

THE Park Rapids

# Community Band



Est.  
October  
1991



# Announcing...!



TO: All Interested Band Participants

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Park Rapids Area Community Band! Below is the general information. Community Education and American Legion Post 212 will be co-sponsoring the band. We hope that you will be able to make a commitment to join us in this exciting venture.

First and foremost we want to build a unique musical performance group. And knowing how busy people are, we plan to do this with a minimum of rehearsal time and with a realistic performance schedule. The band will perform some of the traditional band literature as well as some very special band arrangements that only our band will have in its library.

Here is the schedule information you will need in order to make a decision to join us:

Rehearsals:	Saturdays, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 2, 23
Time:	1:30 p.m., lasting 2 hours
Where:	Park Rapids High School Band Room (Located 3 blocks west on 34 of stoplights 34 & 71, north on Huntsinger Ave. High School is on north end of the elementary school. Use entrance with the American Flag on door. Two doors south of main entrance.)
Concert:	Saturday, Dec. 7 P.R.H.S. Auditorium
Concert Dress:	5:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Concert White shirts or blouses, black pants, slacks or skirts, black socks or stockings.

We will be able to pay some mileage for attending rehearsals and concerts. Here is the formula for that: \$5.00 to musicians with a Park Rapids phone number, \$10.00 to musicians within the Wadena radius, \$15.00 to musicians within the Grand Rapids radius, and \$20.00 to musicians outside the Grand Rapids radius.

We plan to disband after the December 7th concert and start up again in mid May with a goal of presenting a series of "Pops in the Park" concerts during the Summer.

We hope that you will be able to join us and help us develop this band. It should be an exciting venture and it will be fun! If this project appeals to you and you wish to "sign up" all we ask for and need is your commitment to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Thank you for your consideration.

The Band Board: Peg Bateman, Grand Rapids, Solon Green, Park Rapids, Band Manager, Anna Larson, Bagley, Jim Wheeler, Park Rapids, Conductor, Tom Wood, Park Rapids.

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO: SOLON GREEN, HC 06, BOX 60A, PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME. \_\_\_\_\_ YES, I WANT TO BE INCLUDED BUT I NEED AN INSTRUMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I CAN'T TAKE PART AT THIS TIME BUT KEEP IN CONTACT WITH ME FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS.

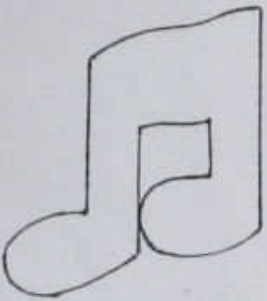
\_\_\_\_\_ SORRY, I AM NOT INTERESTED.

THE INSTRUMENT THAT I PLAY IS \_\_\_\_\_ I ALSO PLAY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I WOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY IF QUALIFIED DAY CARE SERVICE IS PROVIDED.

**PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER PEOPLE THAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE INTERESTED.**





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### Band contribution

The forming of the Park Rapids Area Community Bands is taking taking shape with a \$2,000 contribution from the American Legion recently. Band manager Solon Green (far left) and director Jim Wheeler (right) collected the donation from commander Jim Skaggs, on behalf of the Legion. Plans are to organize a community band and dance band from within the concert band in September. Rehearsals would continue through October and November with a concert set for Dec. 7. Park Rapids Community Education also is helping to sponsor the band ventures.

*Our Sponsor...*  
*~ The American Legion ~*



TO: Citizens National Bank  
FROM: Park Rapids Area Community Band Board  
RE: Request for Financial Assistance

**GENERAL:** The Park Rapids Area Community Band is organized for the following purposes; as a continuing education program for the adults in our community and the surrounding area and as a performance group to enhance the entertainment opportunities of citizens living in this section of rural Minnesota. A dance band will be formed as a part of this program which will be available to support service organization events and social functions.

First and foremost, we want to build an unique musical performance group. And knowing how busy people are, we plan to do this with a minimum of rehearsal time and with a realistic performance schedule. The band will perform some of the traditional band literature as well as some very special band arrangements that only our band will have in its library.

**REHEARSALS:** We will have had four rehearsals by December 7. A concert will be held on December 7 in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We plan to disband after the December 7 concert and start up again in mid May with a goal of presenting a series of "Pops in the Park" concerts during the summer.

**NUMBERS INVOLVED IN THIS ORGANIZATION:** 45 at present with a goal of 50

**BENEFITS OF BEING A SPONSOR:** All sponsors will be acknowledged at performances and in the local newspaper during preconcert promotions.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1991:**

Mileage for 4 rehearsals and concerts	\$2,000.00
Music	\$ 500.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00
Auditorium Rental	\$ 200.00
Misc. (photocopies, postage, stationery, supplies)	\$ 300.00
Phone Expense	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,800.00

**Present need for balance of 1991: \$1650.00**

**We thank you in advance for your consideration and support.**

**CURRENT BAND BOARD:** Peg Bateman-Grand Rapids, Solon Green, Band Manager-Park Rapids, Anna Larson-Bagley, Jim Wheeler, Conductor-Park Rapids, Tom Wood-Park Rapids.



## PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY BAND

October 7, 1991

Dear Bandperson,

### JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

The talk is over. . . The hour is near . . . We have all practiced (a little, we hope). . . It's time for action!!

Our first rehearsal is on **Saturday, October 12** at **1:30 p.m.** in the **Park Rapids Area High School Band Room**. Enter through the door with the American Flag on it.

Looking forward to Music Unlimited.

Musically Yours,

The Band Board  
Park Rapids Area Community Band



# Our First Rehearsal



### Community band

The new Park Rapids Area Community Band, under the direction of Jim Wheeler, had its first rehearsal Saturday in the high school band room. The band was formed with assistance from the American Legion and community education, and area musicians are practicing for their first upcoming concert. For more information on the community band, contact Solon Green at 733-4366.

## PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY BAND

October 28, 1991

### HERE'S TO THE BEST.

No one is having more fun with this band than I am.

### JUST A REMINDER:

Next rehearsal will be at 1:30 p.m. sharp on November 2, 1991 at the Park Rapids High School Band Room. We then will have a long hiatus until November 23, so this session is **VITAL**.

Musically, we have made great strides in only two rehearsals.

See you Saturday.

Jim Wheeler

P.S. If anyone knows of a good used baritone for sale, let me know. We are still low on trumpet players--please feel free to recruit them.

### Briefly

#### Honor our vets

Akeley VFW Post 8508 is having an "honor our vets" party Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Akeley VFW club.

#### And the band plays on...

The newly organized Park Rapids Area Community Concert

and Dance Band will perform a musical salute to the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The concert will be held at the Park Rapids High School auditorium, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Otto Hendrickson post of the American Legion, no admission will be charged. The public is invited to once again enjoy the big band sounds of the World War II era.



## PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY BAND

November 11, 1991

Dear Park Rapids Area Community Band Members,

Here comes another friendly 🎵 to remind you that our next rehearsal will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd**, beginning promptly at **1:30 p.m.**

Next, we are asking a favor of you. In order to "make-up" the rehearsal we missed on November 2nd because of the storm, and in order that we can have a full rehearsal on stage before the concert, we are asking you to bend your Thanksgiving vacation a little so that we can rehearse on Sunday afternoon, December 1st at 2:00 p.m.. (The Vikings have a bye that Sunday.) We want to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Attached you will find a copy of a "Concert Program Sketch" for your examination. Also, we are sending along a copy of Frederick Fennell's "Points For Performance". Please read this over a few times before our next rehearsal and digest points numbered 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 21, 31. Notice how many times he uses the word LISTEN. Point number 11 has been mentioned in our previous rehearsals.

We look forward to seeing you again on November 23rd.

Sincerely,

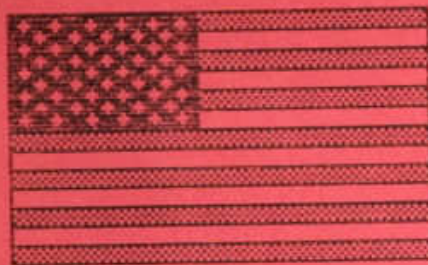
The Band Board



Remember the Big Band Sounds of WWII ...?  
the concerts in the old band shell...?  
Enjoy the Big Band Sounds Again  
by the  
**PARK RAPIDS AREA  
COMMUNITY CONCERT  
& DANCE BAND**  
performing a salute to the  
50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor  
**Sat., Dec. 7 • 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Park Rapids  
**High School Auditorium**  
~ NO ADMISSION ~  
Sponsored by  
OTTO HENDRICKSON POST 212  
**American Legion**




**\*PREMIERE CONCERT\***




**PARK RAPIDS  
AREA COMMUNITY  
CONCERT BAND &  
DANCE BAND  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
7:30 P.M.  
PARK RAPIDS AREA  
HIGH SCHOOL  
NO ADMISSION CHARGE**





# SPONSORS



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 DISTRICT 309 COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
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 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK  
 NORTHWOODS BANK OF MINNESOTA

## PREMIERE CONCERT



# PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND DANCE BAND

Refreshments will be served in the  
 High School Cafeteria following  
 the concert.

This will be hosted by the  
 Park Rapids Women of Today.

