

Where knowledge and fun meet

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## Massachusetts Accordion Association

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

*One week shorts, the next week de-icers and shovels*

The weather changes faster than I can change most things (family newsletter, you add in your comedic thoughts).

My sincere thanks to our members who were able to make our annual meeting this past October. We had a quorum so the elections of the next upcoming 2 year term are:

Bob Guenther—President

Jim Avedisian—Vice President

Patty Simmons-Treasurer\Clerk

Lewis Howes-Board member

Ed Wawrzynowicz-Board member

Al Bacchicchi-Board member

Penny Yunuba-Board member



My heartfelt gratitude to Dan for all his efforts over the last 4 years. Dan started as our

first VP and then took over the President role. Due to his hard work and intense focus, our club has grown with more active members, guests at our meetings and more exposure due to our out-reach performances and participation in many other outside the club events.

I am most grateful that Dan has agreed to continue his planning, arranging and leadership of the play-a-long ensemble. Also, my thanks to James Gerke for agreeing to continue his tireless efforts in bring quality sound to our meetings and performances.

I have asked Tony Marini to take the position of a Board advisor.....This position is a non-voting position, but has a place in the board of directors for insight, suggestions, and overall general advisement. Always good idea to have a 3rd party overview of the people making decisions.

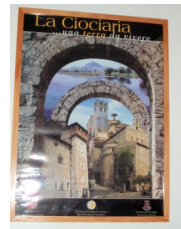
We have begun planning our club events and schedule for the upcoming year beginning Jan 2012.....Dan is actively planning the play-a-long music for our November meeting. The focus for our November meeting will be a little more festive to get ready for the holidays and our December holiday party.

Thank you for allowing me to take the role of leading our club to new frontiers and making it possible for everyone to get the most of their membership.....See you on Sunday, November 20th. Bob

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

1:30—4:00 pm

Ciociaro Social Club  
144 Bridge St  
Newton



Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

**Nov 20**

**Dec 18**

**(holiday party)**

**Jan 22**

Due to the upcoming holidays, Nov and Dec dates have changed from the 4th Sunday.

**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

I hope this newsletter finds you all with power and in good health and spirits after the snowfall we just experienced and the damage caused by the fallen trees.

The dates for the new year's club meetings will continue to be the 4th Sunday of each month, except for holidays. Currently our schedule, for the next 12 months is as follows:

November 20th 2011

December 18th, 2011 *Holiday Party!!!!!!*

January 22nd, 2012

February 26th, 2012

March 25th, 2012

April 22nd, 2012

May 20th, 2012

June 24th, 2012 *Patriotic Theme*

July 22nd, 2012

August 26th, 2012

September 23rd, 2012

October 28th, 2012



Just wanted to let you all know, we are looking for any ideas and suggestions you may have in helping our club get better.....Please e-mail throughout my tenure over the next two years any thoughts you may have and I will let you know by return e-mail how we act on your suggestion.....please never get discourage since we may delay some ideas into the future or we may have a similar item coming up....I can guarantee you that your suggestions will be sent to our Board members as soon as I receive it for discussion via e-mail and a return response will be sent to you within two weeks. Remember you are unique, just like everyone else, so your thoughts are just as important as another member's and we truly appreciate any ideas you send to us....

Some of the items being worked on by our board of directors.....forming of committees to help in some of the little important things that make our meetings successful, e.g. hospitality, setting up and breaking down seats, a person per meeting to get the water, coffee and little treats, as suggested, setting our calendar with featured performers, themes, work-out sessions and FUN!!!!.....Bob

## Club Officers

### President -

**Bob Guenther**

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### Treasurer\Secretary -

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## First Tuesday Jazz

Featuring our very own MAAA member

**Jan Borelli**

First Tuesday Jazz continues in 2011 with Lou Borelli Octet at Nick's, 124 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

Please come out and support live music by local musicians.

No Cover and the German Food at Nick's is GREAT!

We will be at Nick's for First Tuesday Jazz December 6..



Beginning with the January 2012 issue, we will be sending the newsletter out nationally. We will accept ads from vendors\traders for page space only if accompanied with a donation from the following guidelines:

\$3.00 per column line, \$100 quarter page, \$135 third page, \$200 half page, \$270 two-thirds page and \$400 for a full page, per issue.

Your help this way will improve our newsletter and help our club.

And you will have the gratitude of every MAAA member.

Contact: bobguenther@comcast.net for further details



# Our play-a-long ensemble



## Were you at our October meeting?





# Our open "mic" performers



Ian Mitchell



Pat De Santis



Carmen D'Angelo



Robert Kubacki



Jerry Tramontozzi



David Magliozzi



David Rukhelman



Al Paradis



Eugene McCarthy



Trio of Dave Magliozzi, James Gerke,  
Jim Avedisian



Jim Avedisian

Many thanks to our wonderful open "mic" performers.....We welcome all of our members, regardless of whether beginner, intermediate, amateur entertainer, hobbyist or even a master class accordionist. Everyone's performance is enjoyed and encouragement is always our focus. It is really a great way to get use to playing in public, if that has been a long-range desire.

Our members are always available to answer a question or offer a technique, should you be interested.....

Just walk up to them and say **HI!** They'll be glad they met you.....

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4th Sunday of every month  
Check the newsletter or  
website for locations

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.



Chanteuse Tara Linda joins 13 musicians to present the new generation of accordionists and the accordions who love them- in this special 2012 Pin-Up Calendar. Showcasing the talented, fun, sensual, often underground, and always entertaining Accordion Babes, the calendar includes a compilation CD- with music performed by all the women of the Babes Calendar.

<http://www.taralinda.com/accordionbabescalendar.html>

just \$15.00 and \$4.00 shipping.

### 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

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
- [Donna LaRue](#)—781-646-3013 (Arlington, MA)
- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Joe Maciejowski](#) —508-529-6065 (Upton, MA)
- [Bill LaPollai](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Roberto Cassan](#) —617-413-8199 (Roslindale, MA)
- [Emilian Badea](#) —508-653-8441 (Natick, MA)
- [Inessa Gilmore](#) —[inessagilmore@yahoo.com](mailto:inessagilmore@yahoo.com)
- [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)

We're on the web:  
[MAaccordion.com](http://www.MAaccordion.com)

### 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



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in the USA .....many thanks to Rita Davidson for  
her continuing great job as editor.....

<http://www.accordionusa.com/>

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

Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.

*Special dates around national holidays....*

**Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: Nov 20th**