



DGN MUSIC BOOSTERS

MUSIC NOTES

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Over the past year I've had the opportunity to meet with many enthusiastic parents, grandparents, guardians and other supporters of our students. As much as I strive to remember each and every name, as important as I accept this privilege to be, I struggle with it at times. If you've ever studied anything regarding the topic of memory enhancement, you'll likely have learned that multiple associations are a key. For example, we might associate a place or job with a person. Or we might mentally draw a picture in our mind's eye of an individual's specific attribute or skill along with their name. This is where I realize that at least part of the "blame" for my addled memory falls on you folks. At first I had frequently chastised myself for not immediately recalling all of your names and faces that way that

we both might like; it occurs to me that every time I attend a function or performance, it's clear that we have more and more involvement on the part of our supporters.

Not only do so many of you participate in one role, but when a new opportunity arises (such as ushering at our performances), both veterans as well as new volunteers alike quickly step up to help. Further adding to this variety of "associations", is the variable of performances. Many of our multi-talented students will perform in more than one organization, be it one of the instrumental band ensembles as well as an orchestra, or in one or more of our choirs. In short, it can sometimes escape me whether I recall first meeting you at a football game or at some other, strictly musical performance. Truly, your involvement in so many differ-

ent ways are all to your credit. Your increased generosity is also reflected by our growing Contributing Members fund. These funds are designated strictly to serve the further musical education and scholarship of our students.

As we move toward the end of this year's performances, the Music Booster Board is already looking toward next year's leadership team. Your continually increasing involvement is both welcome, as well as absolutely essential, in order to maintain the organization's vitality. On a personal note, although serving our organization in the capacity of President is a tremendously rewarding opportunity, keeping all of the names and faces straight is a challenge that I hope to never fully meet, despite my best efforts. ☺

FROM THE CHAIR...

A few words of thanks to our *incredible* volunteers ...

For me, the rituals of spring-time include reflecting on the first three-quarters of the academic year, as well as taking a moment to pause and appreciate all the wonderful volunteer efforts that our Music Boosters coordinate.

The simple phrase "thank-you" seems to be unbelievably inadequate when I try to find ways to express the appreciation our music faculty feels for the many things the Music Boosters do to support music education at North High. But we, as a faculty, want to make

sure that you do know how fortunate we feel to stand shoulder to shoulder with you as we look to provide exciting and enriching learning opportunities for our music students.

As we close out the year, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to say a specific thank-you to the members of our very dedicated Music Booster Board. This year's board, under the leadership of Bill Younker, has been key to the success of so many initiatives and events. One example is the newly revamped – and significantly enhanced –

Music Booster web site
www.dgnmusicboosters.com

Thank you Bill, and all the dedicated members of the Board, for your tireless work!

On behalf of Anne Branch, Janis Guter, Bill Miller, and Frank Piekarz, I wish you a very pleasant summer; we look forward to working with many of you again in 2006-2007!

Musically yours,

Brayer Teague
Fine Arts Department Chair

APRIL 2006

Upcoming events

- 4/18 **Dist. Orchestra Honors Recital** 7:30 PM DGN/ SS
- 5/8 **Dist. Band Honors Recital** 7:00 PM TBD/SS
- 4/28-30 **DGN Musical**
- 5/15-5-19 **Spring Art Show** All Day DGN/Art
- 5/15 **Spring Choral Showcase Tech Rehearsal** 6 PM DGN/ FC, CC, TC
- 5/16 **Spring Choral Showcase** 7:30 PM/DGN FC, CC, TC
- 5/18 **Band Concert** 7:30 PM DGN/CB I, CB II, SB
- 5/19 **Orchestra Banquet** TBA DGS/Orch
- 5/20 **Annual Band Awards Banquet / Dance** 6:00 PM Willowbrook/Band families
- 5/24 **Choir Recognition Dinner** 6:00 PM DGN/All Choirs
- 5/25 **Orchestra Concert** 7:30 PM DGS/Orch
- 5/30 **Jazz in the Park Concert** 6:30 PM Fishel Park/JE, JLB
- 6/1 **Graduation Concert** 7:30 PM DGN/WE, AC
- 6/8 **Chamber Choir Concert** 7:00 PM DGN/Chamber Choir
- 6/9 **Graduation Exercises** 7:00 PM DGN/Bands, AC





senior band buzz



We can't believe that it is 4th quarter already! We have been so impressed with the seniors that we have had the privilege of meeting and interviewing this school year for this article. We wish we had the time and space to tell you about every one of the outstanding seniors in band this year. . . .but we only have time for one more. **Sarah Barnes** plays flute and piccolo in the Symphonic Band, and had the distinction of being one of the drum majors for the 2005 Marching Band. We met with the Sarah recently at her home on the north side of Woodridge.

s.b.b.: How long have you been playing an instrument? Where did you get started?

