



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER



“It’s All For the Kids”

June/July 2010

President: Bob Underwood

Vice-President: Mark Churchill

Treasurer: Jill Warner

Secretary: Debbie Hoagland

Web Site: Rod Elder

Newsletter: Trindi Waites

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

Lancaster Band Boosters are parents/guardians of any student involved in the instrumental music program in the Lancaster City Schools, including Thomas Ewing, General Sherman, and Lancaster High School. The student may be involved in Concert or Symphonic Band, Marching “Band of Gold,” Pep Band, Percussion Ensemble, or Swinging Gales “Jazz Ensemble.” Former band members, members of their families or interested community members can also be Booster members

Booster Officers and Chairpersons

President – Bob Underwood – 681-1731

Vice President – Mark Churchill - 277-6387

Secretary - Debbi Hoagland - 653-0788

Treasurer - Jill Warner - 654-0218

Uniforms – Debbi Hoagland – 653-0788

Kathy Underwood – 681-1731

Student Fundraising – Rejeanna Smith - 438-2172

Concessions – Victoria Grayson – 503-5848

Janet Donahue – 215-6101

Lynn Ridenour – 503- 4503

Fair Booth - Gary & Sheryl Johnson - 653-9541

Tim & Jill Warner - 654-0218

Publicity - Trindi Waites - 653-0690

Rod Elder - 654-8502

Invitational - Kevin & Becky Numbers – 407-1120

General Sherman Bands:

Congratulations to all of the bands on their outstanding spring concert performances. Everyone played very well.

The General Sherman 8th Grade Band competed in the Kings Island "Trills and Thrills" adjudicated event on Saturday May 22nd. The band earned a superior rating from each judge and an overall superior rating. Congratulations to the 8th grade band members. Also...a big thank you to the parents that chaperoned. This trip would not of been possible without their help.

From your Booster President.....

Firstly and most importantly, congratulations and best wishes to all music students of the class of 2010. On a personal note, some of you I have known as a music student and a 'family friend' since the 5th grade Tarhe days, more of you since the Sherman days, and all of you for the past four years. Thank you for sharing your high school music career with us – that is exactly why the booster group does what it does! Congratulations to this year's Band Booster Scholarship winners; Amber Spring, Haley Underwood and Kyle Marx.

I'm pleased that Marc Churchill has 'joined the ranks' serving as vice president of the Band Boosters for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Kevin and Becky Numbers will be coordinating the Band of Gold Invitational this year. Victoria Grayson, Janet Donahue, and Lynn Ridenour will serve as the chair persons of the football concessions this year. Rejeanna Smith is our newest trustee in addition to her fundraising duties. All of these parents are 'stepping up' with just one year under their belt and this is outstanding! We must have that level of participation out of this year's new parents!

A year ago in May, the message I delivered at the junior high concerts pertained to the 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. I left the folks at the junior high concerts with this line; "We don't want YOUR money; we want 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." That support did not materialize and our bingo operations are suspended. I am disappointed; but not surprised. Over the past year, the executive committee of the band boosters and the directors has worked very hard on a budget for both last and next year. These meetings have allowed us to learn much and gain understanding and respect for all involved. Creative solutions to funding will be explored and discussed, but will certainly require boosters' time to carry out and that is our weak point at this time. The simple solution of more members giving some of their time to existing activities is absolutely critical in my opinion. Our concessions at the football games have a six home game "opportunity" this season and fair concessions can be a gold mine if

supported with help and PIE donations! We must show up in droves to support Kevin and Becky for the Band of Gold Invitational.

Fewer opportunities for our band members are the price *they* will pay for *our* failure to turn out to support them and I don't even care to think that way.

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 raffle tickets, have fun, and make new friends. We don't 'dump' new parents into anything on their own; you will be 'paired up' with a 'veteran' to get started. Perhaps you have heard me whine about the financial matters long enough; if so then come out for selfish reasons to **support your kids**.

Your kids quickly become our kids, and our kids quickly become your kids when you get involved.

