
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

January 2003

Happy New Year!

Another successful year has ended, and all the members of this band need to be congratulated on a job well done. We had a total of 35 jobs for the year including 24 parades and 11 concerts. We had an average attendance for each job of 35, which is fabulous. WMB continues to improve year after year because of your dedication. I want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas party at the Legion on the 9th. We had a good variety of food and the fried chicken was great again thanks to Paul Staley. The one thing that I neglected to mention that evening was a huge thank you goes out to all of the band member's spouses, for putting up with all of our activities throughout the year. I especially want to extend that comment to mine, as she continues to support my efforts to this group. With the rehearsals and the jobs that we do, it keeps us busy all year, and without their blessing, it would be very difficult. I want to thank all of the officers for 2002, as they did an outstanding job. There are a lot of people who deserve a lot of credit for the time and effort that they contribute. Thanks to Vice President - Scott Flohr, Treasurer - Delbert Myerly, Asst. Treasurer - William Myers, Secretary - Mike Buffington, Asst. Secretary - George West, Director - Sandy Miller, Asst. Director - Ted Dix, Drum Major - Steve Wantz, and to Jim Mayola for continuing to do a superb job with the newsletters and photos that he supplies and to Richard Koons for his time consuming effort of keeping our website up to date. Also at the party each year, I like to recognize the members who make the most appearances, as I feel that they go above and beyond



Performing at the Westminster tree lighting ceremony on December 7.

to make this group look and sound great. They are as follows: making 42 - Scott Flohr, making 43 - Tom Albro, making 45 - Eric Utermahlen, making 47 - Larry Myers, making 50 - Tony LaRose and also 50 - George West, making 52 - Gene White, making 53 - Jim Mayola, making 54 - Dave Miller and making 56 Mike Buffington. These folks also got a little gift from the following establishments: David's Jewelers, Yingling General Tire, Frisco Family Pub, House of Liquors, Baughers Orchards, Bullocks Airport Inn, Stu's Music, Coffey's Music and Ruby Tuesday. My thanks goes out to those businesses for donating the gift certificates. As I have said and will continue to say, if you make 1 or 2 or all the jobs or rehearsals, your participation is greatly appreciated. I also want to mention that Sandy made 53 appearances and I made 49 appearances and we declined to accept a gift. The following members also received a length of Service certificate that evening including: for 5 years - Jake Arbaugh, for 15 years - Rob Rollins, for 20 years - Charlie Simpson, for 25 years - Ron Charnigo and

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Jim Mora, and for 40 years – Ray Shipley. The other detail that I forgot to mention, when talking about our remodeled band hall was that I would like to give a big thank you to Steve Hossler for donating all of the paint that was used. Past president Hossler provided the white for all of the walls and also green for the trim. If you haven't been to the hall, please stop in and take a look as it turned out very nice.

Some January jobs to talk about and the first of the New Year will be at the Best Western on Route 140 in Westminster. The Historical Society will be holding a celebration for the Carroll County Fire Companies, as they tried last year but was snowed out. It will be held on Sunday January 19th at 2:00 p.m. This year they have a snow date, and it will be the following Sunday, the 26th. They would like us to play for an opening ceremony at 2 p.m. for about 20 minutes or so. Please meet at the Motel by 1:45 p.m. in full dress uniform, Color Guard included. The Motel is located at the Route 140 & 31 intersection in Westminster. Our next job will be on Saturday January 25th at the Baltimore Arena. The Baltimore Blast would like for us to participate in their Veteran's night, as we did in 2000. The bus will be departing the band hall at 6:00 p.m. for the game, which starts at 7:30 p.m. More details will be provided at our rehearsals. Speaking of rehearsal, they will resume on Monday January 6th at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided on the last Monday of each month.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas concert at the Senior Center. I can tell you that, I think that was the best I ever heard us sound. We had 33 in attendance, and it must have been the good mix of instruments, because it sounded terrific. I also want to thank all the members who took part at the tree lighting and house tour on December 7th.

Well, that's all I have, I just also want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and am looking forward to another great year with you all in this great organization.

Greg

Westminster Municipal Band Director's Corner

Happy New Year! The year 2003 has already begun and with it another great year for the Westminster Municipal band.

I know Greg went over a lot of things in his portion of the newsletter so I will just remind you that some rehearsal time will be devoted to the gigs at the Best Western on January 19th and the Baltimore Blast game on January 25th. Looks like we are definitely a band for all seasons now!

Thanks to all for a great Christmas concert on December 16th. I agree with Greg that this is the best concert we have ever presented - esp. with just two rehearsals on some of the music. The people from the Senior Center were very impressed and want us back next year with the promise that advertising and attendance will be improved upon.

Parade season is only 12 or so weeks away . . . So keep those street march ideas coming. I've had a few suggestions which we will be playing through and I want to get into some more music for our concerts this summer. Our new(er) concerts were a big hit this summer in Mt. Airy, River Valley Ranch and Thurmont!

As always, keep looking for potential members. We have a lot of great things going for us and THE WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL BAND is the group to promote. Growth begets success in membership and musicality for us. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the band, please pass their phone numbers on to Greg and I so we can make follow-up phone calls to your initial contact. Make them aware of our website as well at www.westminsterband.com. Our success depends on each and every one of us! So talk us up! Carroll Media Center (channel 19) sure is!!

Wishing you and your families all the best in 2003!
See you on the 6th!

Sandy

