

# The Westminster Municipal Band

**WMB News**

**February 2004**

## Baby it's Cold Outside!

**W**e definitely are in the mid winter season as the snow is falling and the cold temperatures are hovering over us. But, one bright spot is that our first parade of the season is only 50 days away. It is also time to be thinking about Ocean City, which will be approaching before we know it. The reservation forms for the convention are available with this month's newsletter. The date for this year's convention will be Monday June 14 through Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the check in dates will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> or Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The price will be \$97.00 per night weekday and \$108.00 on the weekend. As in the past, the band will pay your way for Sunday through Tuesday night, if you have made 50% of the jobs or rehearsals. I need to know your dates by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please don't hesitate to contact me now, if you know your plans. You can give them to me at rehearsal, or e-mail them to me at [gwantz@carr.org](mailto:gwantz@carr.org).

We have some early dates on our schedule this year attached to this newsletter. Please get these on your calendar.

The uniforms have been cleaned and returned to us from Admiral Cleaners. They are currently wrapped in plastic, and hopefully they will stay mildew free. Please check over your uniform, and if you need something, please contact Larry Myers or myself.



*Ray Shipley accepts check from Greg Wantz.*

The building project status is basically the same as we discussed last month. The contractor is now ready to move on site, but they are currently waiting word from the County government about the tipping fees. The past agreement on that issue ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and they need an extension. Our electrician, Blaine, has moved the service into the corner of our building and will be roughing in the bathrooms within the next week. After he accomplishes that, we can start on finishing the existing bath. We will be having some workdays coming up this month, so I will keep you posted.

I am pleased to announce that the members of this great organization have again helped out another member. Ray Shipley was presented a check in the amount of \$835.00 at rehearsal on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ray's son Scott, who was a member of the band for 14 years,

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joining in 1989, died last year. The membership of the band decided to start a trust fund for Scott's newborn son, who is in Ray and his wife's custody. For those of you that don't know, Ray is a 41-year veteran of the band. He joined in 1962 playing the trumpet, and then switched to the Color Guard in 1974. This great act of kindness just shows how wonderful this organization is. Thanks to all who contributed to this fund.

As you should know by now, if the snow emergency plan is in effect on rehearsal night, we will not have practice. That could be altered if need be, as was the case last month. We will contact you by E-mail or phone if we need to let you know differently.

Don't forget about refreshment night on the last Monday of the month. Greg

## Director's Corner

Happy February! March tunes for 2004 will be finalized by the February 16th rehearsal. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

The Music Committee will meet (or will have met) on February 9th. If you are interested in helping get our Music Library in shape, please let me know. We have been in the process of defining particular duties for those that have already expressed an interest.

Keep coming out for rehearsals. Music for this year is really starting to come together. I really want to thank all of you who make the effort to let me know if you will be missing a rehearsal. That helps me plan what I want to do.

I really don't have any other news - so see ya on Monday nights! Sandy

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### Blast From the Past!

Below is a photograph of one of our fellow band members. Now I admit he looks a little different today than he did when this picture was taken, but he has never lost the joy of performing.

See if you can guess who this gentleman is. Here's a little hint: he's a little older (actually, he's a lot older) and his horn is no longer nearly as large as his body. He not only likes to play his instrument, he also sings as well. And, he enjoys the sport of golf.

Surely, someone has it figured out by now. This first person who correctly identifies this mystery person will receive two tickets to this summer's Westminster Municipal Band Belle Grove Square Concert.

