## **MAAA NEWSLETTER MAY 2023**

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 21, 2023 – 1:30 PM** 

**CIOCIARO SOCIAL CLUB** 

144 BRIDGE STREET, NEWTON, MA 02458

**DOORS OPEN AT 1PM** 





Our April "road trip" to Babson College turned out to be joyful afternoon of music, socializing and food. A special thank you to member and former MAAA president Ed Wawrzynowicz for arranging the joint meeting AND entertaining us on the mighty Wurlitzer organ!

The Ruk Orchestra followed Ed's performance with an outstanding mini concert demonstrating the versatility of the accordion and the talents of the performers under the direction of Maestro David Rukhelman. The link below is a video recording of the orchestra's performance for your enjoyment.

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmjfoldUbeQ}$ 

### **A FEW PHOTOS FROM BABSON**

(courtesy of chef colin young)





# **IMPORTANT!!**

There seems to be some confusion about the date of the June meeting.

The meeting will be held on JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **EMAIL FROM MEMBER DAN MACKOWIAK**

The planning is underway for the Accordion Jamboree at Little Rhody Vasa Park in Foster, RI. It will be held on **Sunday**, **August 6**.

As a prior participant, you know one of the event's attractions is the energy created by the mass of accordion players. The more - the merrier! Last year, we had a dozen accordionists on stage. It would be nice to top that number this year. (Remember - the Vasa Park facility is now air conditioned.)

The concert program is "on the drawing board." I'm excited about the theme and format. The music will be available to you in early June.

Please consider this invitation and let me know if you think you may be able to join us on August 6.

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For further information or if you wish to participate for the first time please contact Dan at

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### **BIRTHDAY WISHES!**



Wishing a very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Rhode Island's own Joe Cerritto (on left). Joe has committed his life to the accordion as performer, teacher, writer, mentor to many, has recorded numerous CD's and also managed his own studio and store. He has been a guest at the MAAA numerous times. He now resides in Florida and is still entertaining.

#### **MEET ANA SULIGOJ**



Ana has just completed her first semester at the Berklee School of Music. She is from Slovenia and arrived in the U.S in December of 2022 all by herself to attend Berklee.

She is 20 years old and has been playing the accordion for 10 years.

She has graciously accepted to perform for us during the open mic session this month.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS HER PERFORMANCE!!

#### **MISCELLANEOUS/HOUSEKEEPING**

- As always, member's suggestions, comments, song selections, photos and stories, etc. are always welcome.
- Relatives and friends are invited to all our meetings.
- Refreshments and "goodies" are appreciated.
- New members are always welcome

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## Hope to see everyone on the 21th!



"No, Colin; you can't take the organ home for a couple of days"!