

We hate to say goodbye so let this suffice.

As most of you may know our family has been growing across this country and we couldn't be more excited. We have been dividing our time between Oakland and all-too-precious family time which brings us to a difficult decision. We are closing Sipside Lounge effective immediately and allowing ourselves to enjoy retirement, smell some roses and play with our grandchildren.

It has been an incredible experience these past several years and we are so grateful for the friendships we've made. It was a "love project" from the start but we never expected masks and rapid tests to complicate things. So many of our loyal patrons supported us and became friends through it all with a vested interest in our success. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Sipside's final few days saw us celebrate the life of our dear friend Bob Carney with a fundraiser, much music and merriment with friends and guests and fittingly with our local faves Phil Green, Douge & Eli Helbig strumming the last notes of a song at 10PM on Saturday night.

Our dedicated staff members, both current and past, have been invaluable. Everyone who worked at Sipside helped make it a special place and we thank all of you for that. Whether from up the street or multiple states away, countless musicians graciously shared their own "love projects" both inside and out by the historic fireplace. Thank you for your gifts. Our wish is that someone (hopefully younger and with more energy 😊) will want to continue providing Oakland its own one-of-a-kind meeting place. To serve this purpose we are placing the property and business up for sale soon with Betsy Spiker-Holcomb and Karen Myers of Taylor-Made.

Thank you again for all the kindnesses and support; fingers crossed it will continue in new hands.

With love and gratitude,
Pat and Barb

- P.S. Flipside Sounds will NOT be closing as Pat and Bill are just having too much fun!