



The VFW Boys / WJMB Alumni Association Newsletter is brought to you in order to share information about upcoming events, gatherings and notes of personal interest about fellow alumni throughout the country. Have a idea for a story or an event? Just let us know via email at: info@wjmbalumni.org. We always welcome new ideas and assistance to make this fun for all.

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WINTER PARTY—EVERYONE INVITED

This winter, our after Christmas gathering will be a bit less formal, and hopefully, a lot less snowy! Arrangements have been finalized to have our “Winter Fling” at Quaker Steak & Lube on Interstate Dr. in Austintown, Ohio at Rt.46 and I-80.

To make it easy on everyone, the folks at The Lube have allowed us to simply make a large reservation for 50-80 people, and they are reserving for us the entire left side dining room and bar area for the evening.

The selection is great as this year every guest will simply order off the menu with his/her server, and pay for whatever you order. Although this will cause some delay in food preparation time, it will make it so everyone can eat what they like. Although no money is due ahead of time this year, they do ask us to get folks to RSVP so they can have enough tables ready. Please do so by calling Russ Beatty at: 330.360.3153 or send email to: mikelcc@msn.com.

Date: Saturday, January 16th 2010

Time: 6:30 - Drinks and mingle 7pm - Order Dinner

Where? Quaker Steak & Lube

Interstate Blvd. Austintown, Ohio

A postcard reminder will also be mailed.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING WITH ELECTIONS

The upcoming 2010 annual meeting to elect association officers will be held on Saturday, January 16th, 2010 at 10am at Café Cimmento on Boardman Street in downtown Youngstown near the post office.

We will have a private room to ourselves and be able to have breakfast and conduct our business in a pleasant environment.

Any alumni or parent of are welcome to come and become trustees and assist the organization in its continuing efforts to grow and provide social gatherings that are a value to all.

The current officers and trustees are listed to the right, however, many of them are not going to be able to continue to serve due to other commitments. Please take a moment to consider helping us keep Squire’s memory alive through this great social organization. Thank You!

Right: Jim Cunningham, Photo from 1971

- President - Jim Cunningham
- Vice President - Mike Ceci
- Treasurer - Pam Raidel (Potter)
- Secretary - Wendy Mundell (Slee)
- Trustee - Russ Beatty
- Trustee - Holly Ceci (Burns)
- Trustee - Marcy Davis (Slee)
- Trustee - Dan Davis
- Trustee - Mike Harlan
- Trustee - Cindy Munson (Slee)
- Trustee - Steve Pasternak
- Trustee - Heidi Wagner
- Trustee - Dick Walker
- Trustee - Jonathan Willis
- Trustee - James Gruver



MONTHLY BREAKFAST at THE KORNER RESTAURANT

Special thanks to fellow alumnus **Rob Proverbs, 76-82**, who has arranged for us to be able to meet at his restaurant, **The Korner Restaurant**, on **Mahoning Ave.** in beautiful **N. Jackson, Ohio**. It is an informal breakfast beginning at **9am**.



This update is to let everyone know that in order to make it easier for people to know when we are meeting, we have decided to schedule the breakfast for the **last Saturday of every month**. Hopefully this change will allow for the guessing to end as to if/when we are meeting. The numbers in attendance has been growing and many mornings see us dragging tables together to accommodate the extra people. So don't be shy!

Remember, both past members and parents are invited anytime. Come and visit with us! Contact Russ Beatty for any information at 330-360-3153. We hope to see you there to enjoy the wonderful food Rob's place has to offer.

HOME FOR THANKSGIVING?

How About a Hot Dog?

One of the many wonderful memories about WJMB rehearsals at St. Mary's, besides the scary basement men's room, was meeting friends afterwards for a hot dog at the world famous Hot Dog Shoppe at the corner of Rt. 45 & 422. Both member and parents alike would cram into the booths and order one with chili-n-cheddar and a side of fires with sauce to top it off! Probably a good idea that the visits were limited to "after" practice to avoid any missed notes during practice!