Conductor: Jim Wheeler

December 7, 1991 7:30 p.m.  
 Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium  
 No Admission Charge

"STARS & STRIPES FOREVER" ..... John Philip Sousa

### French Horns

Ellis Holcomb, Evansville\*  
 Mary Childs, Park Rapids  
 Keith Swanson, Hermantown\*  
 Julie Henningson, Pequot Lakes\*  
 Sam Swanson, Hermantown

Solon Green, Manager  
 Anna Larson  
 Jim Wheeler, Musical Director  
 Tom Wood  
 \*BAND DIRECTOR  
 + DANCE BAND



## First concert

The Park Rapids Area Community Band held its inaugural concert Saturday under the direction of Jim Wheeler. Forty-five musi-

cians performed patriotic music and the big band sounds of World War II, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The band was organized thanks to a grant from the American Legion Club. They plan to reconvene in the spring and hold outdoor concerts next summer.



## PROGRAM NOTE

Franklin D. Roosevelt: "A date which will live in infamy!"  
DECEMBER 7, 1941

December 6, 1941 was a relatively normal day in the lives of the United States service personnel on the island of Oahu. After the call of RETREAT and EVENING COLORS, soldiers, sailors and marines hurried into Honolulu for a night on the town.

On Sunday morning, just before dawn, the Japanese Pearl Harbor Strike Fleet reached the launch point 230 miles due north of Oahu. At 7:49 on the morning of December 7, 1941, all planes from the Japanese carriers were ordered to launch the attack.

As the men aboard the ships in Pearl Harbor were preparing to change the watch they could hear the church bells across the harbor summoning the faithful to the 8 o'clock mass. At the same time the boatswain aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma piped "To the Colors."

When the first wave of planes swooped across the bay, nearly everyone thought it was just stunting Navy pilots acting up again. Suddenly the quiet harbor was bedlam. Explosions erupted aboard half a dozen ships at once. Loudspeakers crackled and shouted: "AIR RAID! NO DRILL!"

The ensuing battle left a casualty toll of over 2000 dead and over 1000 wounded. Two battleships were lost, three were sunk or beached and three were badly damaged. The Army and Navy each lost nearly 100 planes and many more were damaged. The battleship U.S.S. Arizona still lies at the bottom of Pearl Harbor as a startling reminder of the many personal sacrifices on that memorable day. In two hours most of the U.S. Pacific Fleet had been put out of action, the Pacific air force shattered and thousands of men were killed. And for America, the War had just begun.

The piece closes with the beautiful and haunting NAVY HYMN.

J.D.P.







**NOTE TO DIRECTOR:**

A *Grand Pause* occurs on the seventh measure after letter [L]. The historical words of President Roosevelt are preserved on the enclosed cassette and may be amplified by use of an off-stage microphone. Or, an announcer may recite the following quotation:

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan."

"The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost."

"As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense,...that always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us."

"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory!"

"With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph..SO HELP US GOD!"

F.D.R., December 8, 1941

..... after "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"  
 WELCOME/INTRODUCTION . . . . . Art Burns  
 8 Spaced Chime Strikes  
 Film Clip/ "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY"  
 F. D. R.'S Speech . . . . . Art Burns  
 "NAVY HYMN" Sketch  
 8 Spaced Chime Strikes



PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BANDS

March 2, 1992

Dear Park Rapids Area Community Band Members,

JANUARY 27, 1992

TO: Park Rapids Area Community Band Members And Prospective New Members

RE: Performance and Rehearsal Schedule

Here is the late Winter/Spring Community Band schedule that you will need so that you can bend your schedule and join us:

Rehearsals: Saturday, February 22 = For Dance Band only

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Park Rapids High School Band Room

Shorter rehearsals with the Dance Band will be held after the Concert Band rehearsals.

Rehearsals. Concert Band:

Saturday, March 7,

Saturday, March 21,

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Park Rapids High School Band Room

Sunday, April 5,

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Time: Saturday, April 25,

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Performances: Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser for the Community Band Program

When: Saturday evening, April 11

Where: American Legion Club here in Park Rapids

Times: Dinner from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Dancing from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

General: Ticket price = \$8.00

If you are not in the Dance Band you will be asked to help with the Dinner/Dance. We need a crew to set up tables that afternoon. We need waiters and waitresses to serve the food that evening. We need a publicity committee. I have asked Steve Perry to be the business manager for this event. This should be a fun-filled event with great food and music. I think that it is important for people to see us trying to help ourselves with fund raising for the band program.

Concert Band Concert

When: Sunday afternoon, May 3

Where: Park Rapids High School Auditorium

Time: 3:00 p.m.

I have some exciting music planned for this concert. I am planning on you taking part in this concert unless you call me or write me. This is so very important. I do need to know well in advance if you are not able to take part in this concert. So, if I do not hear from you, I will be seeing you soon.

Jim Wheeler, Rt.3 Box 304, Park Rapids, MN 56470: 218/732-5085



# A Letter from <sup>the</sup> director

Park Rapids, MN  
December 13, 1991

Dear Park Rapids Area Community Band Members,

What a thrill it was for me to conduct you on our premiere concert on December 7th! We have received rave reviews from the people that were in attendance and they will certainly be spreading the word about the positive beginning we have made with our band program.

This was the first concert that I have conducted in 15 years. I will never forget it because it was so very special for me in so many ways. Getting to know you people would be high on the list. From time to time people have asked me, "Don't you miss teaching?" I tell them, "I miss the emotional release that can be experienced during a musical performance." I guess you could call it music therapy. Anyway, I had that experience during our performance. I hope that you did, also.

Well, now you have done it! You have really turned me on! Let's see if we can fit another formal concert into our spring schedules. (Formal concerts would be held inside versus informal concerts held outside.) I will keep you well informed as to the progress made in that direction.

I want to share some plans and dreams that I have for our band program.

**BAND SHELL:** A committee will soon be formed and have its first meeting in January to start working on this project. Dean Klicker will chair this committee. Let us know if you are interested in joining this committee.

**TRAVEL:** One of my goals for the future is to have our band selected as a featured Community Band at the Minnesota Music Educators Convention. This convention is held annually in the Twin Cities in mid-February. How about this for a dream? I would love to travel to Vienna and perform a series of band concerts in "the city of music".

**WORKSHOPS:** We need to apply for grants to sponsor workshops with area high school and/or junior high bands. This would be a great way to share our performance skills and it would be great fun. Or, how about presenting a workshop for a college Music Education class on "How to Start, Organize and Sustain a Community Band Program?"

**HIGH BRASS SOUND:** I will start working towards a section that has 6 cornets and 2 trumpets. You will be surprised (and pleased, I hope) at how this will enhance the overall ensemble sound of our band. This does not mean that all trumpet players have to go out and buy a cornet. This will be a gradual transformation. Trumpets will still be used in the Dance Band.



**Program  
Selections**

Moonlight Serenade  
Blue Moon  
Fly Me To The Moon  
How High The Moon  
Here's That Rainy Day  
I Can't Stop Loving You  
I'll Remember April  
Mopsy

What's New ?  
My Funny Valentine  
Satin Doll  
String of Pearls  
Misty  
Mood Indigo  
I'll Never Smile Again  
Bandstand Boogie

Theme From Ice Castles  
Jersey Bounce  
All Of Me  
In The Mood  
Moon River  
Tennessee Waltz  
Tenderly

New York, New York  
Alfie  
Little Brown Jug  
That Old Black Magic  
In a Sentimental Mood  
Ain't Misbehavin'  
The Girl From Ipanema  
Woodchoppers Ball

**Dinner/Dance Fundraiser  
for the Park Rapids Area  
Community Band**

**Saturday, April 11, 1992**

**Park Rapids American Legion Club**



**6:00 P.M. Seating 6:30 P.M. Dinner  
8:00-10:00 P.M. Dance to the  
Big Band Sounds of 40'S and 50'S**

**Tickets available at Park Pharmacy  
and from band members**

**Cost: \$8.00 per person**

**Great Food - Great Music**



# Our 1<sup>st</sup> Dinner Dance

The  
Park Rapids American Legion Post 212  
is proud to host the

*1st Annual  
Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser  
for the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band*



**Jim Skaggs, Post Commander**  
**Steve Perry, General Chairperson**

**Thank you for supporting  
our Community Band program!**

**Saturday, April 11, 1992**

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April 25th: Park Rapids Area Community Band Rehearsal Announcements

1. Welcome back!

2. Our Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser was a huge success! Great music, great food and great P.R. for our band program. And we cleared over \$2,000 which was easy to do as the American Legion paid for the food. A special thanks to all of you that helped with the various jobs that made the event come off so smoothly. A date has already been set for the second annual Dinner/Dance next Spring. More on that at a later time. And speaking of the American Legion, take a minute to drop a "thank you" note to our main benefactor. Believe me, each thank you note is read at the Executive Board meetings.

3. Minutes from the April 5th Band Board meeting:

It is hoped that we can present a few concerts this summer; Two with the Concert Band and one with the Dance Band . . . one rehearsal, repeat music that has been performed plus a few new ones, same program for both concerts . We hope to have a summer schedule set before the May 9th concert.

Hopefully, a schedule for next year's plans will be finished and presented before the May 9th concert.

A "Guidelines For High School Honors Musician's Scholarships" is being worked on.

We will not be charging admission for the May 9th concert. Perhaps one of our concerts next year could have an admission charge.

