



Notes From The Band



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Presidents Message;

It looks as though we are steam rolling toward our grand extravagant dinner dance concert!! The band sounds excellent and we should have no problem entertaining hundreds of guests.

For the new members this is a great way to introduce friends, family, and business associates to the band with a night out at a fine restaurant; April 9th at the Black Swan. This is where we need to work together selling tickets and getting ads for the program. Don't be shy. This is a great event. The Black Swan is an elegant venue and serves a nice roast beef and chicken buffet, we supply really good music and the auction items should keep people entertained between songs.

For our seasoned members please take on a new member and show them the ropes. Get out for ads and don't worry about not being an expert at it. It is all about the numbers as businesses want to advertise, they just need a person to invite them to a cause so the more places we ask the better chances we will be getting attention.

Things look good for the season as contracts are coming in and our enthusiasm for making this the "Premier Concert Band" of the Merrimack Valley is on course with a talented pool of musicians a great conductor and a performance schedule. Thank you all for making this year possible.

Ron Hoehn

Conductor Comments Partnership in the MVCB!

I began learning the snare drum when I was in the 4th grade. It was when I was in the 7th grade that I truly understood how to practice with the metronome and after a lot of hard work; I was able to play the cleanest of drum rolls. It was at that point that I joined the West Newbury Veterans Fireman's Association Concert and Marching Band as one of its youngest musicians. The members took me in and taught me more than I could have ever received in a normal middle school band education.

Almost 15 years later, the Merrimack Valley Concert Band continues its outreach as it enhances its partnership with Northern Essex Community College. Similar to my experience in the 7th grade, we are offering college students the opportunity to participate in a large concert band ensemble of high caliber.

What is most impressive is watching the big picture through my eyes at rehearsal. I often will see a Northern Essex Community College student eager to play as the section leader passes him/her the new music. There is a brisk of excitement blowing through the air as we challenge ourselves to sight-read through a piece without stopping. The joy of hitting the last note together followed by a few seconds of silence gives an appreciation for everyone's musicianship in the group. The communication and mentoring occurring between the veteran and new members is rejuvenating and can be seen at each rehearsal.

Tony Beatrice

MORE INFO ON THE BACK 

Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser

**Time to Sell Tickets
and Ad Space**

*Ticket Price - \$40 per person
\$25 for band member*

**Live Music – Dinner
Dancing – Silent Auction**

**Saturday, April 9, 2011
Black Swan Country Club
Georgetown, MA**

**6 PM Cocktail Hour
7 PM Dinner**



Volunteers Needed! 25 BAND MEMBERS = \$1000.00 DONATION!

I need 25 fun people to volunteer to work at the **“Warrior Dash” at the Amesbury Sports Park on June 25th**. The “Warrior Dash” is a 3 mile *extreme* obstacle course that takes its runners through mud, fire and a lot of laughs! Check it out: www.warriordash.com

When I inquired as to what would be required of the volunteers, this is the response that I got:

“Our volunteers do everything from Packet Pick-Up where our racers check-in, to selling merchandise, monitoring obstacles and cheering runners at the Finish Line. Shifts last for 6 hours and each volunteer receives a snack and/or lunch, as well as a Warrior Dash t-shirt. **Also, if you're able to get a group of 25 or more, you'll also receive a donation of \$1,000 - this is often a great fundraising opportunity for non-profit groups or organizations.**”

Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer for this fun(d)raising event! Let's get 25 of us and go for that \$1000.00!!!!

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