served beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will take about 30 minutes in which to serve everyone.
- Music starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Dancing (except for those two months when we serve buffet style) begins at 6:30 p.m. When we serve buffet style, we ask that you do not dance until the buffet tables are cleared from the floor. This is a safety issue.

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**CATCH THIS JAZZ!****FEBRUARY 2009**

16th (Mon.)

22nd (Sun.)

Jon Seiger & The All-Stars at Flower City Jazz Society, Green Lantern Inn, 6:30PM  
Smugtown Stompers, "Mardi Gras Sunday" celebration; 3:00PM, Downstairs Cabaret Theater, 20 Windsor St., (2 blocks from Eastman Theater). Call 585-325-4370 for ticket information (save the airfare to New Orleans; "park for free" at East End Garage (Main St. between Eastman Theater & Scio St.) or at Downstairs Cabaret's own parking lot (Northwest corner of Scio St. & Main St.), Rochester

24th (Tues.)

Smugtown Stompers, "Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday" gathering; Bistro 135, 7-9:30PM; 135 West Commercial St. (across from public parking lot), East Rochester, 585-662-5555

**MARCH 2009**

16th (Mon.)

Ray Skalski's Jambalaya Jazz Band at Flower City Jazz Society, Green Lantern Inn, 6:30PM

**APRIL 2009**

20th (Mon.)

Lock 52 Jazz Band at Flower City Jazz Society, Green Lantern Inn, 6:30PM

**MAY 2009**

18th (Mon.)

Chicago Hot Six at Flower City Jazz Society, Green Lantern Inn, 6:30PM

**SUPPORT LIVE JAZZ!**

***THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, February 9TH AT JOHN & JAN PAPIETRO'S HOUSE AT 7:00PM.***

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER** (Continued from pg. 2)

- 50/50 tickets are usually sold after the first set.
- 50/50 Raffle is conducted between the second and third sets.
- The bar is usually closed when dinner is being served, as Jim our mixologist, is needed in the kitchen to help get the meals on the plates. Jim will reopen the bar as quickly as he can for those who desire a libation or whatever.

Other housekeeping items:

- Members entrance fee is \$5.00 per person
- Membership annual dues are \$15.00 per person
- Non-member admission fee (for your guests) is \$10.00 per person
- Members do not pay an entrance fee at our two annual buffet dinners (usually August and December). Non-members continue to pay the \$10 admission fee
- If you wish to reserve a table for 8 to 10 people, you must send in one check with the entire amount of money for the meal selections along with the individual meal selections for each member of your group. Tables will be reserved for only 8 to 10 people. Reservations are required by the Tuesday prior to the concert.

Again, please use the comment sheets attached to this newsletter to feedback your opinions, concerns, or issues. All of these are read at the board meeting and if required, discussion is held concerning that comment.

**HISTORICAL NOTES**

On June 13, 1993, a one-day Flower City Jazz Festival was held at the Dutch Mill from 1-7PM with the Lazy River Band, Jazz Junket, Eddie Morrow Trio and the Nairobi Trio providing the music.





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**FLOWER CITY JAZZ SOCIETY, INC.**, 684 Park Vista Trail, Webster, NY 14580. **FCJS** was formed to preserve and promote Dixieland Jazz in Greater Rochester. Dinner-Concerts are held on the 3rd Monday of the month, January through December, at the Country *Party House* (*handicap-accessible*), 321 East Linden Ave., E. Rochester, NY 14445 (585-381-9630). The **FCJS NEWSLETTER** is published monthly, January through December, at Rochester, NY. Membership dues are \$15 per person for 1 year.

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