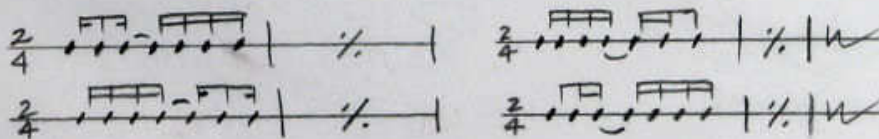
The wheels have begun to turn towards a trip to Vienna, Austria. The projected date is July, 1994.

4. Our final rehearsal before the concert is next Saturday, May 2nd. We will have a percussion sectional at noon and full band at 1:30 p.m.

5. May 9th concert schedule:

4:30 p.m. = dress rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. = Lunch furnished in the high school cafeteria  
6:45 p.m. = section leaders tune  
7:00 p.m. = sections tune  
7:15 p.m. = full band tuning checks  
7:30 p.m. = curtain time

6. "Peacherine Rag" rhythms:



7. Thee Dance Band will rehearse after the concert band rehearsal.





**ABOUT OUR SOLOISTS:**

Julie Henningson: Fargo North High School, 2 years principal French Horn  
NDSU graduate, college band member  
Most influential piano teacher: Dr. Robert Groves  
Completing 4th year as band director at Pequot Lakes

Jane Wolff: Redwood Falls High School, 3 years first chair clarinet  
Advanced music classes at BSU  
Most influential piano teacher: Avis Marsh  
"Classic Chorale" accompanist  
22 years resident of Park Rapids

Debbie Schreyer: Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mankato State University with a B.A. degree in Music Education  
Three year nationwide tour as promotional banjoist for the Sara Lee Corporation  
Featured banjoist on the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen steamboats  
Performed at the Cedar Falls, IA Jazz Fest and the Medford, OR Jazz Fest

**CLASSIC CHORALE--PATTY BJORKLUND, DIRECTOR**

Tina Beaudrie, Nadines Christenson, Pam Clausen, Kay Crose, Sue Cutler, Dawn Kovacovich, Connie Shubert, Stuart Haynes, Marvel Haynes, Dale Jackson, Dave Keller, Thom Peterson, Rod Salmen, Bruce Wizik, Beth Wizik, Connie Bruse, Laurie Conzemius, Walt Hannemann, Anita Hannemann, Linda Meyer, Lucy Onstad, Laurel Skoog, Carlton Anderson, Neal Holter, Deane Johnson, Warren Magnuson, Oscar Pederson, Pat Stetzler, Denny Ulmer.

A very special THANK YOU to the Park Rapids American Legion Post 212 for being our major benefactor. Thanks also to:

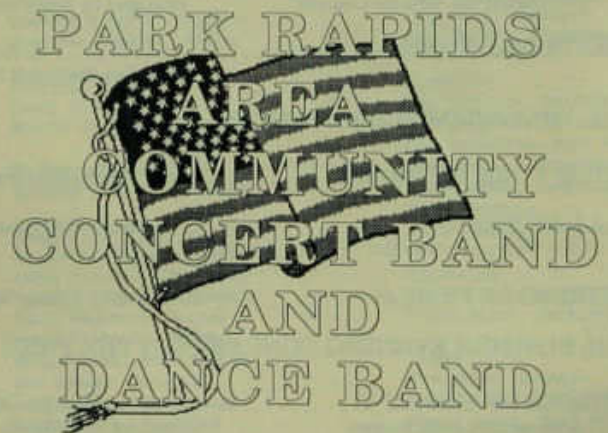
- Northwoods Bank of Minnesota
- Naylor's Custom Cabinets of Nevis (also store furnishings and conductor podiums)
- Citizens National Bank
- North Star Orthodontics, Inc.
- Daniel Pederson, C.P.A.
- Floors Galore of Park Rapids
- District 309 Community Education

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.

**THE BAND BOARD:** Solon Green, Ellis Holcomb, Anna Larson, Vicki Magnuson, Jim Wheeler, Tom Wood

**BAND MANAGERS:** Solon Green, Steve Perry

**SPRING CONCERT**



Conductor: Jim Wheeler

May 9, 1992 7:30 p.m.  
Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium  
No Admission Charge

# Letter from our Director

Ad from Paper

## Band concert

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will perform a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.

The program will feature marches, patriotic songs, themes from movies and the Park Rapids Classic Chorale.

Admission is free. 1992



## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

May 18, 1992

Dear Park Rapids Area Community Band Members,

What a thrill it was for me to conduct you on our May 9th concert! I felt that the band members were really focused and yet you seemed quite relaxed. That was a feeling I hadn't experienced in quite some time.

I am very pleased and excited about the progress we have made since our inception last Fall. And I want to thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm in reaching a high performance level in such a short time.

Thanks to Paul Peterson and Tom Wood, we have an excellent quality (audio) tape of the concert. If you will send \$3.00 for each copy to Solon Green at HC 06, Box 60A, Park Rapids, MN 56470, a copy will be made and sent back to you. Make checks payable to the Park Rapids Area Community Band.

A very special thanks to Solon and his family for preparing and serving the food for our "before the concert" lunch. Thanks, also, to those who helped with the refreshments and donated cookies for the reception after the concert. A total of \$160.00 was donated at that time.

GENERAL: Students of music teachers in our band or your own children that play a band instrument are always welcome to attend our rehearsals. Just let me know in advance who is planning to attend.

NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE: Saturday rehearsals will be held at 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Park Rapids High School bandroom. They will be held on:

### FALL:

September 12th  
September 26th  
October 10th  
October 24th  
October 31st (This will be a shorter rehearsal so that you can get home to go trick or treating.)

*Please note that we have worked around the Minnesota Education Association Convention, a Viking Sunday Football game and deer hunting.*

Our FALL CONCERT will be given on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 1ST at 3:00 p.m.

We will have a Fall Dinner/Dance fund raiser. Date to be set.

In order to avoid the hectic Spring schedules we are moving to a Winter schedule for this year.

### WINTER:

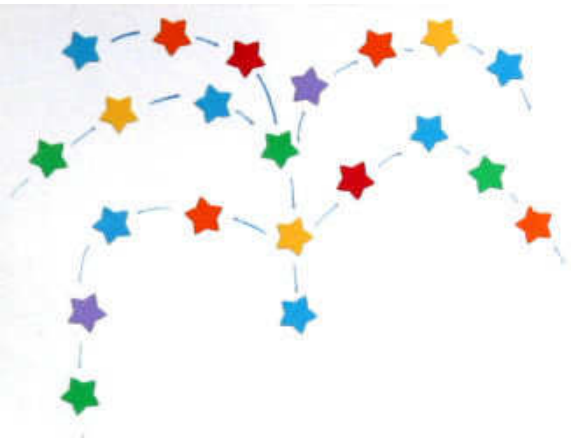
January 23rd  
February 6th  
February 20th  
February 27th

SPRING CONCERT: SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 6TH AT 7:30 P.M.

A Spring Dinner/Dance fund raiser is set for Saturday evening, March 27th.

So, get these dates on your calendar and make plans to be with us.





## FOURTH OF JULY



### And the band played on

Under the direction of Jim Wheeler, the Park Rapids Area Com-

munity Band entertained a large crowd at the city beach as a prelude to the Fourth of July fireworks display. The concert of well-received numbers included patriotic music, show music and popular tunes.

# The Band in Sections -



The Clarinets

- Dean Johnson
- Joyce Ramsey
- Sue Sanger
- Vikki Magnuson
- Nancy Lambert
- Barb Wilson
- Jolynn Nilson



Percussion

- Tim Ellingson
- Teri Wallen
- Karen Onstad
- Jacie Ward
- Joni Wheeler
- Jessica Ward



Flutes & Oboe

- Margaret Menzies
- Lori Griess
- Anna Larson
- Dawn Kovacovich
- Jo Judan
- Janet Weaver
- Jenny Town



Dance Band



Saxophones

- Dodi Egge
- Dee Johnson
- Patty Harsha
- Jean Goldie
- Patty Bjorklund
- Monica handquist





Sections cont...



Our Fantastic Dance Band!



French Horns

- Vicki Smith
- Ellis Holcomb
- Eve Benson
- Steve Ferris



Trombones

- Jeff Johnson
- Mike Kerrigan
- Lee Varpness
- Cal Broughton
- Solon Green
- Roger Wilson
- Kurt



Trumpets

- Gary Word
- Dale Jackson
- Lucy Onstad
- Kathy Brose
- Bill Sanger
- Randy Deanna
- Resley Kallman
- Buddy DeBis
- Jeff Weaver



Tubas

Baritones

- Denny Ulmer
- Tim Fultz
- Paul Ramsey
- Nadine Christensen



Bass Clarinets +  
Double Reeds



Prudy Olson  
Don Vidar  
Rollie Haugen  
Ione McIntyne



Witherow



Patti Bjorklund  
Director  
of  
Classic  
Chorale

Jim  
Wheeler  
Director  
of  
P.R.A.C.B.

Our Manager



Solon Green

Nov. 1st  
1992  
Fall  
Concert

Tom  
Giles  
Solo Trumpet



**PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND  
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470**

Dear Musicians,

This letter is your invitation to join or rejoin the "soon to be famous" Park Rapids Area Community Band. We do need to know your intentions so please return the form at the bottom of this letter.

