

The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

June 2004

Summer is Here!

As May has come and gone, we are now just a few weeks away from the summer fun and Ocean City! I want to thank everyone who attended the May events as we had some good groups for each occasion. We started the month at Carroll Lutheran Village with 36 attending in front of a large audience. We next attended the annual Strawberry Social in the Valley with 35 in attendance, where they sold 610 dinners. The Ladies Auxiliary provided each member with a dinner and they also gave us a \$100.00 donation, which was very nice. They have said that we are the ones who draw the crowd for them. The following day, we traveled to Columbia Pa. with 30, for their Memorial Day parade. The Antique Fire Muster parade went on without a hitch in town on Saturday the 29th. Hannah Utermahlen carried the wreath through the Westminster parade for us this year, in recognition of our fallen veterans and she did a wonderful job. That's right; Hannah is the daughter of Eric, our Sax player of many years. We had 54 for the parade in Westminster and that afternoon, we had a total of 44 in Taneytown for their parade.

The first job in June will be the Manheim Township parade in Lancaster on Saturday the 5th. The bus will be leaving the band hall at 11:30 a.m. for the 2 p.m. parade. We need a good group for this gang as we are getting paid \$1000.00. The following day we will be going to



Dave Miller echoes taps on Memorial Day

Timber Ridge for a concert. We were scheduled to participate in a Shrine dedication at Wakefield Valley, but with a mix up of dates, we were already scheduled for the Timber Ridge. There were other arrangements made for the people at Wakefield. Please arrive at Timber Ridge by 2:30 p.m., as we will begin by 2:45 p.m. We are scheduled to play for about one hour. On Wednesday the 9th, we will travel to New Windsor for their fireman's parade. That parade starts at 7:00 p.m., so please be there by 6:30 p.m.. As usual, the parade will start behind the old middle school. The following week of course, we will be at the beach in the big O.C. The format will be the same as last year with the opening on Monday morning and the march around for the delegates that afternoon. We will have our concert on Tuesday followed by the pajama party. Wednesday will be the parade at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your green polo shirts and your band tee shirts. Also, make every effort to

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have your uniform dry cleaned before the trip, as we will be in the eyes of all of Maryland. As in the past, check in at the Dunes is at 3:00 p.m. and check out is 11:00 a.m. When you arrive, please ask the front desk for a schedule of events and a music list, which will be waiting for you. We are supposed to be more involved with the opening ceremonies this year, so please get the music together beforehand.

An update on the building project, the City of Westminster sent a crew in at the beginning of the month to dig the footers for the garage area. On the 17th of May, the City provided three more employees to lay the block. With the help of Dad, Mike Buffington and me we got the two walls up. We had to take a short break, when a thunderstorm halted things for a short time. Our next step is to get the walls framed, which we are planning to do one evening in early June. I will keep you posted by E-Mail on the time and we will need some help for this activity. That's it for now, everybody have a safe trip to the big O.C., and have fun. Greg

Director's Corner

Hello all - In just two weeks, the second day of the MSFA convention in Ocean City will be a thing of the past. Oh no!!

I have been in contact with a gentleman who is on the Opening Ceremony committee. We are playing the music for most of the Opening Ceremony. I think the band will be pleased with our increased participation. A bagpiper will be there for the entrance of the Fallen Firefighters flag, but we will be providing the music for the County and American flag procession. At this point, a soloist is scheduled to sing the National Anthem. You will be given a list of music needed for the Opening. It won't be a lot more but just be ready for the music shuffle.

Thanks to all who made all the Memorial Day parades a big success. The Columbia, PA parade went very well as did the Westminster and

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Taneytown parades. And the Strawberry Social at Pleasant Valley went great. And special thanks go to the Color Guard – you all make us look so good on the street! Thanks for your dedication!

I would hope our newsletter editor has mentioned the availability of Rehearsal CD's recorded at the Carroll Lutheran Village Concert. The members of the band will be given one rehearsal copy, but they CANNOT be copied or sold. Jim Mayola went through a lot of reading and red-tape to gain the knowledge of the ins and outs involved in producing a recording such as this. THANK YOU Jim for going the extra 100 miles to research the copyright laws. See me if you have not received your copy.

As always, help us where you can! Check out the schedule on the website www.westminsterband.com – Richard has made available a printer-friendly version for easier downloading! See you at the ocean! Sandy

Editor's Message

You may have noticed that I occasionally have my camera and try to get photographs of our activities. Well, this month's newsletter is somewhat unique, in that I took neither of the two photographs included.

Below is a "before & after" picture. It reflects the affect of 25 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations Kathy and Steve.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wantz