



Membership Newsletter

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Recap of 2004

As a new year arrives, I would like to take a look back to another successful year, and thank everyone that came out all year long. We started the month of December out with a great concert at the Mall, where we had 45 in attendance. What a great sound that was. Then to end 2004 out, we had a wonderful celebration at the American Legion with a great crowd on hand. I

want to thank everyone that pitched in and supplied the party with a food dish. We had a great assortment of different foods to enjoy. As I mentioned at the party, we had a fantastic year with the attendance that we had at the jobs and with the completion of our band rehearsal hall. We had an average of 38 attending each engagement along with 32 at rehearsal. I want to

thank everyone that attended the 22 parades and the 9 concerts along with the 24 rehearsals.

Band Hall Renovations

Along with the time that was spent on attending our performances, several people spent many hours on working at the band hall, making it a great place to have rehearsal. First and foremost I want to recognize the building committee, as they spent the most hours of all on this project. George West, our construction manager, spent countless hours on constructing the plans for the building along with doing a lot of the work. My Dad, Jim Wantz, spent many hours on doing the work along

with a lot of behind the scenes work as meeting with inspectors and aiding George with everything. I can't tell you how many times I would call him to meet somebody there or pick supplies up and he would be right on it. Jay Markle did a tremendous amount of work on the framing and the door installation as well as supplying the tools for the job and using his knowledge. Blaine Flickinger spent countless hours on the electrical work with disconnecting the old building along with

doing the new work. He had a very challenging job, to say the least. It was an electrician's nightmare, if you could have seen the original breaker box. There were many members that helped and I want to thank you all that spent your time on this project. We will be having an open house in the spring, so I will keep you posted.

Top 10 Awards

Thanks to our Gift Certificate contributors: David's Jewelers, Yingling Tire, Frisco Pub, Ledo's, Stu's Music, Applebee's, House of Liquors, Baugher's and the Westminster Town mall

I recognized my top ten list. As always, I appreciate everyone that came out and helped us out this year with the jobs and rehearsals, but it is always the members that I am sure make sacrifices to always try and be there when the band plays, that I try to give a little something extra.

Coming in at:

#10 making 48 appearances, Bob Shindle

#9, making 50 appearances – Tony LaRose

#8 making 50 appearances – Joan Magnant

#7, making 52 appearances – Sue Mora

#6, making 52 appearances – Gene White

#5, making 52 appearances – George West

#4, making 52 appearances – Jim Mayola

#3, making 53 appearances – Eric Utermahlen

#2, making 55 appearances – Dave Miller

#1, making 56 appearances out of a possible 57 was Mike

Buffington.

The top Color Guard finisher was Floyd Freyman, making 21 parades.

Incidentally, Sandy made 53 appearances and I made 55 appearances. Again, thanks to everyone who contributed to making this organization a great success again. I want to thank my gift suppliers, David's Jewelers, Yingling Tire, Frisco Pub, Ledo's, Stu's Music, Applebee's, House of Liquors, Baugher's and the Westminster Town mall, for contributing a certificate.

2004 Closing Remarks

I want to thank all of the officers for 2004 for doing a fantastic job again. A special thanks goes out to Sandy for doing a great job again as our Director.

A special thanks goes out to our Treasurer, Delbert for doing a great job of keeping the books straight and also for taking care of the building funds. He had a lot of receipts that he had to sort out and he also took care of getting the funds from the city.

There was an awful lot of work involved with that.

As you can see, the newsletter has a different look to it, and that is because our Editor, Jim Mayola is no longer with us. Jim will be the President of the Chamber of Commerce this year, and he said that he would not have time to participate with us. So, I am looking for somebody that would like to take on his duties as our

newsletter editor. If you are interested, please let me know. Good luck to Jim and thanks for all that you have done for us.

Our rehearsal season will resume on Monday January 3rd. Karen and I would like to wish all of you a happy new year. See you next year.

Happy New Year!!
Greg

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From the Director

I hope this note finds all of you happy and well (and even a little stuffed!) following all the holiday celebrations! I'm sure Greg has reminded you that rehearsals will resume on the 3rd at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda for the first few weeks will be determining what our street marches for 2005 will be. Any ideas are welcome.

Also, we need to do some folder cleaning – removing our Christmas music. If anyone can come early the first two weeks of rehearsal, your help will be appreciated. And by the way, thank you all for a marvelous concert on Dec. 6th. GREAT JOB!!! I did mention to the lady in charge that it would be nice if the band could use the Belk court the next

time we play in the mall.

Ted Dix will be the director in charge on Jan. 17 since David & I will not be at rehearsal that evening. Please give him your support.

See you soon!

Sandy



Rehearsal at the band hall on John Street in Westminster.

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