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# Massachusetts Accordion Association

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# Happy Holidays

The holidays are here and thank you for a great first year!

Important to remember that elections will happen at this Sunday's meeting (Dec 16th). The positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer\Clerk, plus 2 board members (the officers are part of the 5 member board). If you cannot make the meeting, please respond to Joe's earlier e-mail and send your absentee ballot by Saturday, the 15th.

*(see ballot copy on page 3 if you have misplaced the e-mail)*

Joe pulled together an ensemble of 10 performers to perform a three part arranged version of "Silver Bells". They have been practicing since the November meeting and it will be a real treat when it all comes together on Sunday, the 16th.

*Please have a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season.*

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**Thank you to the performers at our November meeting!**

Dan Dempsey

John Thorp

Al Paradis

Dan MacKowski

Lewis Howes

Jerry Travantosi

See who these great performers are by visiting our website at

[www.MAaccordion.com](http://www.MAaccordion.com)

Monthly meetings are the 4th Sunday of every month.....

1:00—3:30 pm

The Dolphin Seafood Restaurant

12 Washington St. Natick Ma.

(508) 655-0669

Upcoming Meetings:

December 16

January 27

February 24



**Come and enjoy the fun!!!!**

No experience is necessary, just a love for the instrument, either playing or listening, or both.

All instrument types, playing styles, and skill levels are welcomed.

The opportunities to perform on a sign up basis

Open forum accordion discussions are chaired to encourage MAAA member participation, involvement and resource sharing

## Events Throughout New England



### December 14

Conradance (Mary Cay Brass - accordion)  
performing at the Guiding Star Grange  
8:00pm, 401 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA  
Call 413-722-0501 for further details and entry donation

### December 15

Connecticut Accordion Association Orchestra performing Holiday Concert  
at the James Blackstone Library  
2:00pm, 758 Main St., Branford, CT  
Call 203-272-1202 for further details

### December 28

Greenfield Contra and Scandinavian Dance with music by the  
Greenfield Dance Band (Mary Cay Brass on accordion)  
7:30pm (Scandi) 8:00pm (Contra), Guiding Star Grange  
401 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA  
Call 413-367-9380 for further details and entry donation



**Inform us of other local accordion events you have heard about!!!!**



# Did You Know?



*Just a quick sidenote.....this newsletter is focused on the upcoming holidays and our first annual election of officers. The November meeting contained a lot of information and brain storming on the club's progression and how to do more for our members. Some of the discussions touched on: forming an accordion ensemble, how to market the club, drafting the by-laws and mission statement, forming different committees to assist in the various events to be planned and orchestrated for the club in 2008, how to organize and promote bringing high level performers to club events and even pulling together regional performances.*

***It's going to be a great 2008 for the MA Accordion Association  
and we're glad you're with us.***



Here is the ballot e-mail from Joe....

Hello fellow members of the Massachusetts Accordion Association,

**As discussed at the MAAA November 25, 2007 meeting, MAAA will be holding its election of Officers and Directors at its next MAAA meeting being held December 16, 2007. Voting will be by paper ballot and open to all paid MAAA members.**

For MAAA Family Memberships, a separate paper ballot for each family member will be allowed in accordance with family members listed on the paid MAAA Membership application on file.

**If you can not make the December 16, 2007 MAAA meeting, an absentee vote will be allowed for this election.**

Absentee votes must be:

1. Sent to [MAAA@charter.net](mailto:MAAA@charter.net) from the email address herein
2. Must be received by **midnight December 15, 2007**

Absentee votes received in accordance with the above, will be tallied with the paper ballot votes taken at the December 16, 2007 MAAA meeting.

**MAAA Absentee Ballot** For each position, mark a "X" next to the candidate(s) of choice.

**President & Director**                      Vote for 1     \_\_\_ Joe Maciejowski

**Vice President & Director**              Vote for 1     \_\_\_ Dan Mackowiak

**Treasurer/Clerk & Director**            Vote for 1     \_\_\_ Al Paradis

**Directors**            Vote for 2     \_\_\_ Donna La Rue  
    \_\_\_ Tony Marini  
    \_\_\_ Robert O. Smith

**Just some quick little trivia.....as of Tuesday, December 11,2007:**

A quick search on ebay.com brings up 804 items for bid under "accordions" in the musical instrument section and 1,129 items under "accordions in all categories, whereas, google.com brings over 118,000 web reference for accordions

And about 873,000 web reference for accordion

Plus additional searches under:

accordion hero, how to play an accordion, used accordion, accordion repair, accordion parts  
who invented the accordion              diatonic accordion              history of the accordion

**So, if you're in need of any information, the internet is not shy when it comes to accordions**

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WWW.MAaccordion.com

4th Sunday of every month  
1:00 p.m. @  
the Dolphin Restaurant

MAaccordion phone:  
(508) 529-6163

E-mail: use our website for  
direct contact

▶ Your music club where  
fellow accordionists meet  
for an afternoon of music  
and discussions.

We're on the web:  
MAaccordion.com



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**Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions**

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Luca Music](#) (North Providence, RI)
- [Monte School of Music](#) (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



**Accordion Teachers throughout New England**

- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Joe Maciejowski](#) —508-529-6065 (Upton, MA)
- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B/C Button Box classes at  
Boston College & Harvard University

**Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books**

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



**Other New England based Accordion Clubs**

- [Connecticut](#) (Cheshire/Plantsville, CT) <http://www.ctaccordion.com>
- [New Hampshire Accordion Assoc](#) (Gilmanton, NH) 1-800-328-5227
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

# Upcoming Meetings

Sunday December 16th	1:00 PM	Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Natick, MA	MAAA Holiday Party	<b>Scheduled - PLEASE NOTE</b> Due to Holiday's, members have decided to hold THIS MEETING on the 3rd Sunday of Dec
Sunday January 27th	1:00 PM	Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Natick, MA		

*We invite all our members and friends to join in the fun!!!*

Remember, our meetings are usually scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month, with December's exception due to the members traveling and family commitments during the holiday season.

**Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: December 16th**