Sarah: I have been playing the flute for over 8 years now. I started playing with the Concert Band in the 5th grade at Willow Creek Elementary School in Woodridge. As early as the 3rd grade, I knew that I wanted to play the flute. When I sang in the church choir as a child, one of the accompanists played the flute and her beautiful music inspired me to want to learn to play. I also play the piccolo, which I have been playing since 8th grade at Jefferson Jr. High in Woodridge.

s.b.b.: Who has influenced your musical "career" the most and why?

Sarah: I would definitely say that Mr. Keith Carlson, the band director at Jefferson Jr. High, was my greatest musical influence. His love of music and teaching music was such an inspiration to me. I still remember Mr. Carlson telling us the story about how he decided to skip playing in the band his freshman year in high school, and how much he regretted making that decision. His story motivated me to continue with band in high school, and I am so thankful for his encouragement.

s.b.b.: What are your interests outside of DGN Band?

Sarah: I am heavily involved in the theater program at DGN. I recently directed a one-act play called Black Comedy. I am also an officer of the Drama Club, and a member of the International Thespian Society. I am also involved with the Future Educators of America and had the opportunity to student teach at some of the area grade schools this year. Yes, I do spend a lot of time at DGN!

s.b.b.: What will your life be like after DGN Band? College/work/music?

Sarah: I am planning to attend the College of DuPage for two years, and then transfer to Illinois State. I will major in English and hope to teach high school English at DGN someday because I am so impressed with how all of the academic departments at DGN work together as a team. This cooperation and understanding among departments has made school so much easier for me and has greatly enriched my experience at DGN.

s.b.b.: What is one interesting thing about you that most people wouldn't know?

Sarah: From 5th grade to 7th grade, I was a cheerleader for the Downers Grove Panthers football team. I really enjoyed the competitions and also the camaraderie with the other cheerleaders.

← **THANK YOU** →

Mary Chennell, Sue Knoebel, Gail Wetta, Mary Paruszkiewicz
and the numerous Fine Arts aides
who graciously helped prepare the newsletter for mailing this year.

And to Mrs. Ozog for coming to our rescue more than once.

Also, thank you to Anne Marie Whitfield Walsh
for creating and contributing the Senior Band Buzz page.



Time Well Spent

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE—SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

Premium quality nursery stock will be delivered to the Main & Grant Street parking lot on Saturday, May 13th which is the day before Mother's Day. **Students must pick up the flowers they pre-ordered between the 8:30am and 10:30am distribution period.** The flowers will be grouped together under the ordering students' names. Students not available that morning must make arrangements for someone else to get their flowers. Teachers and staff may pick up their own orders at the same time.



Additional stock will be available for sale during the same distribution period, while limited supplies last, at the full fundraising price. For your convenience this additional stock can be purchased in ½ flats.

If you don't mind rising early and would like to volunteer to help at this event, please contact Linda Rush at 971-2590, especially if you are good at identifying various plants. If you aren't as sure about horticulture but consider yourself an early bird, the delivery truck arrives quite early and we could use

help unloading and then assisting students and their families.

Profits from this sale go to the Downers Grove North Music Boosters General Fund. This fund is used to promote and enhance DGN music experiences. Some examples of past General Fund uses include student scholarships to summer music camps, hiring clinicians during the school year, and multi-year fundraising for purchases like the grand piano for the choir room.

HOSPITALITY THANKS

Greetings DGN Band Families:

I am the incoming "Band Hospitality Chairperson" for the 2006-2007 school year, and I began my training during the last concert in March, helping with some of the arrangements. I was **amazed** by the enthusiastic response from the parents I called and by all the parents who stopped to offer their help before and after the concert. Unfortunately, I am

afraid that I may have missed some names, and I wanted to make sure that I properly thanked everyone who helped! If you are interested in helping at future concerts, or would like to contact me with suggestions, please feel free to send me an e-mail at lorimart32@yahoo.com.

