



# Notes From The Band



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Presidents Message;

I'd like to welcome the new musicians who have joined us this season. Welcome! I hope you stay awhile and grow along with us in fun and talent. Be sure to introduce yourself to each member as we are rather informal but friendly. This season has a Christmas Concert lined up for our performance at the Firehouse Theater in Newburyport MA. We are looking to impress a new audience and earn a place as a repeat customer in what looks like a very nice venue for us. Practice well and keep that holiday spirit reflecting in each and every song. Cathy Peavey is back caressing the airwaves with her vocal purity and giving our band that extra dimension that only a premiere Concert band could have. Thank you Cathy!

Elections and band business will be at the end of our season, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will have a pizza party. We will need, perhaps, a few new board members but don't let that scare you. If you can voice an opinion we would love to share the bands leadership behind the scenes with friends willing to participate in the planning. It has been a very rewarding year with good people whose dedication and ideas make us tick. I would like to thank every band member for participating in so many wonderful concerts this year, the trailer crew for hauling things, the co-operation we had this year loading and unloading, the special bond we have developed over the years with dedicated attendance and especially the unique characters we have that time and time again give up there evenings, sometimes more the once a week, to give us the support and musicality that makes us sound so good! Let's not forget John, Joe and Don who introduce us and shape our sound with their magic out front behind the mics. Thanks especially to Tony, our illustrious captain at the podium, guiding us to new heights!

*Ron Hoehn*

**BAND'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm.** Please plan to arrive a few minutes early, as the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 so as not to run into our regular rehearsal time. Pizza will be served. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed bylaw change and to elect the 2012 Board of Directors. Any band members who joined after September 15, 2011 or whose attendance record is less than 50% are ineligible to vote. For any questions on voting eligibility, please see Val Hermanson. The proposed bylaw change was read at rehearsal on October 18th. If you missed the reading and need a copy of the proposed changes, please see Ron Hoehn. The change will be discussed, and the band members will be asked to vote to accept the change.

All positions on the Board of Directors are one year terms, and as such, as are up for election. The officer positions are as follows:  
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. In addition, there are five (5) Directors-at-large that will need to be filled. A detailed description of each position can be found under ***Article 2. Board of Directors / Appointed Poistions*** in the bylaws that are posted on our yahoo site. Specifically, we are looking for a candidate for the position of secretary as the current secretary will not be running for re-election. For more details on the position, please see Val Hermanson.

For any questions on the upcoming meeting, please see one of the current board members. Thank you.

**REMINDERS.....**

**FUNDRAISING SURVEY** – It is very important to get every band members feedback on our fundraising. Please fill out and turn in your fundraising survey. If you were not at last week's rehearsal, please get a survey from Karen Johnson.