



Membership Newsletter

April 2005

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Rehearsals:

- Resumed on January 3rd.
- Refreshments last Monday of the Month.

*Remember:
If the snow
emergency plan is in
effect for any Monday
evening, rehearsals
will be cancelled .*

Current News

Our last month of rehearsal for the Spring is now upon us as time keeps on ticking. I want to thank everyone that attended last month's events, as we had a great turnout for each one. The St. Patrick's Day parade went well as it wasn't really all that cold. I want to thank you for your patience as we were in the 7th division of the parade, but it went quickly. We had 42 in attendance that day. I also want to thank everyone for going to Fairhaven to perform for those folks. They enjoyed every

minute of it, as it sounded fantastic. I do know that they would like us back sometime again. Also the concert at the town mall went well after we got situated.

This month we have rehearsal every Monday of course except for the last Monday of the month, as we will try to have marching practice. Please be at the band hall at 7:00 p.m., so that we can get started. Remember, the marching rehearsal is for everyone, veterans included, as we can help the newer

members in getting acquainted with our style. Refreshments will be served after this event. Our last rehearsal of the season will be on the 18th. Then, on Saturday April 30, we will be traveling to Lancaster to attend the American Spirit parade. The bus will be leaving the bandhall at 11:30 a.m. The parade is schedule for 2 :00 p.m. We should return by 5 p.m. at the latest. An early May event will be on the 2nd, at Carroll Lutheran Village. We will be playing a concert starting at 7:30 p.m.

Open House Planned

In May we will be holding our dedication and open house on Sunday the 15th, from 2 to 4 p.m. It is very important that you please make arrangements to be there, as we need a great turnout for that day. We will meet at the band hall at 1:30 p.m.

At 2 p.m., we will be

having a short dedication of the building, thanking everyone that had a part in constructing it. We are still planning the arrangements, but we will be doing a short concert either after the dedication or somewhere in that time frame. Also, the Westminster Fire Department will open

their Pit Beef stand that day to add to the afternoon's events. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning, all help is appreciated. Sandy will fill you in on more details of this event, and more will follow next month.

Members Corner

Attention:

We need a large attendance for the Lancaster Parade on April 30th.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

We have a band clothing apparel sheet that should have been e mailed to you, and we have some available at the bandhall, for everything that's available, such as band jackets and shirts. Please have it returned to Jamie by the end of this month. If you do not have the band tee shirts or polo shirts, it would be nice for you to get them as we use them in Ocean City.

Speaking of Ocean City, your reservations should now be turned in to me.

The deadline for this was March 31st. If for some reason you haven't accomplished this, please call me with your plans at 410-848-8852. I will let you know by the middle of this month, your amount. The money should be turned into me by May 30th, at the latest. Checks should be made to the Westminster Municipal Band.

I am very happy to say that Jamie Wehler is back at rehearsal after her brief illness. Also, our VP

Gator is back and doing great after his surgery. Earl Lambert is reported home and doing great after his surgery. Please feel free to call him and say hi, or drop an email to him at campman@qis.net. On a much sadder note, out thoughts and prayers are with the Freyman family, as Bud Freyman passed away. We will set aside a page in the minute's book for him. He was truly a fun dedicated member to this organization, and he will be missed.

Director's Message

The time is fast approaching when our summer season will officially kickoff. May is a busy month so please help us out as much as you can!

I want first to echo Greg's thanks for the support of the two March concerts and the St. Patrick's Day parade. It's wonderful to see a lot of "green and gold" on the street and at the concerts. Mrs. Marlene Neiswender, who was our Fairhaven contact, was just ecstatic over our concert. It means a lot to put smiles on our audience's faces. And not to be outdone, the people of Carroll Lutheran Village want us back for a return appearance on May 2. Check the band calendar for all the dates and times for the May performances.

As Greg mentioned, the Band Hall Open House and Dedication will be May 15

from 2-4 p.m. The Planning Committee has met twice and are hard at work getting things together. Some help that we need from all of you is the following:

- Your attendance in full uniform – band and color guard. Be prepared to march as part of the Dedication Ceremony.
- Donations of light refreshments. (i.e. brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc and sodas) The community is invited to attend and we are pushing to get as much publicity as possible from the local newspapers and CCTV-19 in covering this event. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the band hall.
- Help in being available to answer any questions our

guests may have as they tour the building.

- A short concert (no more than 30 minutes) to end the afternoon.

The Open House and Dedication will be held rain or shine. The next meeting of the Planning Committee is April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

A decision will be made soon concerning a fifth street march. If you have any thoughts, please let me know.

And concerning Ocean City – I already have a script for the Opening Ceremony for the MSFA Convention and the music that we will play. Twelve weeks and counting

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Attention: President
Greg Wantz

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.westminsterband.com

Upcoming Events

April 30	Parade - American Spirit Lancaster PA	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 2	Concert - Carroll Lutheran Village	7:30 PM
May 15	Open House - Band Hall	2:00 PM
May 21	Concert - Pleasant Valley Strawberry Social	4-7 PM
May 29	Columbia PA - Memorial Day	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 30	Parade - Westminster -Meet at Bandhall	Meet by 9:15 AM
	Parade - Taneytown - Meet at Memorial Park	1:00 PM
June 4	Parade - Westminster -Fire Muster - Meet Band Hall	10:00 AM
		Meet by 9:15 AM
June 5	Concert - Timber Ridge	2:00 PM
June 8	Parade - New Windsor FD	7:00 PM
June 20-22	MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD	Various TBA that week
June 25	Concert - River Valley Ranch	7:00 PM
July 3	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus leaves 11:30 AM
	Parade - Kingsville	
July 4	Parade - Catonsville	Bus leaves 9:00 AM
June 10	Concert - Thurmont	6:00 PM

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