Thank you all again! I look forward to the coming year!

Lori Delaney

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING!

We are looking for parents interested in chairing or co-chairing future DGN Music Booster fundraising events. The current need is for a **chairman** to run the **2007 Spring Flower Fund-raiser**. We will provide plenty of coaching and help to find additional helpers as needed.

A secondary need is for parents interested in helping with a 2006-2007 fundraiser as preparation to chair the

event in the 2007-2008 school year.

A parent volunteer is also needed for the position of **Band Student Accounts**.

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to April 30th with any questions and/or interest.

Tina Riley: 964-0961
Becky Connery: 960-2633
Bill Younker: 322-9263

The DGN Music Boosters congratulate and thank the following chairpersons for their successful events during the 2005-2006 school year:

Connie and Bill Brower – Music Booster Spirit Sales
Dawn Johnson – Music Booster monthly Market Day Sales
Andrea Kennedy – ValuCard Fundraiser
Mary Paruszkiewicz – Fannie May Candy Fundraiser
Peggy and Dirk Gutzke – Pizza/Cheesecake Fundraiser
Linda Rush – Spring Flower Sale



WWW.MARKETDAY.COM

Only a few months left to order...be sure to stock up for the summer months!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who help make Market Day a success. Without their smiling faces we could not get the orders out to our customers in such a timely way. And we laugh all the way!! Thank you to the following DGN students who don't get to sleep in on a Saturday morning...Ian and Phoebe Black, T.J. Kelley, Dainia Windisch, Megan and Laura, Heidi,

Mark and Lisa Lockett, Kristian Peterson, Ian and Casey Johnson; our German exchange students Florian Mundt and Sina Reiter for experiencing American volunteerism; Rick and Karin Anderson, Dennis Arcaro, Kathy and Les Kelly, Mark Johnson, Rebecca Schumaker and John Black, Rosie Wolf, Joan Ralph, Kari Shatzer, Judy Harrington, Mary Paruskiewicz, Beatrice Prudden, Gail Wetta, Steve Johnson, Ramchito Oloris, and Lori Ball. A big thank you to the DGN custodians, Pat and

Chris, who set up tables and open parking gates so that we may set up and operate smoothly.

This year \$855.61 has been put into student accounts to be used to pay for trips, lessons, etc. Our total profits through the March sale are \$2,853.25.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Keep those orders coming!

Dawn Johnson
Rebecca Schumaker
Market Day Chair/Co-Chair

MARKET DAY SALES DATES

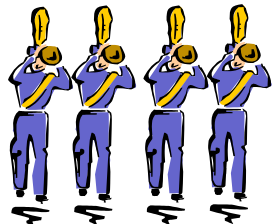
MAY 6TH
JUNE 3RD
JULY 15TH

FOREST STREET
ENTRANCE FROM
8—9 AM

MEMORIES...

If you see a Trojan Marching Band member walking down the street, don't be surprised! About a fourth of the band students just could not live without a souvenir band uniform, and we thank them for their generous donations.

The Music Boosters will be using the money received to purchase new storm coats as they are needed.



Thanks, too, to Dawn Johnson and Corrina Fallbacher for their help on distribution day.

If you know of any alums who might need to have an old uniform, please tell them they can contact the Music Boosters!

Our **Contributing Members Fund** currently boasts 180 members! **Thank you** to each of you that have shared in this opportunity to support our music students.

Student scholarship applications are available in the Fine Arts office.



For our concert on **Tuesday, May 16th, Freshman and Concert Choir** members are requested to bring 2 dozen cookies to share at our concert reception.

Thank you.



All members of **Concert Band I and II** are asked to contribute 2 dozen cookies at call time for the concert on **Thursday, May 18th.**

Thank you.

2006 ANNUAL BAND AWARDS BANQUET & DANCE

Just a note to remind you the Big Event is Saturday, May 20, 2006

Doors and raffle open at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner is served at 6:00 P.M.

Followed by Awards and Dancing

Reservations are due on Friday, May 5 – Confirmation of payment will be posted in the band room, no tickets will be sent home. When you check-in at the Willowbrook you will receive one soft drink ticket per person. A cash soft drink bar is available for further purchases.

How should I dress? Although the dress varies, the students generally like to dress up. Some parents prefer to wear something appropriate for a nice concert attendance while others dress casual.

