



Membership Newsletter

April 2007

Current News

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Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals resumed on January 8th.

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

Spring has sprung and the cold winter is now behind us. We have survived another winter season and our rehearsal season is almost at the end again. I am not sure where the time goes, but it disappears quickly. I want to thank everyone that attended the two parades last month, as the St. Pat's parade was actually warm. We had a great turnout for the parade, in which we were in the 2nd division this year. We also had a good turnout for the Greek parade in Highlandtown as well. They put us at the end of the parade, so that we could help them in their service, once the parade ended. I appreciate everybody's patience, as we stepped off at about 3:15 or so. As I said before, they greatly appreciate our band, and I am sure that we will be asked to return next year. The parade is only about 3 blocks so it is pretty easy money.

This month, of

course our rehearsals continue but we only have 4 more until we break for summer. We also have a parade on Saturday the 28th in Lancaster for the American Spirit parade. The bus will be leaving at 10:30 a.m. for the 1 p.m. start time. The parade starts on East Orange St, for those of you that want to drive. We should return by 4:30 p.m. or 5 at the latest. We will most likely have a marching rehearsal at the end of the month, but I will let you know for sure.

The concert shirts are in and Larry Myers has them in his possession. We had a little change in them, as we had to go with a shirt that does not have a button down collar. The cost is still \$18.00 per shirt. If you have not paid yet, please get the money to Larry and he will issue your shirt.

The deadline for the Ocean City reservations has passed. If you have not contacted me yet about a room at the

beach for the fireman's convention from June 18th through the 20th, please do it immediately. I will be making the arrangements up this week. I will let you know by the middle of the month, what your payment will be. Checks are to be made out to the Westminster Municipal Band, and given to me by May 30th.

I want to thank the City of Westminster for our annual allotment check in the amount of \$7300.00. We will definitely put that to good use for expenses. Speaking of expenses, we recently purchased a Sousaphone for \$600.00. The Bass belonged to past member Victor Geiman. It is in great shape and it is already in a hard case with it.

Greg

Attention:

Ocean City being finalized. Contact Greg if you have not already sent in your reservation.

April 28th. American Spirit Parade – Lancaster. Bus leaves 11:30 AM

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

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Members Corner

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to report as our honorary member Keith Brown who was recently taken ill. Keith collapsed while attending their 60th wedding anniversary dinner. Thankfully, CPR was given to him by his son Brad and a doctor that was on the scene of the incident and Keith revived. He is currently at Johns Hopkins hospital, and I do not know his latest condition. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. I

am sure that he would welcome cards and get well wishes. Keith was an excellent trumpet player for this band for many years. He also played in the military band during his tour of duty. Also, please keep our Director in your prayers, as Sandy recently was stricken with Bell's Palsy. At this time, she is unable to play her clarinet, but she did a great job filling in for our Drum Major at the Greek parade. Dave blew the whistle from the ranks, so

I guess marriage has been good for them as he can read her mind. I'm just kidding but she will continue to lead us on at rehearsal.

Also, we had 2 uniforms returned to us last month. Mike Reifsnider turned his in and Bobbi Buffington also. I want to thank them both for helping us out for the past several years. And in return, we voted into membership, Sara Mora, as she will help us in the Baritone section an also some banner carrying.

Greg

Director's Message

Hello – We are winding down for the last few rehearsals for the spring of 2007. I would continue to encourage you to join us for rehearsals as we will be putting the final touches on our concert music for the year. We already have five or six concerts on the schedule so please make every effort to be at rehearsals.

of which is playing the clarinet. I am hoping that within a month or so the damaged nerve will have repaired itself but only time will tell.

Thanks for all the support at rehearsals and thanks to Ellen for stepping in as Assistant Director. I am looking for another great summer season.

Sandy

As Greg stated, I am dealing with the effects of Bell's Palsy. Thankfully, the visual effects to my face are minimal, but the paralysis in my right cheek does present some challenges - one

News UPDATE at Press Time:

Keith Brown released from the hospital and resting at home.

Upcoming Events

2007 BAND SCHEULE

April 28	Parade - American Spirit Day - Lancaster	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 19	County Firemens Convention - Color Guard only	1 PM
May 19	Concert - Pleasant Valley Strawberry Social	4 - 7 PM
May 27	Parade - Columbia PA - Memorial Day	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 28	Parade - Westminster - Meet at Band hall	10:00 AM Meet by 9:15 AM
May 28	Parade - Taneytown	1:15 PM
June 2	Parade - Lancaster County FD Convention	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
June 6	Parade - New Windsor	7:00 PM
June 18-20	MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD	Various TBA that week
June 23	Concert - River Valley Ranch	7:00 PM
June 24	Concert - Thurmont	6:00 PM
June 30	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM

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