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Since our last newsletter, YOUR alumni association continues to plod along. We held our annual summer picnic on June 12th and once again it was great to see many new faces along with our regular returning alumni. Many thanks go out to Russ Beatty and his family for securing the park free of charge and for taking care of the food. Also, a HUGE thanks to Pam (Potter) Raidel for taking charge of the 50/50 and wonderful basket raffles.

Our winter party was held in January at Quaker Steak & Lube was also well attended, with a surprisingly large contingency from the 1990's! Bravo!

I recently saw on local TV news that one of our own alumni, John Brdek, recently returned to

Youngstown State University and completed his studies after 40 years. Way to go John! Also in a recent newspaper article, Diana (Werrell) Tremblay, VP of General Motors in charge of North American Manufacturing and Labor Relations, said that playing with the band was one her most cherished memories about living in the Youngstown area.

In August, my wife and I traveled to Buffalo, NY to visit my sister and her family and we had the opportunity to attend a Drum & Bugle Corps competition, and we met up with fellow alumni Fred Morris. Fred is now the Executive Director of the Troopers Drum & Bugle Corps, from Casper, Wyoming. I got to wear my Troopers badge that I bought in the 1960's! Some things never change, and neither



Jim Cunningham
Spring 1971

has Fred!
One thing that would make our newsletters much better would be for you to let us know what life has had you

doing since leaving the band. I know it's hard to "toot" your own horn about your accomplishments, but I can assure you that other alumni would really like to hear from you. Just send us a short note and we will take it from there. We also continue to ask for help with publishing the newsletter itself and our website. If you have any expertise you might be willing to share, and the time, we would be glad to hear from you! Until next time,
Jim Cunningham



1985 Europe Video Now Available on DVD!

Thanks to alumni Shelly Pearce and her parents Dick & Marlene for allowing the alumni association access to their master VHS tapes from the entire 1985 WJMB season.

As such, we are now able to make these videos available for sale. Included in this 7 DVD collection is the annual spring concert, as well as all concert, parade, and field show competitions from Wisconsin. Most importantly, the video contains the magical concerts, parades, and field competitions the band was so fortunate to

participate in throughout Europe that summer.

The cost is \$60 for all 7 DVDs, plus \$6 shipping. They can be ordered via emailing the alumni association or by calling Mike Ceci at: 330-717-1870.

For those of us that were a part of that incredible band, we will never forget the fun times and wonderful, crowd pleasing music that we were able to share with Squire, and each other that year. This video, although just a taste, really will make those days seem like only yesterday!

Upcoming Events

WINTER MIX

After the success of the previous winter party held last year in Austintown, the alumni association is once again looking to host a winter party in January.

Although an invitation postcard will be mailed in December, the party is tentatively set for **Saturday, January 15th, 2011** at the Quaker Steak & Lube in Austintown, Ohio from 6:30pm - midnight.



This is a nice informal gathering that allows you to join old and new friends and tell tales of band camps gone bye. We all order off the menu, so the cost is up to you. Besides, the wings and beer tubes are awesome!

Squire's Stories: Duty, Honor, Country

This newsletter edition of Squire's Stories begins back in the spring of 1985. A young trumpet player from the Westside of Youngstown heard from his mom that a local band was going to be touring in Europe for the summer.

With the idea of being able to play his horn and to run about in Europe to his liking, this 18 year old decided to join. Despite not knowing anyone in the band, or even who Squire was, he was hooked.

As many had before and since, he made friends at camp, had the summer of his life, and remained a member of the band for a total of 3 years. Like most of us, many of the friends he made during these years are still his best friends today.

He became quite enamored with the ideals of discipline and respect that Squire sought to teach all of his students. This direction lead him later in life to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

Over the years, through war after war, many alumni have found serving our nation in the military has been a natural transition after high school thanks to Squire and the band.

Dave Thomas, WJMB Alumni from 1985 - 1988 is currently serving his second tour of duty with the USMC for the war on terror, in Afghanistan. As a Staff Sergeant, Dave claims his constant vigilance over his men comes in part from Squire's high standards shown during practice. Being always prepared is a lesson that has stayed with him to this day.

Let us show our support for Dave and our thanks to Squire by sending him a card or a note to say hello. His address is:

SSGT David C. Thomas
3/25 H & S/SECFOR
Unit 44540

FPO AP 96427-4540

Or you can email him at:

david.thomas@afg.usmc.mil

Sometimes we as former members forget that our organizations origin is a direct result of the VFW and veterans like Dave, who many years ago came home from war and decided that their community needed music, and kids needed something to do. So say hi to Dave and let him know that his fellow alumni support his efforts!



