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Generations In Jazz is pleased to presents The Big Band Of Rossmoor on Feb 25th for a big band dance and concert at The Veterans Memorial Building. This is the first of the 2011 Big Band Dance and Concert series, and features vocalist Mary Anne Meltzer.

For those who have yet to see this 30 member big band the entertainment value is high. Join the generations spanning from 14 years to 92 years when the band plays the Great American Songbook from the 40's. From swing to slow the tunes will entertain you whether you dance or just listen, concert-style.

Rossmoor veteran musicians from WWII that played big band are joined by student jazz musicians from Stanley Intermediate School, Campolindo High and Acalanes High. Come listen and experience this unusual event as the music bridges the generations.

Next, on April 8th The Big Band of Rossmoor will be appearing at The New Rheem Theater on the big stage where many jazz greats have performed in years past.

Photo Carry Korsgaard

On May 6th the band returns to The Veterans Memorial Building. This will be the final performance for Lafayette's own Erin Grant who will

graduate from Acalanes. Erin will be featured on saxophone as Rossmoor seniors and her piers pay their respects to a wonderful young artist and band member.

October 14th is the final big band dance of the season and will feature the arrangements of our own Frank Como. Frank served as Lionel Hampton's arranger in New York for over 20 years and wrote for the NBC Studio Orchestra, Leonard Bernstein as well as the Boston Pops.

All events begin at 7pm begin with complimentary dance lessons by Gail Enright. These events can be attended by either dancers or those who simply love the music.

Tickets to all events are available in advance from The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce or at the door. To reserve in advance call 284-7404.

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