No experience is necessary; your time, talent, and enthusiasm will go a long way toward supporting the music programs and enhancing ~~your~~ **our** child's music experience! Call me or any of the officers you see in the listing above – let's talk about getting you started!

Bob (Kathy) Underwood 681-1731
Marc (Kellie) Churchill 277-6387

Mark your calendars now for August 9th for our annual picnic at Valley View following band camp to kickoff the marching season! Bring your calendars and questions and be prepared to meet everyone and sign up for all our activities for the season!



**CHARLES F. SMITH
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
AUGUST 22, 2010**



Sponsored by:
Lancaster Band Boosters

**The Charles F. Smith Memorial Golf Outing
is being held Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course**

Charlie was an active member and a great supporter of the Lancaster Band Boosters well after his children graduated. The Band Boosters would like to honor Charlie's many years of service to the boosters by starting the Charles F. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from this event will go directly into the scholarship fund.

We are asking for your support of this endeavor which in turn will help support a deserving young student continue their education after high school. You can do so by becoming one 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 22, 2010, at Pleasant Valley Golf Course and enjoy the friendly competition at the outing. If you wish to enter a three-person team for a "shotgun start" scramble on Sunday morning, August 22, an entry fee of \$150 per team will provide 18 holes of golf, prizes, lunch and refreshments. The field will be limited to 36 teams so early registration is recommended.

Thank you for the support of this scholarship fund.

Mail To: Lancaster Band Boosters
c/o Gary Johnson
1100 N. Memorial Drive
Lancaster, Ohio



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- 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
1100 N. Memorial Drive
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Registrations Can Be Turned In At: Gary's Service Center
or to
Mike Kilbarger at
Pleasant Valley Golf Course

TEAM MEMBERS, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON



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

*******ATTENTION*******

FOR PARENTS THAT LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD

The dates have been finalized for the "FAIR BOOTH" at the Fairfield County Fair. They are Oct. 10th thru Oct. 16th. Sign-up sheets will be made available at a later date. We are open the same hours as the fair. We usually run in 4 hour shifts. Keep in mind also that if you can't work, we accept donations of baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies etc) to be sold at the booth. If you have any questions call the committee chairs (phone numbers listed above) or any officer can point you in the right direction.



Have you registered your KROGER PLUS CARD with the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM yet?

Every time you make a purchase at Kroger and scan your Kroger Plus card, the Lancaster Band Boosters will benefit **IF YOU HAVE IT REGISTERED**. Please follow these simple few steps to register online:

- Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy.
- Click on SignIn/Register.
- Click on Sign Up Today in the “New Customer?” box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Reward Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your e-mail address and creating a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus Card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (80120) which is the Band Booster’s organization number, select organization from list, and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization’s name on the right side of your information page.

Provide your name, your Kroger Plus card number, and the band student’s name to the Band Booster Fundraiser representative so the reward may be distributed.

If you don’t have access to a computer or need help with the “technical” part of registering, please let Gaby Ronan know at 687-6409.

If you have any other questions, please contact Elaine Gillette at 654-4159

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jun 12th – Band Camp Payment due
- Jun 21st – Marching Band Uniform Distribution- Band Room – 6 to 8:00 pm
- Jun 22nd – Parade Practice – LHS -6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jun 23rd - Marching Band Uniform Distribution- Band Room – 6 to 8:00 pm
- Jun 24th - Parade Practice – LHS -6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jun 26th - Band Camp Payment due
- Jun 29th - Parade Practice – LHS -6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jul 1st - Parade Practice – LHS -6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jul 4th – Parade – TBA
- Jul 23rd – Percussion Ensemble Lancaster Festival – TBA
- Jul 24th – Pay to Play due
- Jul 30th – Marching Band Photo Fulton Field – 9:00 am
- Aug 1st – 6th – Band Camp – Rio Grande – TBA
- Aug 6th – Band Camp Performance – Rio Grande – 7:00 pm
- Aug 9th – Picnic/Booster Meeting – Valley View - TBA