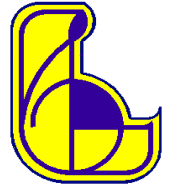




LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER



“It’s All For the Kids”

June 2009

President: Bob Underwood

Vice-President: Gregg Marx

Treasurer: Jill Warner

Secretary: Debbie Hoagland

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**Visit the web site at
www.bandofgold.org**

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Booster Officers and Chairpersons

President – Bob Underwood – 681-1731

Vice President – Gregg Marx – 653-0862

Secretary - Debbie Hoagland - 653-0788

Treasurer - Jill Warner - 654-0218

Bingo - Phil Anderson - 653-0260

Tracy Barnhart

Uniforms – Debbie Hoagland – 653-0788

Kathy Underwood – 681-1731

Student Fundraising – Vacant

Concessions – Jen Shick – 412-8826

Fair Booth - Gary & Sheryl Johnson - 653-9541

Tim & Jill Warner - 654-0218

Publicity - Trindi Waites - 653-0690

Rod Elder - 654-8502

Invitational – Trindi Waites – 653-0690

From your booster president....

First and most importantly, congratulations to all music students of the class of 2009 and the best of luck to each of you as you begin a new chapter in your life. *You will be missed.* Special congratulations go out to this year's Band Booster Scholarship winners; Breanne Crawford, Eric Gillette, Tim Hoagland, Simeon Raddatz, and Katie Uhl.

I'm happy to tell you that last year's officers and chair persons have agreed to serve the Band Boosters for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The only exception / opening is the fund raising chair vacated by Elaine Gillette, though she will continue as a trustee for the remaining year of her two year term. While I am indeed happy that all incumbents agreed to serve, I was surprised that no one was challenged nor was there any interest expressed. This newsletter announced for two months that our election would be held at our May meeting, and I hoped for more voters.

Mr. Gerken and Mr. Bode allowed me to speak at the junior high concerts on May 19 and 21 between the 7th and 8th grade performances. While certainly not a public speaker, I appreciate the opportunity and did get a few people to stop by and talk after the concert. I will call each personally in a week or so to welcome them and hopefully get them involved.

The message at the junior high concerts pertained to the ~\$60K annual budget that the boosters provide and the fact that our BINGO game funds over half of that in addition to all the big ticket items that we have. My talk was in fact a plea for help to staff our BINGO game. **The good news** is that our community WILL support our booster group and the music department. **The bad news** is that we, as a parent group, do not turn out in sufficient numbers to service the support we do receive, let alone to increase support. I left the folks at the junior high concerts with this line; "We don't want YOUR money but we desperately need YOUR time, and we have the processes in place to turn your time into the money that is needed to support our music programs and your students."

On June 22 the executive committee of the band boosters will meet to analyze 2008 – 2009 budget spend and to discuss the proposed 2009 – 2010 budget. Our recent trip (and associated expenses) to Florida was planned and approved more than a year in advance. The current economic downturn is beyond our control. Both greatly affect our budget and reserves. Gregg and I both feel that lack of support within our own ranks is the variable that will force some very candid discussion and some very tough decisions in the near future. Creative solutions to funding will be explored and discussed, but will certainly require boosters' time to carry out and that is our weak point. The simple solution of more members giving some of their time to existing activities is the most desirable solution in our opinion.

If you have a child in the Lancaster City Schools Instrumental Music Department, I urge you to get involved in the Lancaster Band Boosters to support all of the music programs. The best time to get involved is right now! Refer back to the second paragraph; officers are in place, chair persons are in place, we are looking for 'helpers' to sell hotdogs, sell bingo tickets, have fun, and make new friends. No experience is necessary; a little of your time and enthusiasm will go a long way toward supporting the music programs and enhancing your child's music experience.

Bob (Kathy) Underwood 681-1731
Gregg (Carol) Marx 653-0862

General Sherman

Thanks to everyone for their help and support throughout the year. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade bands recently performed their spring concerts and all of the kids did a great job. I would also like to thank Mr. Underwood for speaking at the 7th and 8th grade concert. The Sherman 8th grade band also participated in the Kings Island Trills and Thrills contest on the 16th of May and earned an overall Superior Rating. Again...thanks to everyone for a great year.

David A. Bode
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General Sherman Junior High School
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UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 19th - Pay to play payment due**
- **June 22nd - Band Booster Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – LHS band room**



**LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS
THIRD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
AUGUST 23, 2009**



Sponsored by:
The Lancaster Band Boosters

**The Lancaster Band of Gold's Third Annual Golf Outing is being held
Sunday, August 23, 2009 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course**

Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Registration Opens at 7:00 a.m.

Format: Three Man Scramble (Best Ball)

Entry Fee: \$150.00 per Team
Fee Includes: Golf with Cart; Prizes and Lunch; Drinks All Day

Deadline: First 36 Teams



Make Checks Payable To: Lancaster Band Boosters
c/o Gary Johnson
Gary's Sunoco
1100 N. Memorial Drive
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Registrations Can Be Turned In At: Gary's Sunoco
Or to
Mike Kilbarger at
Pleasant Valley Golf Course

TEAM MEMBERS & ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON

1. _____ (Contact)
2. _____
3. _____



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We are asking for your support of this Outing which in turn supports your Band. You can do so by becoming one or more of the following sponsors:

- & **Advertising Sponsor** – For a \$50.00 contribution, a sign will be placed at one of the holes during the outing to publicize your support.
- & **Door Prize Sponsor** – For the contributions of a non-monetary item, you or your business will be acknowledged for your contribution during the awards presentation.

In addition, we would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, August 23, 2009, at Pleasant Valley Golf Course and enjoy the friendly competition of our Third Annual Golf Outing. If you wish to enter one three-person team for a "shotgun start" scramble on Sunday morning, August 23, an entry fee of \$150 per team will provide 18 holes of golf, prizes, lunch and refreshments. The field will be limited so early registration is a must.

Thank you for your support of our Third Annual Golf Outing.

Mail To: Lancaster Band Boosters
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