Raffle: Student Parking pass, Homecoming tickets, Turnabout tickets, 2006 Prom tickets, Play passes, Lunch with Mr. Teague and Mr. Miller, Lunch passes for two-weeks for student cafeteria, DGN Coverlet and more.

Directions: Take Route 83 South to Archer Ave. (Route 171). Turn left (east) and at fork stay to the left. Drive through a lovely wooded area (approximately 3 miles). On the left will be the Willowbrook Ballroom & Banquet Center, 8900 South Archer Avenue, Willow Springs.

We hope to see everyone there.



WILLOWBROOK BALLROOM & BANQUET CENTER

8900 S. Archer Avenue
Willow Springs, IL 60480

Saturday, May 20, 2006

5:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Band Student's name _____ Grade _____

Family name (if different) _____ Phone _____

“THE CELEBRATION DINNER”

A Stylish Twist to Family Style

Distinctive presentation combines London broil, served with savory roasted bell peppers, and sautéed boneless breast of chicken with lemon basil sauce over a bed of penne pasta. Side dishes are herb roasted potatoes and fresh grilled vegetables. Penne pasta will be available without meat or sauce upon request.

Also includes: Fresh fruit cup, garden salad with peppercorn ranch dressing, breadbasket, dessert and coffee, tea, or milk. Each meal will include a coupon for one soft drink.

- _____ Adult's Plate - \$35.00
- _____ Child's Plate (10 & under) - \$16.00
- \$ _____ Total cost of dinner
- \$ _____ Deduct from student account
(PLEASE VERIFY THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE)
- \$ _____ My check is enclosed
- _____ Total # of dinners ordered

NOTE: Music Boosters does not profit from this dinner– sales are at cost.

Seating Preference

Please list below other band families with whom you want to be seated and have those families include you on their form for accurate seating arrangements. We will do our best to try and arrange seating as you requested. Tables will not be assigned until all reservations and checks for a table have been received. Tables are set for 10 people.

Please mail reservation form and check payable to “**DGN Music Boosters**” to: **Marianne Moscato**
11 Sixth Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Questions? Call Marianne Moscato at 968-6836

Marching Band Reserved Seating!

At home football games, just for band families...

To reserve your seats in time for the first game,
please have your check arrive by July 1st.

Band Parent seats are in the section of bleachers just south of the band.

The DGN Music Boosters thanks the Trojan Boosters for supporting this initiative.

100% of the proceeds go to our Music Boosters organization.



Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to the address below.

2006 Trojan Football Reserved Seat Request – BAND SEATS

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

___ I had seats last year. ___ Similar to last years seats.

Try to seat me near the _____ family.

\$25 for first seat _____

___ additional at \$20 each _____

Total of your check _____

Please mail and make checks payable to:

**Trojan Booster Club
 PO Box 10
 Downers Grove, IL 60515**

Please do not send checks to anywhere but the P.O. Box. You will receive an email verifying your seat request.
 100% of your check supports the Music Boosters.

**Please note: Purchasing a reserved seat is not an admission ticket. Tickets are sold at the gate.
 Family Passes can be purchased on Fee Payment Day.**



**DGN MUSIC BOOSTERS
BOARD MEMBERS**

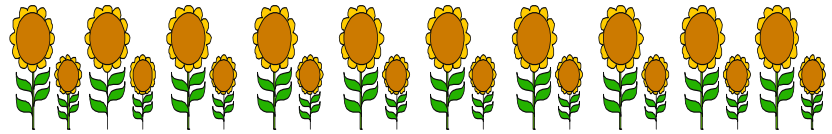
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VP Coordinator: Barb Mech
Secretary: Tina Riley
Treasurer: Becky Connery
Band Accounts: Ruth Schneider
Choir Accounts: Mary Siebert
Orchestra Accounts: Linda Rush
Fundraising: Joe Rush
Newsletter: Therese Brandenstein
Sharon Younker
Contributing Members: Diana Rhoades

Did You Know...

That it's not too late
to purchase flowers from the
Annual Flower Sale?

Extra plants, in addition to student orders,
are available on **Saturday, May 13th**,
from 8:30 until 10:30am
...just in time for Mother's Day!

Be sure to arrive early for the best selection.



Downers Grove North High School-
Music Boosters
4436 Main St.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Join in at the next DGN Music Boosters meeting:
Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:30pm in the Alumni Room