**REHEARSAL DATES:** Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Oct. 31 (all Saturdays)

**REHEARSAL TIMES:** 1:30 p.m. sharp--Please arrive early for seating at the first rehearsal, September 12th.

**REHEARSAL PLACE:** Park Rapids Area High School Band Room

**CONCERT DATE AND TIME:** *Sunday afternoon, November 1st at 3:00 p.m.*  
(Please note that we have avoided a Sunday Viking game and the opening of deer season.)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Professor Tom Giles of Mankato State University will be playing a cornet solo with the concert band and a trumpet solo with the dance band. He will be giving a master class for junior high, high school and college students on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 11:30 a.m. in the High School Band Room. More details will be given out at our first rehearsal.

All children of band members that play a band instrument will be invited to join the band for one selection at our November 1st concert. Final details will be given out at our first rehearsal. These children will rehearse with us during the October 10th rehearsal.

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 I am planning to take part in the band program during the Fall '92 and Winter '93 season.

Sorry, my schedule will not fit.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS SURVEY AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO SOLON GREEN, HC 06, BOX 60A,  
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470 732-4366.



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A Guidelines and Audition Outline sheet is available upon request.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will consist of a Chairman, a Band Manager, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Conductor and four Members at Large. Board members will be selected by election from the PRACB membership. Board members serve two year terms and attend meetings called by the Chairman. The Board of Directors selects a Librarian to serve the needs of the program.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

The PRACB will be a registered nonprofit organization in the state of Minnesota.

The Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the PRACB Board of Directors meeting minutes are available to all PRACB members upon request.

## **PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BANDS HANDBOOK**

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This community band program was formed to provide adult musicians in Park Rapids and the surrounding areas an opportunity to participate in instrumental music performance groups which have high musical standards, while still maintaining status as amateur, community ensembles.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1) The PRACB adheres to an open enrollment policy. Any adult that wishes to join this community band program is welcome.
- 2) The Conductor will select the members of the Dance Band.

### **SHARPS AND FLATS**

- 1) Although present members have been actively involved in recruiting new members, a personal invitation is not needed to join.
- 2) A number of people that have joined our program have been aided in locating instruments to play. Let us help you.
- 3) Many of our present members had not played in a band since high school or college days. It has been a thrill to see how quickly they have regained their skills and developed within the organization after joining. Extra help is always available.
- 4) Besides the thrill of musical performance, our program offers members a chance to meet a new circle of friends.

### **DISCONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this community band program may be suspended if a member displays:

- 1) Inconsistent attendance, or,
- 2) Musical performance which significantly detracts from the overall performance of the ensemble.

### **SEATING**

- 1) As any good concert band must have solid players on all of the parts, little emphasis is placed upon chair assignments.
- 2) The Conductor will select the first chair players in each section. The first chair players will assist in assigning the parts within the section.
- 3) The Conductor will assign solo passages and invite featured concert soloists.

### **REHEARSALS AND ATTENDANCE**

Any musical performance ensemble will only be as good as what can be accomplished during its rehearsals. Therefore, you will be asked to make a firm commitment to this program by attending rehearsals. Some individual "woodshedding" between rehearsals can be expected. By making a firm commitment to join this program you will receive some mileage money, which will be paid at the conclusion of each rehearsal by the Band Manager. The amount paid will be determined by the distance traveled. The Board of Directors can set and adjust this amount at any time.

Because of busy schedules during the week and musicians from outside of the immediate Park Rapids area that wish to join this program, rehearsals will be held on Saturday afternoons, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm. Rehearsals are held in the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom and will last a full two hours each. The Dance Band often rehearses after the Concert Band or it could have a separate, special rehearsal.

### **MUSIC**

Through the generosity of area band programs, the PRACB has been able to borrow much of the music it uses. Each member is responsible for the care of the music while it is in the folders. All markings made on the music should be made with a black lead pencil. The Librarian will be responsible for erasing pencil marks and for making repairs as needed. All music should be returned at the conclusion of each concert.

### **CONCERT ATTIRE**

While performing, the members of the PRACB will wear black shoes and stockings, black slacks, trousers or skirts and white shirts and blouses. The male members will own their own black, clip-on bow tie. They shall be purchased from the Band Manager so that all ties are uniform.



Fall 1992

PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE,

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### Harvest Gala

A Harvest Gala, fundraiser for the Park Rapids Public Library, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight (Saturday) at St. Peter's Church Parish Center.

The Park Rapids Community Dance Band and Classic Chorale will be providing Big Band swing music. There also will be an appetizer buffet and door prizes.

## Coming Events

### Community Band fundraiser

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will have its fall dinner-dance fundraiser Friday, Oct. 9, at the Park Rapids American Legion. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. to the Big Band sounds of World War II. A limited supply of tickets at \$10 per person are available at Park Pharmacy.

2nd  
Dinner  
Dance  
coming  
up!



## Your Librarian

Gail Gruis

Tonight is the Harvest Gala. I hope you have your tickets. They are still available at the library and at the door. This promises to be a great time for all, with dancing or just listening to great music from our Community Band, and entertainment by the Classic Chorale. Also there will be hors d'oeuvres and a dessert table plus lots of great door prizes donated by individuals and businesses in our community. Time is 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church. See you there. All proceeds go to the new library project.

Gayle Norman was the lucky winner of our "Soaring through Summer" reading contest. You'll be seeing her picture in the paper soon as she readies for take-off. You may pick up a copy of the bibliography at the library for the favorite books people listed as part of the contest. There is a good variety including non-fiction, historical novels, westerns, mysteries, romance, and young adult titles.

We are very glad to have a VCR to use again. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for making up the difference between the insurance settlement and the cost of purchasing the new one.

Now where did I put those dancing shoes!

### Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser

For The  
Park Rapids Area Community Band

Friday Evening, October 9, 1992

Park Rapids American Legion Club

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**MENU:**

**Schweinefleisch Prime Rib**

**Wonewok Wild Rice**

**Steamed Carrots**

**Relish Tray**

**Rolls**

**Sherbet**

**KITCHEN STAFF**

Tim Wheeler, Head Chef  
Del Cannon, Wonewok  
Nancy Condon, Wonewok  
Bernice Erdman, Wonewok  
Evie Hagen, Wonewok  
Fred Higgins, American Legion  
Anna Mae Higgins, American Legion Auxiliary  
Leona Horkey, American Legion Auxiliary

**DANCE BAND MEMBERS**

**LEADER:** Jim Wheeler

**SAXOPHONES:**

Don Vidal, Big Fork  
Dodi Egge, Park Rapids  
Kyle Witherow, Bemidji  
Patty Bjorklund, Park Rapids  
Monica Landquist, Osage

**TRUMPETS:**

Randy Resley, Osakis  
Greg Degier, Graceville  
Deanna Kallman, Clarkfield  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford

**TROMBONES:**

Lee Varpness, Pelican Rapids  
Sue Varpness, Pelican Rapids  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids  
Tim Fultz, Sebeka  
Jeff Johnson, Detroit Lakes

**PIANO:**

Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids

**STAND-UP BASS:**

Dr. Felix Spooner, Bemidji

**DRUMS:**

Joni Wheeler, Roseville

**VOCALIST:**

Sue Varpness, Pelican Rapids

Oct.  
9<sup>th</sup> 1992

Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser  
for the  
**Park Rapids Area  
Community Band**

**COMING COMMUNITY BAND EVENTS:**

**FALL BAND CONCERT**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 1992  
3:00 P.M.

**PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**SPRING BAND CONCERT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1993  
7:30 P.M.

**SPRING DINNER/DANCE FUND RAISER**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, 1993



"The Dance Band"

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>  
1992



Dr. Felix Spooner  
Bass

Lucy Onstad

Jim Wheeler

Fall  
Dinner  
Dance

Joni Wheeler Drums  
Kyle Dodi Saxes:  
Witherow Egge Vidal  
Patty Monica  
Bjorkland Landquist

Bill Sanger Randy Resley Greg Degier  
Deanna Kallman



Having a Great Time !!

Jeff Johnson



Tim Fultz  
Cal Broughton  
Lee Varpness

Sue Varpness Trombone

Trumpet Sections



Trumpeter-Bill  
Sanger & his  
favorite dancing  
partner!



Pat + Ed Hieb  
Bad Medicine Lake



Gar + Elaine  
Lockrem  
Bad Medicine Lake



Pat + Oscar  
Pederson

Long Lake



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*Article in P.R. Paper*

**ANNOUNCING: A CORNET-TRUMPET MASTER CLASS/WORKSHOP**

The Park Rapids Area Community Band is pleased to sponsor a cornet-trumpet Master Class/Workshop.

When: Saturday, October 24, 1992

Where: Park Rapids Area High School Band Room

Guest Artist: Tom Giles, Professor of Brass Instruments and Director of the Jazz Ensemble at Mankato State University

**Schedule: Master Class Workshop**

11:15 A.M. . . . Check in time

11:30 A.M. . . . Class begins

12:30 P.M. . . . Lunch break

1:30 P.M. . . . Open rehearsal: Tom Giles will be the featured cornet soloist with the Park Rapids Area Community Band. He will perform "The Maid of the Mist" by Herbert L. Clarke. He will also be a featured trumpet soloist with the Dance Band, performing "Halcyon Days".

**Registration Fees:**

Beginners through 8th grade = \$5.00

All others = \$10.00 (Instrumental Music teachers admitted free)

Pre-registration is important! Send all fees to: Solon Green, Band Manager, HC 06, Bos 60A, Park Rapids, Minn. 56470

Important: All participants are urged to bring their instruments.