A teaching moment for Squire. Can anyone guess who the two female saxophone students are?



DAVE THOMAS
Youngstown

To share your story with everyone, just write it down as well as you can and send it to PO Box 4993, Austintown, Oh 44515, or contact a member of the newsletter committee for help. Email us at : newsletter@wjmbalumni.org

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RUSS



RUSS BEATTY
Poland Jr. High

Hello Everybody,
Hope you all had a good summer and those who came to the picnic, it really was a great time.

Which leads me to a question. Why can

we not get a better turnout to our planned gatherings? As I have talked to people over the last couple of years, I have heard many excuses, such as "nobody will know me," or "I am too busy," or "I have gained weight!" What everyone has dis-

covered that came was that after 10 minutes, everyone will remember you. We are all really busy, but this is worth the couple hours of fun you will have. We have all gained weight, gotten grey hair, etc., and it doesn't matter one bit! I have found that my old friends are still my good friends. The parents that we knew are great to talk to, and share many stories that us "kids" didn't know about.

There is a group of about 20 of us that get together whenever we can. Usually

breakfast on Saturday, or Thursday night bike nights or out to dinner whenever we can. Some of us have even vacationed together and had a great time. Any differences that we had "back in the day" are long gone.

We don't want your money or even any work. Please just get involved by coming out to see your old friends. Don't hesitate to call me at 330-360-3153. I will be glad to let you know what we are doing next.

Russ Beatty - 1971 - 1978

FROM UNCERTAINTY TO SUCCESS

For the good part of the past 20 years, Jack Harlan has been the Service Manager for Frederick Dodge in Boardman, OH. Working on cars was not only his job, it was his passion.

With the recent poor economic times that crippled the automobile industry, leading to the closure of many dealerships including his, Jack found himself in an unenviable situation, without a job.

While many people in his

position would loathe in self pity, Jack had too much pride and self-confidence to do any such thing. Instead, he decided to follow his dream to open his own auto service center.

With the help and support of his wife Denise (a CPA in Canfield, OH), he found a nice location in his hometown of Canfield. After months of preparation and buckets of sweat, Harlan's Auto Care, Ltd. was up and running.



Jack Harlan

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Today, Jack's business has been, according to him, "picking up slowly, with mostly word of mouth referrals." Many alumni have been to Harlan's for auto service, and all have been impressed by the quality of car care and the attention to detail by Jack and his staff. So stop by Jack's place soon and say hello!



JACK HARLAN
Canfield High School

NEWS FROM THE CURRENT BAND

The Squires Warren Junior Military Band is getting ready for the upcoming Fall/Winter season. We are offering free music lessons with licensed music educators for students

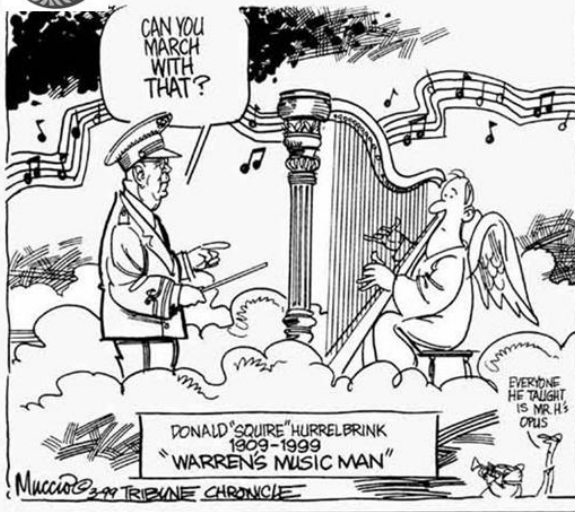
Information received via email from Sarah Winston, Band Representative

grades 6-12 and preparing for small and large ensemble rehearsals. The band is also excited about the

new color guard clinics, percussion ensemble, and eurhythmics classes. For more information call 330-330-3006 or email: SquiresWJMB@gmail.com



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Tribute to Squire from the Warren Tribune, 1999



VFW-Boys/WJMB Alumni Association Trustees Meeting
Saturday, October 16th, 2010 10am meeting, 9am breakfast
Café Cimmento, 120 E. Boardman St. Youngstown (Downtown)
All Welcome to attend and help us to plan the future!

2010/11 - WJMB Alumni Association Membership Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Years in Band: _____ High School: _____
Instrument (s): _____
Amount Enclosed: _____ Donation: \$20 or any amount is appreciated!

**Please note that all membership fees collected are only used for WJMB Alumni Association operational expenses such as: web site fees, newsletter expense, legal filing fees, gathering/picnic expense, etc.

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