



SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

December 2017

President's Statement

The year 2017 has been successful and rewarding for SDBS. SDBS continues to provide:

- * Regular Tuesday jams,
- * Featured Band presentations once a month,
- * An instructed slow jam once a month,
- * Special concerts of top level traveling bands,
- * Camp outs,
- * The Summergrass Festival that SDBS co-produces,
- * Our monthly E-Newsletter, the Tune Up,
- * Email alerts of special concerts and other events,
- * A website with information on all our programs www.sandiegobluegrass.org,
- * SDBS sponsored Emma's Gut Bucket Band, going strong presenting free concerts,
- * Instrument donation and lending programs,
- * A free lending library of instructional materials to members,
- * Discounts to SDBS members on certain programs and activities, including slow jam admission,
- * Bluegrass in the Libraries series presenting live bluegrass bands in libraries,
- * SDBS "Live" on KSON's *Bluegrass Special* with Wayne Rice presenting SDBS bands live on radio,
- * Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield.

This year we are holding Board elections to elect our nine member all volunteer board of directors for another two years. Your board has recommended re-election of the current board members, adding new members Jack Lohman and Pete Varhola to fill the seats of Mike and Vonnie Tatar who have moved to Tennessee. Visit www.sandiegobluegrass.org to get your ballot, or pick one up at any Tuesday event.

All that and we finished the year with money in the bank. We couldn't do all this without the volunteer efforts of the 9 member board of directors and the many other volunteers who help out. I want to personally, and on behalf of the Board, thank each and every one of them. Special thanks to the Tatars who have done so much for so many years as they move to Tennessee to start a new life.

If you would like to get more involved, trust me, you will find it enjoyable and rewarding. We very much want your input and participation. If you have comments or ideas send them to: info@sandiegobluegrass.org.

Mary Jane Cupp, President

2017 Board of Directors: Mary Jane Cupp, President; Mark Pullin, Vice President; Nancy Brunson, Secretary; Mike Tatar, Sr. membership and Summergrass chair; Vonnie Tatar, Tuesday band booking and publicity; John Deckard, meeting host; Roger Taylor Roger Taylor, Dwight Worden, Tune Up newsletter, Boll Weevil MC, website; Becky Green, Treasurer.

Other key volunteers: Dr. Phil Levy, chair, band selection committee and SDBS campout representative; Kathy Wolf, Becky Green, Mary Birkett, and Lee Schweighauser, staff for all events; Mary Birkett, Green Room for special concerts; Greg Gross, sound reinforcement at all SDBS events, Jim and Mary Blakemore, hosts for invitational 3rd Tuesday jam and Great 48 jam in Bakersfield, Pattie Urie, Nancy Brunson, Trapper Wyatt, Ed and DJ Meyers, and Greg Gross and the other Emma's Gut Bucket Band leaders, Jack Lohman MC at Fuddruckers, and Mike and Vonnie Tatar and their team of volunteers for Summergrass.

Membership: Our membership level is holding even at about 250.

Finances: SDBS began and ended the year in good financial shape. As of the end of September, 2017 SDBS had a total of \$15, 730 in the bank, down from \$16, 426 last year. Of that amount \$11,294 is in an account representing funds raised by Emma's Gut Bucket Band, compared to \$11,044 last year. Total SDBS expenses for the year through September were \$17,248 up from \$11,103 last year. In addition, SDBS as 50% co-producer of Summergrass, is the owner of ½ of Summergrass reserves which total approximately \$35,000. The Summergrass reserves are held for use in financing Summergrass' ongoing operations. Summergrass is co-produced every August by SDBS and the North San Diego County Bluegrass and Folk Club generating annual revenues in the \$60,000-\$70,000 range and expenses in the same range. SDBS and NCBFC share revenues and expenses 50-50.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE. Your family membership is still only \$20 per year. You can renew online with a credit card or PayPal account. Go to www.sandiegobluegrass.org and then click on "membership."

ONGOING ACTIVITIES DURING 2017

- * 2nd Tuesday events at Fuddruckers La Mesa
 - * 3rd Monday instructed slow jam with Mary Jane Cupp and guest teachers
 - * 4th Tuesday open mic and Featured Band presentation at the Boll Weevil, Clairemont Mesa
 - * Summergrass Festival, 3rd week of August in Vista. Visit www.summergrass.net
- For times and details visit our website at: www.sandiegobluegrass.org.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS WERE PRODUCED OR CO-PRODUCED BY SDBS IN 2017:

- * Hosted Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield January 12-15, 2017
- * Bluegrass Day at the Fair, June 4, 2017
- * Summergrass Festival August 18-20, 2017
- * Special Farewell concert for Mike and Vonnie Tatar at the Boll Weevil October 24, 2017
- * Holiday program at the Boll Weevil, November 28, 2017
- * Participation in the annual Toys for Tots Program

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information on any of the above, or with regard to any SDBS activities, or if you would like to volunteer and get involved please contact any one of your board members or send us an email at: info@sandiegobluegrass.org. We'd love to hear from you, and thanks for your support!