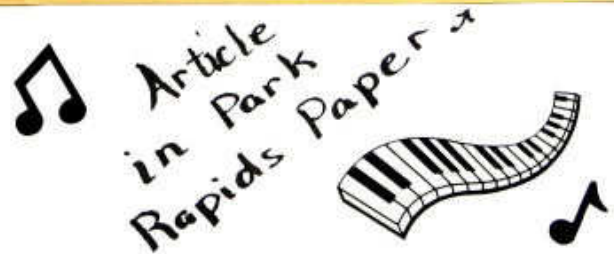
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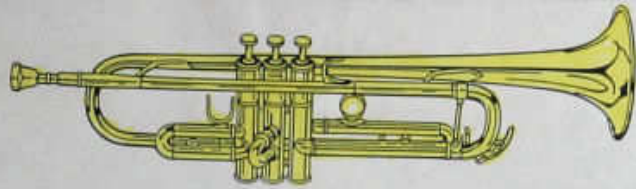
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1992  
3:00 P.M.**

**PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
NO ADMISSION CHARGE**

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# CORNET / TRUMPET MASTER CLASS

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Professor of Brass Instruments  
Mankato State University

Saturday, October 24, 1992  
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Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom

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All Others - \$10.00  
Band Directors - No Charge

All participants will be invited to  
attend an open rehearsal of the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
at 1:30 P.M.

This was  
in the Riverside  
United Methodist  
Church's  
Bulletin.

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Gymnasium. \*No Admission Charge\* Guest Soloist: Professor Tom Giles  
of Mankato State University will solo on cornet with the Concert Band  
and on trumpet with the Dance Band.

# Fall Concert Nov. 1-1992

## ABOUT OUR SOLOISTS

- Tom Giles:** M.A. degree from the University of Louisville  
 Professor of Brass Instruments and Director of the Mankato State University Jazz Ensemble  
 Music faculty member, 27 years at Mankato State University  
 Most influential teacher: Leon Rapier, Principal Trumpet, Louisville Orchestra
- Patty Bjorklund:** B.A. degree from Concordia College  
 Director of the Park Rapids Classic Chorale  
 Private voice and piano teacher  
 Most influential teachers:  
 Dr. David Worth, Piano and Dr. Paul Christiansen, voice

**The Sousa Heritage:** Today's concert has been greatly influenced by John Philip Sousa.

Our band's seating arrangement is very similar to the performance set up used by the Sousa Band.

**Cornets vs. Trumpets:** Historically, the cornet was the instrument used in the professional bands. Its conical bore produces a tone that lends itself to better blending qualities in larger ensembles.

The first soloist always appeared third on the program.

Sousa's goal was to always play music that people liked to hear, and to play it well.

His *The Stars and Stripes Forever* march was played on every concert after 1897. Quite often the band was obliged to repeat it several times.

## Fall Concert Program

### I. CONCERT BAND

- FANFARE ..... Jim Wheeler
- COMRADES OF THE LEGION ..... John Philip Sousa
- YANKEE DOODLE ..... Morton Gould  
 Transcribed by Philip Lang
- THE MAID OF THE MIST ..... Herbert L. Clarke  
 Cornet Soloist: Tom Giles Arranged by Wm. C. Schoenfeld
- BUGLER'S HOLIDAY ..... Leroy Anderson  
 Trumpet Trio: Randy Resley Transcribed by Michael Edwards  
 Deanna Kallman  
 Jeff Weaver
- AUTUM LEAVES ..... Johnny Mercer  
 Arranged by Al Reed
- RED'S WHITE AND BLUE MARCH ..... "Red" Skelton  
 Featuring children of Band members Transcribed by Frank Erickson

### II. DANCE BAND

- I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU ..... Don Gibson  
 Arranged by Michael Sweeney
- HALCYON DAYS ..... Dave Wolpe  
 Trumpet Soloist: Tom Giles
- BANDSTAND BOOGIE ..... C. Albertine  
 Arranged by John Higgins

### III. CONCERT BAND

- MIDWAY MARCH ..... John Williams  
 Arranged by James Currow
- THEMES FROM ROMEO AND JULIET ..... Nino Rota  
 Piano Soloist: Patty Bjorklund Arranged by James McLeod
- THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM .....  
 Arranged by Frank Benciscuto
- THE ENTERTAINER ..... Scott Joplin  
 Transcribed by Arthur Frankenpohl
- THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER ..... John Philip Sousa

## Concert Band Personnel

- Piccolos**  
 Janet Weaver, Blackduck  
 Lori Griess, Park Rapids
- Flutes**  
 Janet Weaver, Blackduck  
 Lori Griess, Park Rapids  
 Anna Larson, Bagley  
 Jenny Town, Park Rapids \*  
 Jo Judson, Park Rapids  
 Dawn Kovocovich, Park Rapids
- Oboe**  
 Margaret Menzies, Walker
- Bassoons**  
 Prudy Olson, Wadena  
 Rollie Haugen, Walker
- Clarinets**  
 Dr. Deane Johnson, Park Rapids  
 Wanda Dagan, Roseau  
 Vicki Magnusen, Bagley  
 Sue Sanger, Ponsford  
 JoLynn Nilson, Osage  
 Barb Wilson, Ponsford  
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- Alto Saxes**  
 Dodi Egge, Park Rapids +  
 Dee Johnson, Detroit Lakes  
 Patty Harsa, Park Rapids  
 Jean Golde, Park Rapids
- Tenor Saxes**  
 Patty Bjorklund, Park Rapids +  
 Kyle Witherow, Bemidji +
- Baritone Sax**  
 Monica Landquist, Osage +
- French Horns**  
 Ellis Holcomb, Evarsville  
 Eve Benson, Bemidji  
 Vicki Smith, Wadena  
 Steve Perry, Park Rapids
- Cornets**  
 Randy Resley, Osakis +  
 Deanna Kallman, Clarkfield +  
 Gary Ward, Menahga  
 Bill Sanger, Ponsford +  
 Dale Jackson, Akeley  
 Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids +  
 Kathy Brose, Park Rapids
- Trumpets**  
 Jeff Weaver, Gonvick  
 Greg DeGier, Graceville +
- Trombones**  
 Lee Varpness, Pelican Rapids +  
 Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
 Kurt Hanson, Park Rapids  
 Solon Green, Park Rapids  
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 Cal Broughton, Park Rapids +  
 Jeff Johnson, Detroit Lakes +
- Baritones**  
 Nadine Christenson, Park Rapids  
 Paul Ramsey, Wolf Lake
- Tubas**  
 Tim Fultz, Sebeka +  
 Denny Ulmer, Park Rapids
- Percussion**  
 Joni Wheeler, Roseville +  
 Tim Ellingson, Menahga  
 Karen Onstad, St. Paul  
 Jacie Ward, Bemidji  
 Terri Walen, Osage
- Banjo**  
 Debbie Schreyer, Mankato
- Guitar**  
 Debbie Schreyer, Mankato +
- Band Board**  
 Solon Green, Manager  
 Ellis Holcomb  
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 Jim Wheeler
- \* High School Honors Musician  
 + Dance Band Member



1993 - The Start of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Year!

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**REHEARSAL TIMES:** 1:30 p.m. sharp--Please arrive early for seating at the first rehearsal, January 23rd.

**REHEARSAL PLACE:** Park Rapids Area High School Band Room

**CONCERT DATE AND TIME:** Saturday evening, March 6th at 7:30 p.m.

**SOMETHING NEW:** Here is a great idea that came from one of our charter members (N.C.). We will hold two "jump-start" rehearsals on January 9th and January 16th. The purposes for these rehearsals are; to help any new members by introducing them to our rehearsal procedures, to introduce the music for our March 6th concert and to help anyone who wants to get their "chops" back in shape before our first formal rehearsal on January 23. Everyone is welcome but no mileage money will be paid. The rehearsals will be held in the same place at the same time.

**SPRING DINNER DANCE:** Our second annual spring dinner dance will be held on Saturday evening, March 27th at the American Legion Club here in Park Rapids. Details will be forth coming.

You can count on me to be a part of the Park Rapids Area Community Band for the 1993 Winter/Spring season.

Sorry, my schedule will not fit.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

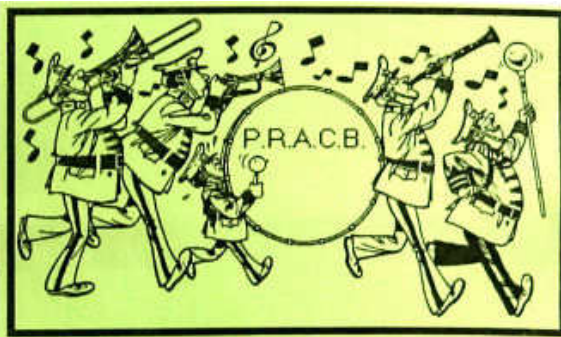
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IDEAS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS:  
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# Park Rapids Area Community Band

## - Letter from the Board -



May 14, 1993

Dear Fellow Band Member:

Greetings from Park Rapids and Bagley. This letter will cover a lot of ground - so bear with us as we attempt to get you updated on all that is happening with our great band. On Saturday, April 10, the band board met at the home of Steve Perry in PR. The meeting was called in response to our director's letter of resignation. The board members present were: Anna Larson, Vicki Magnuson, Ellis Holcombe, Roger Wilson, and Jolynn Neilsen. Steve Perry chaired the meeting. The board voted unanimously to not accept Jim's letter of resignation, but rather, to give him an extended leave of absence. This is the board's way of showing Jim our support and concern as he endeavors to deal with some personal problems. Solon Green, another board member who has been wintering in Texas, has been contacted and is in full agreement with our decision. We wish Jim the best.

