



# Membership Newsletter

January 2006

## Current News

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### **Rehearsals:**

- Refreshments last Monday of the Month with general cleanup during rehearsal season.

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

I would like to welcome everyone to a new year. I am looking forward to another successful year ahead. Last year at this time, we looking ahead to a lot of work that needed to get accomplished on our new building, but now, that is all behind us. We are thankfully into our new location, thanks to a lot of people.

We ended the year by celebrating the Christmas season with the annual tree lighting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, in front of a huge crowd. I believe that the crowd grows every year for that event. Our last rehearsal of the year got snowed out, but the weather straightened out for our party which was on the 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Westminster American Legion. I would like to thank those folks for letting us use their facility and everyone that prepared a dish for the party, we had plenty of great food this year. The Fried chicken and the beef were provided by Brewer's market in Silver Run. After the food was consumed, we had a lot of thank yous and a look back to the previous year. The Mayor and a few

council members did make it after their meeting which is always held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. They told me to relay to all of you that they greatly appreciate the job that we do. They said that we are great ambassadors of the city.

The following members were recognized for the tremendous amount of time that they devoted to the new building project. George West, the project manager, Jim Wantz – for assisting George and for being the project foreman. Dad also introduced the whole idea of securing the front part of the building for our use. Jay Markle – for being the lead carpenter and to Blaine Flickinger – for all the electrical work that he did. Also, Ken Frock was thanked for taking care of getting the plumbing permit for the project.

I would like to end up by thanking all of the members for this past year. Your dedication

and devotion to this organization, has made this band, one of the best around anywhere. It still amazes me on the sound that we can accomplish every time out. For a volunteer organization to be going strong as we are these days is just fabulous. I greatly appreciate all that each one of you have done this year. I also want to thank the officers of the past 2 years that put a lot of hard work into this organization. The officers for the next 2 year term are as follows, President – Greg Wantz, Vice President – Scott Flohr, Treasurer – Delbert Myerly, Asst. Treasurer – Larry Myers, Secretary – Mike Buffington, Asst. Secretary – George West, Director – Sandy Miller, Asst. Director – Ted Dix, Drum Major – Steve Wantz and Asst. Drum Majors – Dave Miller and John Alcorn.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and I will see you soon... The count down is on to our first parade on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 in Baltimore. Let's get er don.

Greg

**Attention:**

Happy New Year

Ocean City Trip will be here before you know it.

First Parade:  
St Patrick's Day  
Baltimore  
March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember:**

Check the Website for the complete schedule

**Members Corner**

During the Party, we had a look back on our past year in which we had a total of 37 jobs and 24 rehearsals. We had an average of 40 members attend each job and 33 for each rehearsal. The top ten members that made the most jobs were recognized, and they were, at #10, for 51 appearances, Mike Mora and Chris Crofoot. They received a gift certificate from Frisco Pub and Stu's music. #9 was Mike Buffington with 53 appearances. Mike received a gift from Johanssons. #8 with 54 appearances was Larry Myers. Larry received a gift from Maria's. #7 with 54 appearances was Tony LaRose, who received a gift from Baugher's. #6 with 54 appearances was Eric Utermahlen, who received a

gift from House of Liquors. #5 with 54 appearances was Gene White, who received a gift from Ledo's. #4 with 55 appearances was Brandy Simpson, who received a gift from the Town Mall. #3 with 55 appearances was Sue Mora, who received a gift from Ledo's. #2 with 57 appearances was Joan Magnant, who received a gift from Applebee's. # 1 with 58 appearances out of a total of 61 was Dave Miller, who received a gift from the Time Out Sport's Grill. The #1 Color guard member for the year was Charlie Simpson, who made a total of 24 parades. He received a gift from David's Jewelers. Thanks to all of those members and to all of the local restaurants that helped me out.

We had members that received a five year certificate

for their length of service. Those members were as follows: for 5 years – Vicki Poole, Jacob Smith, Debbie Carl, Larry Black and Mike Zepp. For 10 years – Bette Shepherd. For 15 years – Deb Anderson, Dave Miller, Mike Buffington, and Bob Shindle. For 25 years – Leroy Schuerholz. For 30 years – George West. For 35 years – Floyd Freyman. For 40 years – Jim Wantz & Keith Brown. For 45 years – Earl Lambert. Congratulations to those folks.

**Director's Message**

Hello all!

As we start into our rehearsal season for the new year, we will continue work on the new music that was purchased in the fall. And, as always, the time has come to make decisions for the 2006 street marches. Suggestions are always welcome!

Please remember to refer your family, friends and neighbors to the band if they are looking to get back into playing

music. Our growth occurs because of the connections each one of us has. Performances get our name out there but it's because all of you let people know about the kind of organization this is contributes ten-fold to our success!

As we get into this new year, decisions will be made about what direction this new jazz group will take. The next scheduled rehearsal is Monday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Please arrive as promptly as you can. Paul Ricci has a substantial collection of jazz music and we will be playing through some of his repertoire on the 16<sup>th</sup>. (*Moonlight Serenade, Proud Mary, Just the Way You Are, The Girl from Ipanema*, and lots more). Thanks Paul for making this available for our use!

See you on Monday nights!  
Sandy

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[www.westminsterband.com](http://www.westminsterband.com)

## Upcoming Events

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|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| January 9 | Rehearsals resume                         | 7:30 PM               |
| March 12  | St. Patrick's Day Parade - Baltimore City | Bus Leaves 12:15 PM   |
| June 19   | MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD           | Various TBA that week |

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