
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

January 2004

The New Year Begins!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday. I also hope that everyone enjoyed the party that we had at the American Legion. We had a great turnout and I want to thank everyone for providing a dish. The food was great and the evening went well. I want to again thank Jim Mayola on a great presentation of the year in review. It's great to look back on all the performances in which we participated. I also want to thank all of our guests who were in attendance including the honorable Mayor of Westminster and his wife. Kevin also brought us a gift in the amount of \$7000.00 for our yearly allotment from the City.

The following individuals were presented with a certificate for years of service with us, for 5 years: Jay Johnson, Jim Carl, Frank Cappadora, Tom Albro and Mike Garner. For 10 years of service: Lisa DeVous, Ben Messinger, Jim Wantz and Ted Dix. Those with 20 years were: Gene White and Steve Wantz. The 25 year members were: Scott Flohr and Frank OConner. And last, but definitely not least, celebrating his 55th year with the band, William Myers. What an accomplishment that is, and he still plays his clarinet. Congratulations to everyone.

I again elected to announce my top ten to the members who made the most appearances this year. We had 20 parades and 15 concerts



Leroy and Eric at the Band Holiday Party.

and 24 rehearsals making a total of 59 appearances. And the winners are: making 43 performances – Karl Alexander; appearing 49 times – Tom Albro, for 50 appearances – George West, 52 times – Eric Utermahlen, 53 – Larry Myers, 54 – Gene White, 55 – Jim Mayola, 56 – Tony LaRose & Dave Miller and 58 – Mike Buffington. Making the most performances with the Color Guard was Raymond Bankert with 22. I want to thank the following establishments for providing gift certificates for these members, Ledo's pizza, Coffey Music, Stu's Music, Frisco Pub, Bullock's Airport Inn, Johansson's, House of Liquors, Westminster Town Mall, Applebee's Yingling Tire and David's Jewelers. I also want to thank all of the members who came out and made this a great year. We averaged a total of 34 members per job, which I think is outstanding. We continue to march forward because of

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dedicated members that make this organization look and sound great.

The building project at this time is moving slowly. The Fire Department is still waiting on the contractor for the demolition. The weather and holidays have them backed up. They have applied for an extension on the tipping fee permit at the landfill, as that will run out at the end of this month. Our electrician, Blaine, is currently waiting on BGE, in order to move on with his end. I feel certain that the first of the year, things will move ahead quicker, and I will keep you posted on the progress.

I want to welcome some new members who recently joined, Sherry May on clarinet, Mike Mora on percussion, Daniel Mora on horn and their mother Sue Mora on flute. Incidentally, Sue was once a member and has returned. Sue joined in 1984 and was the first female inducted as a member of the band.

In closing, I want to thank all of the officers of the past 2 years, and say that you all do an outstanding job. We have a first class bunch of individuals that have this band going in the right direction, and I am happy to say that they are all returning. Please give your support to all of the officers for the 04 & 05 term which include, Greg Wantz President, Scott Flohr – Vice President, 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, Asst. Drum Majors – Dave Miller and John Alcorn. Thanks to all and have a great holiday.

Greg

Director's Corner

Happy 2004!! The Westminster Municipal Band is heading into its 111th year and to kick that off, our rehearsals will resume on Monday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m.

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Just a reminder as we get into the thick of the winter season – if the Carroll County Snow Emergency plan is in effect we will not have rehearsal. Bookmark the following website for a convenient way to find out this information: http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp.

Since the first official parade of 2004 is less than 12 weeks away, we need to start on the selection process for street marches. Recommendations are always welcome.

At this time, we are in great need of volunteers to serve on our Music Committee. Lots of work needs to be done in filing away music, pulling out new selections for rehearsal and putting folders together for our newer members. If you have some time to serve, please let Greg or I know as soon as possible. If you have been helping and are willing to continue, please let me know that too. We need as many willing people as possible to make the job less taxing for all of us!

I hope you all had a blessed holiday season and I wish you all the best for a great 2004! See you on the 5th!



Sandy