On Monday, May 8, the band board had a second meeting at Solon Green's house to establish our by-laws, designate personnel for a few positions (such as myself and Roger Wilson sharing the secretary/treasurer duties), apply for non-profit tax status, finalize our summer schedule and meet with Jim. All board members were present.

Of utmost importance, we have a summer concert lined up. Due to the positive response from last year, we have been asked by the Jaycees to play prior to the fireworks on Sunday, July 4. We know that this is a holiday weekend and may pose some problems for members to attend. Please consider this carefully and let us know by mail or phone if you can participate or not (Steve Perry 218-732-5859). A rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 with mileage paid. An additional voluntary rehearsal will be held on Sunday, June 27 at 3 p.m. without mileage reimbursement. Both rehearsals will be held in the PR H.S. band room. The June 19th rehearsal is at the normal 1:30 p.m. Due to financial limitations (temporary), we again ask those that can, to play the 4th of July concert for free-- without mileage reimbursement.

Next, the dance band has been asked to put on a dance during the Logging Days Celebration in Park Rapids. The dance would be July 30th from 8:00 10:00 p.m. Please RSVP if you could play this gig. 9:30-10:00

On a final note, after some discussion, the board decided to invite Jim Wheeler to conduct the summer concerts and Jim accepted!! The PRACB is still alive and kicking so stay on board and participate when you can!!!

Enjoy your summer!! -- Steve Perry and Anna Larson for the board

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AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS NEEDED - CALL STEVE OR MAIL FORM!!

- Yes! I can play of the 4th of July in Park Rapids
- No! I can't make it for the 4th of July
- Yes! I can play in the Dance Band on July 30th
- No! I can't play in the Dance Band on July 30th

Mail: Steve Perry, 700 N. Main St., Park Rapids, MN 56470  
Phone: Steve Perry, 218-732-5859

Quotes:

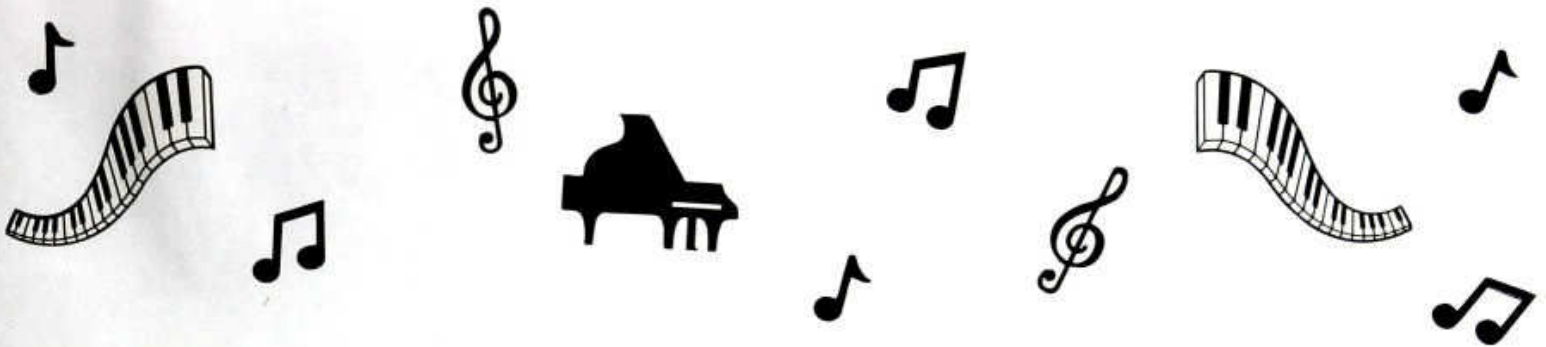
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"I haven't experienced these kind of musical thrills since I played in college band." E.H.

"I have played in other community bands, but this one is special." M.B.

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#### ***THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER***

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#### ***THANK YOU***

Park Rapids American Legion Post 212 for being our major sponsor.  
Liken, Inc. for copying services, typesetting and printing of the programs.  
District 309 Community Education for publicity and secretarial help.  
Park Rapids Office Products  
Modern Cleaners  
James B. Wallace, Attorney

***REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.***

#### ***COMING PRACB EVENT:***

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## **THINK SPRING CONCERT**

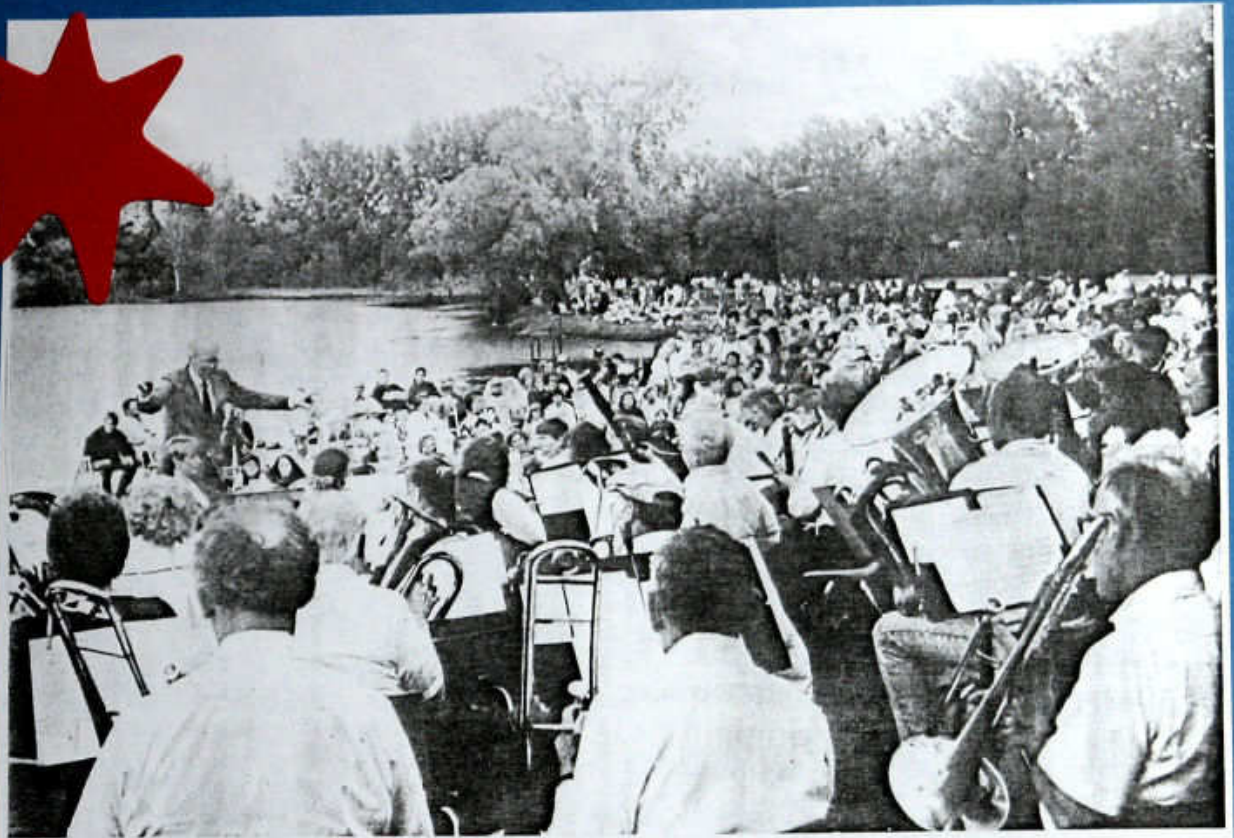


### ***PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND DANCE BAND***

***Conductor: Jim Wheeler***

***March 7, 1993 3:00 p.m.  
Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium  
No Admission Charge***





### America in music

The Park Rapids Area Community Band led by Jim Wheeler entertained an appreciative audience with American favorites Sunday

as thousands gathered around the city beach awaiting the Jaycees sponsored fireworks display.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July - 1993 - Program

The Star Spangled Banner  
 National Emblem March  
 The Impossible Dream  
 A Trumpeter's Lullaby  
     Jeff Weaver - Trumpet  
 Colonel Bogey March  
 A Tribute to Glenn Miller  
 Summer time  
     Nadine Christenson - Soloist  
 Comrades of the Legion March  
 The Band Played On: Waltz



Star Spangled Spectacular  
 A Trombone Demonstration  
 Holiday for Trombones  
     Jim Wheeler, Dr. James  
     Limburg & Louis Witt  
     Janet Weaver - Conductor  
 A Beguine Festival  
 Hymn  
 The Stars + Stripes Forever



The Crowd enjoying the evening!



Good Food!



Lou  
Rossman

Doug + JoAnn  
Peterson

Marilyn  
Rossman

March 27  
1993

Spring Dinner  
Dance



The dancers!



GOOD  
SUB!

GREAT!



