



Membership Newsletter

April 2006

Current News

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Rehearsals:

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

Outside Marching Practice in May

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

Spring is officially here and the warm weather will hopefully be here to stay. Along with the beginning of spring, comes our end of another rehearsal season, and the soon approaching marching season. We only have a few rehearsals remaining, so please try to make as many as you can, so that we can fine-tune the summer concerts. We are steadily getting invites for this summer, as you can see by the schedule. I believe with the turnouts that we have been getting, we should be able to cover the upcoming engagements, thanks to everyone that have devoted their time to this great organization.

This past month, we lost another dedicated member of the band, in Russ Sellman. I want to thank everyone that came to his memorial service to pay tribute to a member that was full of character. We will miss his smile, along with his colorful speeches. I want to also thank his family for allowing us to be a part of his Memorial Service. I know that he loved the band and I am sure that he will continue to be with

us wherever we go. The contribution to the band in his memory has reached a total of \$680.00. We are considering using the money towards a memorial plaque to display in the bandhall in memory of our members that have passed on.

Also in March, we participated in two events that are worth mentioning. First off was the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Baltimore. We had a total of 54 in attendance, which was outstanding for our first parade of the year. The weather even cooperated this year, as it was unusually warm. We continue to be a crowd favorite for that gig. While we were at the parade, a gentleman came to me at the end and insisted that we perform for his heritage at the Greek Independence Day parade in Baltimore. So on short notice, we were able to get a group together to attend their parade on the 26th. It was a short and sweet parade for a total of 3 blocks. We had a

total of 41 in attendance, which is great for the event not being on the schedule and for it being short notice. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of this group.

The month of April will consist of remaining rehearsals, and we also have a couple of jobs to talk about also. On Saturday the 22nd, we will meet at the new Westminster Union bank in the Westminster Crossing Shopping Center, which is located at the Super Fresh. We will be playing for their grand opening starting at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by no later than 8:40 a.m. so that we may get our act together. We will be in full dress uniform. On the following Saturday, the 29th, we will be attending the parade in Lancaster Pa. It is the annual American Spirit parade. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m., so the bus will be departing the band hall at 10:30 a.m. We should return to Westminster by no later than 4:15 p.m. or so.

That's it for now, thanks again for your participation. Greg

Attention:

Ocean City Trip will be here before you know it. Think about your arrangements as we will need your details ASAP.

The Season is well underway with 2 bus trips completed.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

At this time, we will be having a marching practice for ALL members either on the last Monday of the month, or the first Monday of May. Stay tuned to your email for further announcements on that issue.

The Ocean City reservations should be in to me NOW. If you have not contacted me as of yet about the Ocean, I would guess that you are not planning on

attending. If you are planning on going and have not notified me yet, please call me right away with your details. You can reach me at 410-848-8852. I will let you know what you owe by the middle of this month. Your payment should be into me by no later than the last day of May.

Also, now is the time to order any band apparel. The order form is available online. Please complete the form and send it back

by May 1st. You can print the form out and drop it off at practice OR download the form and complete it on your computer, then email it to Sandy.



OC is just around the corner.....

Director's Message

Hello!

With the arrival of spring, things are kicking into high gear. As Greg stated, we are down to 3 or 4 more concert rehearsals so please continue to be supportive and come out on Monday nights.

The Jazz group is starting to get things together. Decisions will be made soon as to whether we will play at a few charts at a concert or two sometime this summer. We will definitely rehearse on the second

Monday of April. Stay tuned for a decision about another rehearsal depending on the decision as to when marching practice is scheduled.

On behalf of the band, I want to take this space to thank Greg Wantz for his eloquent eulogy honoring the Russ Sellman that we knew as a fellow band member and friend. Greg puts forth a lot of effort and time to have a speech that speaks from the heart honoring our fellow members who have passed on.

Thanks Greg.

Our schedule is filling up fast. Please help us out as much as possible. Let Greg, myself or any Executive Board member know if you have any questions.

Thanks for everything!!
Sandy



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Attention: President
Greg Wantz

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www.westminsterband.com

In memory of Russ Sellman; missed but not forgotten

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
April 22	Concert - Westminster Bank – Westminster Crossing SC	9:00 AM
April 29	Parade - Lancaster PA American Spirit	Bus Leaves 10:30 AM
May 20	Concert - Pleasant Valley Strawberry Social	4 - 7 PM
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 AM
	Parade - Taneytown - Meet at Memorial Park	1:00 PM
June 3	Concert - Fire Muster at Farm Museum	11:30 AM
June 11	Parade - FF Memorial in Annapolis	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
June 19-21	MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD	Various TBA that week
June 24	Concert - River Valley Ranch	7:00 PM
July 2	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
July 4	Parade - Kingsville	Bus Leaves 9:15 AM
July 16	Concert - Thurmont	6:00 PM

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