To pay homage to those wonderful Wednesday evenings, an alumni lunch is being planned at the Warren Hot Dog Shoppe for Saturday, November 28th at 2:00pm. That is the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the middle of the afternoon, so all of your shopping trips should be done, and if not, stop in for lunch and take a break from it!



LOOK AT WHAT WE GREW UP TO DO!

Want to share what you are doing? Just email us at info@wjmbalumni.org



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SQUIRE'S STORIES

"DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY"

Recently a decision was made to make one of the associations missions to collect donations for the purchase of, and to find volunteers to place, flowers at Squire's grave site in Vienna, Ohio. With the permission of his family, the goal will be to remember Squire and his spouses with a little gesture of decoration during holidays and special occasions throughout the year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation for this cause can do so through the normal donation form on the back page of the newsletter, and simply mark the word **FLOWERS** on it. We will make every attempt to acknowledge this donation with a thank you letter accompanied by a photo of his decorated gravesite.

Honoring those that make an impact on our lives was part of what Squire tried to instill in each of us, besides music. To honor them is to be respectful, and in doing so allows us to respect ourselves. This is the lesson he meant for us to learn. We hope that you did. Thank you in advance for your help in this effort.

Summer Picnic a Success Once Again!

On Father's Day, June 2009, the alumni association held it's annual summer picnic and had a wonderful turnout. The weather was great, the food was bountiful, and the children were running about to the delight of the parents who got a small time-out to visit old friends.

With Russ Beatty, Steve Pasternak and Jim Gruver waking up early that morning to complete setting up the park, Poland's Fireman's Field Park served us well once again.

Although conversation about the best time in the summer to have such a picnic and how to better inform members about it simmered, it was resolved that any other time or place would result in many conflicts as well, and so the Saturday before Father's Day would remain the date for the

annual VFW Boys - WJMB Alumni picnic for the foreseeable future.

A thanks as always to Russ Beatty for allowing us use of the pavilion for free, and for keeping the Poland Village Police Department at bay! (for those that don't know, Russ is the Chief of Police)



Alumni Mike Ceci, Sean Miller, and unclaimed children!



Donald W. Hurrelbrink

Director V. F. W. Junior Band 1930 to present date. Graduated Dana's Institute of Music and the Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio. French Horn is his basic instrument. He is Director of Music at the Fitch High School of Youngstown.

Through The Years DVD Now Available

Thanks to the donation of many photos from many alumni and the many hours volunteered by alumnus Jonathan Willis, current Director of Bands at Mount Union College, we now have available our first DVD of photo memories. Initially shown at last years winter mix to a great review, we would now like to make it available to anyone that would like one.

There are two ways to get yours. The first way is for FREE! Simply fill out your 2010 membership form that is on the last page of this newsletter and send it along to us with your annual membership donation of \$20, and we will send the 30 minute DVD to you as our thanks, FREE of charge. This offer is available from December 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010.

The DVD will also be made available at all alumni functions and on our website for only \$10, including shipping. But why not get it for FREE when you renew your annual membership with the alumni association. Our thanks for your continued support! God Bless!

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Remember Squire.

**WJMB
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We Need Your Help!

Please Volunteer to assist us with any of the following duties:

- 1. Website Maintenance**
- 2. Database Management**
- 3. Newsletter Updates**
- 4. Membership Committee**
- 5. Event Planning**

**Contact Mike Ceci to volunteer at
mike.ceci@wjmbalumni.org**



Thanks to our newsletter contributors : Jim Cunningham, Mike Ceci, Wendy Mundell & Russ Beatty

Yes! I Believe in Squire! 2010 - WJMB Alumni Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Years in Band: _____ High School: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Annual Donation: \$20 Please note, your FREE DVD will be mailed to the address provided.

**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.

Make checks payable to: **WJMB Alumni Association and mail to: WJMB Alumni Association PO Box 291 Niles, Oh 44446**

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Please let us know what you think about this newsletter. We welcome suggestions and ideas for stories of interest to our readers. Just email your comments and/or suggestions to the Newsletter Committee at newsletter-committee@wjmbalumni.org.