Pat Peterson  
+ son - Paul



Steve  
Jane  
Pederson



"The Dance  
Band"



Bruce +  
Beth  
Wizek



Oct. 23, 1993

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance



"Get your tickets now!"



### Dance Sets:

- 1- I'll Never Smile Again  
I'll Remember April  
I Love You For Sentimental Reasons  
Heartaches
- 2- Moonlight Serenade  
A String of Pearls  
Pennsylvania 6-5000  
In the Mood
- 3- Theme from "Ice Castles"  
I Can't Stop Loving You  
Little Brown Jug  
Woodchoppers Ball



Smoke is hazardous to the musician's lungs.

Thank you for not smoking.

### THE GLENN MILLER DANCE BAND ...

After several previously failed starts, the Glenn Miller Dance Band opened at the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, New York, on March 1, 1939. Within one year, Glenn Miller was leading the nation's number one dance band. The band's smooth, romantic sounds have made it the most popular dance band ever.

The band's theme song, *MOONLIGHT SERENADE*, was an outgrowth of an exercise Glenn had prepared for an arranging lesson with the renowned Joseph Schillinger.

*PENNSYLVANIA SIX-FIVE THOUSAND* was dedicated to New York's Pennsylvania Hotel (later the Statler), where Glenn used to pack the Cafe Rouge while his fans dialed the hotel's number, PE6-5000 for reservations.

The most famous of all Miller records was Joe Garland's *IN THE MOOD* which Glenn condensed into a tight, jumping instrumental arrangement. It remains, even today, the most requested big band tune in the world.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

American Legion Post 212 for donating the use of their facilities.

Jeff Weaver for the sound system.

Mike Kerrigan for providing the piano.

Liken, Inc. for designing & printing this program.

The Park Rapids American Legion Post 212 is proud to host the

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser

for the



### PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

Saturday, October 23, 1993

Solon Greene, Manager



Fall Letter from Jim Wheeler - Director

The dance band was invited to play at the Logging Days Ball!

Article in Park Rapids Enterprise - Wed. July 28<sup>th</sup>

The Park Rapids Community Band & The Jaycee's Present

# A LOGGING DAYS BALL

Part of the 31st Annual Logging Days Celebration

• DANCE  
• BIG BAND TUNES  
• 40'S & 50'S

Knights of Columbus Beer Stand

FRIDAY NIGHT  
JULY 30,

7:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M.  
St. Peter's Parish Center

Admission Fee: \$5.00

Tickets At The Door

SPONSORED BY THE PARK RAPIDS JAYCEE'S

## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

"A Unique Community Band Program"

September 20, 1993

Dear Friends,

As we begin our third year as an organized, musical performance ensemble, I want you to know how excited I am to be a part of our plans for this new season. I feel honored to be able to work with you people as we share the thrills of sharing music with others.

**REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday, September 25\*  
Saturday, October 9\*  
Saturday, October 16\*  
Sunday, October 31  
Sunday, November 7 (tentative)  
Saturday, November 20

\*The Dance Band will rehearse after these Concert Band rehearsals.

Rehearsals held in the Park Rapids Area High School band room at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

**FALL/WINTER CONCERT - Saturday, December 4, 1993, 7:30 p.m. - Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium.** In the first section of the program, the Concert Band will perform "The Music of Vienna" with selections by J. Strauss, W.A. Mozart, and F. von Suppe being highlighted. The spotlight will be upon two soloists, Michael Leander (french horn) and Deeanna Kallman (vocal). The Dance Band will swing out with three selections in the middle of the concert and the Concert Band will conclude the program with some fun holiday selections. More details about the schedule for the day of the concert will be distributed later.

### DANCE BAND GIGS:

**Saturday, October 23:** Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser  
American Legion Club, Park Rapids  
**Saturday, February 12:** "Sweetheart Ball"  
Detroit Lakes  
**Saturday, April 23:** Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser  
American Legion Club, Park Rapids

I am pleased to announce that Janet Weaver has accepted our invitation to be the Associate Conductor of the PRACB. She is a fine musician and an outstanding conductor. We will all enjoy her sense of humor, enthusiasm, and her great positive attitude.

For a smooth running program, planning and preparation is essential. We need to know your intentions! *Each of you is important.* **WE NEED YOU!**

**Write or call:** Solon Green, HC06 Box 60, Park Rapids, MN 56470 / (218) 732-4366, and give him your "YES" or "no" regarding participation in this Fall's program.

**PRACB BOARD:** Solon Green, Manager; Steve Perry, President; Anna Larson, Secretary; Roger Wilson, Treasurer; Jim Wheeler, Conductor; Ellis Holcomb; and Vicki Magnusen.

See you soon!

Jim Wheeler

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1993

# REHEARSAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20th: Park Rapids Area Community Band Rehearsal Announcements

## December 4th Concert Schedule:

4:00 PM: Set up stage  
4:45 PM: "Touch up" rehearsal on stage  
6:15 PM: Dinner will be provided in the cafeteria  
Change into concert attire which is . . .

### Ladies:

White blouses  
black slacks or skirts  
black shoes

### Men:

White shirts  
black bow ties (provided)  
black slacks  
black shoes

7:10 PM: Tuning session in the bandroom  
7:30 PM: Concert time (Be sure to bring your family and tell your friends!)

## Concert Program:

FANFARE from "Thus Spake Zarathustra"  
MADEIRAN MARCH  
WINE, WOMAN and SONG  
GERMAN DANCE #3 (The Sleigh Ride: Mozart)  
CONCERTO #1: Ronde  
Eve Benson, Soloist  
CRANLE SONG  
Madine Christenson, Soloist  
LIGHT CAVALRY OVERTURE

## DANCE BAND (3 Selections)

THEMES FROM THE NUTCRACKER SUITE  
GREENSLEEVES  
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
SLEIGH RIDE  
THE STARS and STRIPES FOREVER

## Announcements:

Hopefully our schedule for the Spring season will be out to you by our concert date.

We would like everyone to bring two dozen cookies for our "refreshments after the concert" get-together.

The Chief Bug-Nay-Ce-Shig School has some NEW band instruments for sale at Half of the retail price. I have the list if you are interested.

I want to thank you for your participation this Fall/Winter. I hope that you will be able to rejoin us this Spring. We are working towards being able to pay mileage once again.

J.S.W.





**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
COMMUNITY BAND PROGRAM!**

*...and the evening begins...*

**MENU**

*Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Antonnio Sauce*

*Wonewok Wild Rice*

*Fresh Steamed Carrots*

*Relish Tray*

*Rolls*

*Sherbet*

**DINNER MUSIC:** Gary Stennes, Nevis

**KITCHEN STAFF:**

Tim Wheeler, Head Chef

Jane Wheeler, Associate Head Chef

Del Cannon, Wonewok

Candy Clausen, Wonewok

Nancy Condon, Wonewok

Berneice Erdman, Wonewok

Evie Hagen, Wonewok

Stanley Hagen, American Legion Post 212

Mary Schluter, Wonewok

**DANCE BAND MEMBERS**

**LEADER:** Jim Wheeler\*

**SAXOPHONES:** Craig Haugen, Blackduck  
Dodi Egge, Park Rapids\*  
Don Vidal, Grand Rapids  
Patty Harsha, Park Rapids\*  
Monica Landquist, Park Rapids\*

**TRUMPETS:** Mark Saiger, Grand Rapids  
Jeff Weaver, Bemidji  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford\*  
Gary Stennes, Nevis

**TROMBONES:** Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
Solon Greene, Park Rapids\*  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids\*  
Jim Wheeler, Park Rapids\*

**PIANO:** Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids

**DRUMS:** Joni Wheeler, St. Paul\*

**BASS:** Tim Fultz, Sebeka\*

\* Charter Member

Dance Sets  
cont...

4- I'm Getting Sentimental Over You  
New York, New York  
Side by Side  
Jersey Bounce

5- Dixie Combo - "5 Play"  
Miller Time

6- The Shadow of your  
Smile  
All of Me  
How High the Moon  
Mack the Knife

7- Misty  
In a Sentimental Mood  
Bill Bailey  
Bandstand Boogie



## WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM

### **I. CONCERT BAND** *The Music of Vienna*

- RADETZKY MARCH (1848) ..... Johann Strauss (elder)  
Arranged by Norman Richardson
- GERMAN DANCE NO. 3 (1791) ..... W.A. Mozart  
Arranged by Philip Gordon
- WINE, WOMAN AND SONG WALTZ (1869) ... Johann Strauss (younger)  
Arranged by F.H. Grissinger
- CRADLE SONG (1868) ..... Johannes Brahms  
Nadine Christenson, soloist ..... Arranged by Jim Wheeler
- LIGHT CAVALRY OVERTURE (1866) ..... Franz von Suppe  
Dedicated to Clarence Arsen ..... Arranged by Henry Filmore

### **II. DANCE BAND** *Dinner/Dance Favorites*

- JERSEY BOUNCE
- I LOVE YOU FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS
- ALL OF ME  
Bill Sanger, vocalist

### **III. CONCERT BAND** *Holiday Favorites*

- THEMES FROM THE NUTCRACKER SUITE ..... P.I. Tschalkowsky  
Arranged By Clair Johnson
- GREENSLEEVES ..... Arranged by Alfred Reed
- CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG ..... Arranged by James Playhar
- SLEIGH RIDE ..... Leroy Anderson  
Janet Weaver, Conductor
- THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER ..... John Philip Sousa

