



Membership Newsletter

February 2006

Current News

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Rehearsals:

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

New format – Meeting after the rehearsal

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

As the mild winter weather continues, we are getting closer to the spring season as the time continues to move forward. We are beginning to get some jobs for the upcoming season, so please get them on your calendar. I would like to thank everyone for getting out to the rehearsals, as they are going well. We have been trying a new format at rehearsals by having the meeting at the 9 p.m., instead of 8:30. At our last rehearsal, we voted to keep having the business meeting at the end of rehearsal, instead of midway through. We feel that it gives the Director more valuable time to rehearse. The way it was before, it seemed as though we lost a lot of members after the meeting, and it broke the continuity. So, we will rehearse from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and then conduct the business meeting. I personally feel that it will work better. Just a

reminder, that during the last rehearsal of every month, refreshments will be served.

If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please let me know. We have room on the refreshment or the membership committee. All help would be appreciated.

I will soon be discussing the Ocean City trip for us this year, and the convention for this year will be the week of June 18th through the 21st. Please mark it on your calendar and make arrangements. We will be talking about it during the February meetings. I will need to know your plans by the end of the month.

We did receive the City allotment check last month for the sum of \$7200.00. This money is usually always used to pay

for expenses such as the uniforms and for our trip to the ocean. We also received a check from the past Mayor, Kevin Dayhoff & his wife for the sum of \$35.00. I would like to thank him for that and also for writing the article that was just published in the Eagle. He did a great job. If you didn't see it, a copy is in the bandhall.

That's it for now, see you at rehearsal, and remember to check out the attached early schedule.

Thanks - Greg

Attention:

Ocean City Trip will be here before you know it. Think about your arrangements as we will need your details by end of February.

First Parade:
St Patrick's Day
Baltimore
March 12th.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

We have had some interest in getting some Westminster band tags for our vehicles. We need to get a total of 25 vehicles in order to proceed with this idea. It would cost you \$25.00, to get them for your vehicle. We are thinking of using our band logo for them. If you would be interested in this venture, please sign up on the list at rehearsal. I would like to look into this by the

middle of next month. If you are interested, and can't get to rehearsal, please email the Secretary at wmry@verizon.net, to let him know.

I would like to welcome Skip Meador into the band. The Bass clarinet & clarinet player recently made his 8th appearance with us. Just a reminder to all that are visiting, you too can become a member if you hang in there with us and make 8 appearances.



Director's Message

Hello all –

The big news for the month is the band's resounding affirmation to hold rehearsals from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with the meeting following. This decision was made because it was felt that the meeting interrupted the flow of rehearsal and getting back into a rehearsal "state of mind" was difficult especially when people needed to leave early or just needed to take a break. I hope this change makes a more concentrated rehearsal for everyone. Plus if the meeting is short, we are out before 9:30.

Thanks to all for your input and suggestions!

Believe it or not, with the start of February, we are down to three months of weekly rehearsals for this summer concert season and six weeks before the first parade in Baltimore for St. Patrick's Day (March 12). Monday, January 23 saw a record 50 people attending rehearsal which was wonderful! If we can keep this up, our concerts & parades this summer will be more awesome than ever!! Please try to make Mondays a priority.

The Jazz Group made the decision to concentrate on 4 pieces that we will present at various concerts this summer. They will get together on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to all of you for the extra mile to get this group going.

That's all I have right now. Look for a list of street marches to be out in the next few weeks. Steve and I will get our acts together on that shortly.

See ya!
Sandy

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
March 12	Parade - St. Patrick's Day - Baltimore City	Bus Leaves 12:15 PM
April 29	Parade - Lancaster PA American Spirit	Bus Leaves 10:30 AM
May 28	Parade - Columbia PA - Memorial Day	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 29	Parade - Westminster -Meet at Bandhall	10:00 AM Meet by 9:15 A
	Parade - Taneytown - Meet at Memorial Park	1:00 PM

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