## CONCERT BAND PERSONNEL

### Piccolos

Janet Weaver, Bemidji -  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids

### Flutes

Janet Weaver, Bemidji  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids  
Anna Larson, Bagley+  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids  
Jo Judson, Park Rapids  
Debra LaRosa, Park Rapids

### Oboe

Lori Holmgren, Barnesville

### Bassoons

Prudy Olson, Wadena  
Rollie Haugen, Walker

### Clarinets

Vicki Magnusen, Bagley+  
Peggy Richert, Bemidji  
Joyce Ramsey, Wolf Lake  
Lynette Pottratz, Bemidji+  
Barb Wilson, Ponsford  
Sally Kading, Park Rapids

### Alto Clarinet

Sue Sanger, Ponsford+

### Bass Clarinet

Marian Town, Park Rapids

### Alto Saxophones

Dodi Egge, Park Rapids+-  
Don Vidal, Grand Rapids+-  
Jean Golde, Park Rapids  
Craig Haugen, Blackduck

### Tenor Saxophone

Patty Harsha, Park Rapids+-

### Baritone Saxophone

Monica Landquist, Osage+-

### French Horns

Ellis Holcomb, Evansville+  
Eve Benson, Bemidji  
Vicki Smith, Wadena  
Rikki Larson, Detroit Lakes

### Cornets/Trumpets

Jeff Weaver, Bemidji-  
Randy Resley, Osakis-  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford+-  
Gary Stennes, Nevis-  
Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids-

### Trombones

Mike Kerrigan, Walker-  
Solon Green, Park Rapids+-  
Roger Wilson, Ponsford  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids+-  
Alvin Prussner, Menahga-

### Baritones

Nadine Christenson, Park Rapids+  
Paul Ramsey, Wolf Lake

### Tubas

Denny Ulmer, Park Rapids+  
Paul Peterson, Park Rapids+

### Percussion

Jacie Ward, Bemidji+  
Karen Onstad, St. Paul  
Terri Walen, Ponsford+  
Linda Uskola, Park Rapids

### Board of Directors

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Roger Wilson, Treasurer

+ Charter Members  
- Dance Band Members







**PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND  
BROADCAST**

Our local radio station will be rebroadcasting the Christmas music portion of tonight's concert on KDKK 97.5 on Thursday evening, December 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

We want to thank the following sponsors:

- Dee Dee's Day Care - Your partner in parenting.
- Jim's Barber Shop - Where it feels good to get clipped.
- Liken, Inc. - For all your multi-media computer & software needs.
- The Melody Shop, Bemidji - The complete music store since 1956.
- Monica's Art and Craft Supplies
- Music Dept. of PR TV and Appliance - Musical instruments and accessories at discount prices.
- Music Instrument Repair in Puposky -  
Jeff Sawyer, repair technician

**COMING CHRISTMAS CONCERTS . . .**

- CLASSIC CHORALE, Patty Bjorklund, Director**  
Sat, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. - Riverside Methodist Church  
Sun., Dec. 12, 1:00 p.m. - Riverside Methodist Church
- PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BANDS AND CHOIRS**  
Sun., Dec. 19, 3:00 p.m. - High School Auditorium  
Mon., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. - High School Auditorium

**German proverb:**

Wo mann singt, dah lass dich ruhig nieder. Böse Menchen habe keine Lieder.

\*Where there is music, settle there.  
Wicked people have no songs.\*

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE  
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.**

**WINTER CONCERT**



**PARK RAPIDS AREA  
COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND  
AND  
DANCE BAND**

**Jim Wheeler, Conductor**  
**Janet Weaver, Associate Conductor**

**December 4, 1993 7:30 p.m.**  
**Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium**  
**No Admission Charge**





Don Didal  
Badi Edge  
Craig Haugen

Tim Fultz  
Landquist  
Jim Wheeler  
Jeff Johnson  
Bill Sang

## Sweet hearts Ball Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

# Couples work up an appetite for dancing and romancing

By LIN SMITHWICK  
Staff Writer

Emmanuel Nursing Home Foundation is offering a great opportunity for all the sweethearts in the area to get together and celebrate in a unique romantic way.

Through the efforts of the foundation and many volunteers and supporters, the second annual Sweetheart Ball will take place Saturday, Feb. 12.

This year's theme is "A String of Pearls."

Starting at 6 p.m., five host homes will entertain designated guests for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The festivities will then continue with dinner and dancing into the night.

The host homes are: Leroy and Joann Geist, Lynn and Bev Hummel, Lowell and Nancy Kramer, Bob and Eloise Irvine, and Jim and Sharon O'Gorman.

The hors d'oeuvres are being planned and prepared by the deli at County Market and will be served at the guest home sites.

Joann Geist, who is chairing

this year's event, said there will be a tantalizing variety awaiting party guests at the host homes. A hostess extraordinaire in her own right, Joann was happy to share three of her favorite party recipes for this week's column.

Marna Bellefeuille, the deli manager at County Market, is planning the menu for the Emmanuel gala.

When asked if Marna would part with her recipes, Joann replied, "I don't think she will give out those recipes. They are her specialties."

"We have some wonderful surprises planned for everyone and know they will enjoy the hors d'oeuvres as well as the entire evening."

Following the cocktails at the host homes, dinner and dancing will fill out the evening's festivities.

There will be drawings for two outstanding door prizes. A beautiful string of simulated pearls with matching earrings, donated by Price's Jewelry in Detroit Lakes, is one of the prizes.

The other is a weekend getaway in Minneapolis with tickets

for the science museum and Chanhassen dinner theater.

"Everyone who goes will have a good time," Joann commented.

The big band dance music will be provided by R&R Community Dance Band.

The String of Pearls Sweetheart Ball will raise money for an entertainment center for Emmanuel and its residents with hearing or vision limitations.

Tim Middendorf, Emmanuel's executive director, explained, "There are many residents here who enjoy television and keeping up with current events. We need a larger television screen because it is difficult for some to see the smaller set we have now."

Each year, the Sweetheart Ball is held to benefit a special need at Emmanuel.

"There are so many special things we would like to have here for our residents," Middendorf remarked. "Events like this make it possible."

Tickets are still available and can be obtained by calling Emmanuel, 847-4486. Portions of the tickets are tax deductible.





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December 4, 1993

To: Park Rapids Area Community Band Members

From: Board of Directors

Re: Schedule for Spring of 1994

Dance Band: "Sweetheart Ball" in Detroit Lakes on Saturday Feb. 12th

You will be contacted about a rehearsal date to prepare for this gig.

Concert Band: Rehearsal Schedule;

Saturday February 26th

Saturday March 12th

Saturday March 26th

Saturday April 9th

Rehearsals will begin at 1:30 PM in the Park Rapids High School bandroom.

Concert Date: Saturday April 16th, 7:30 PM in the

Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium

Dance Band: **Dinner**/Dance Fund Raiser to be held at the American Legion

Club here in Park Rapids on Saturday evening, April 23rd.

Thank You's: To Dodi Egge for a great job of handling the concert publicity.

To Solon Green for making our dinner arrangements and taking care of the many details that make for a smooth operation.

To Nadine Christenson for finishing the task of completely organizing our band library.

And finally, thank you for your participation this Fall and Winter. We hope that you will be with us for the Winter/Spring season. Please let us know your intentions. A very Merry Christmas from each one of us.



Picture in  
Park Rapids  
Enterprise



### Take note

Park Rapids Community Band, under the direction of Jim Wheeler, invites the public to their upcoming spring concert at 7:30 tonight (Saturday) at the Area High School auditorium. Among con-

cert selections is an original composition by Wheeler called "Celebrations." The community Dance Band also will perform. The concert is free to the public. (Liz Shaw photo)

Article in  
P.R. Enterprise  
April  
6, 1994

### Spring concert

The Park Rapids Community Band will present a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Park Rapids area High School auditorium. Soloists will be featured in several selections and the Dance Band also will perform. There is no admission charge.

This is your invitation to a Concert  
 presented by  
 The Park Rapids Area Community  
 Concert Band and Dance Band  
 Saturday, April 16, 1994, 7:30 p.m.  
 Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

Come to the  
Concert!!



# Rehearsal Announcements:

## February 16th. Rehearsal Announcements

1. A warm welcome to the new members and welcome back to our regular members. And a very special heartfelt THANK YOU to the members that have been with us from the very beginning.
2. Here is a mileage money update: We will be asking for funds from various local organizations early in March. It is our desire to be able to resume this part of our program as soon as possible. Please bear with us.
3. We have a grant request before the Region 2 Arts Council at this time. The request is for funds through the McNight Foundation for capital items. We should know if we are awarded any funds in the very near future. The grant does have a 501(C3) number which makes us eligible for charitable parking funds.
4. There is another grant opportunity coming up in March. The dead line is March 23rd. We would welcome your creative ideas for grant proposals to enhance our PRACE program.
5. We need a chairperson for the Dinner/Dance fund raiser coming up on April 23rd. And we need a lot more people getting involved in this project . . . especially with ticket sales.
6. Please note the remaining rehearsal dates: March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 9. The concert is set for Saturday evening, April 16th.
7. And speaking of the concert, it should be everyone's interest to get the word out about our concerts, dinner/dances and events. Our goal should be to fill the auditorium. We have a very unique program and it is worth beating the drum about. I sometimes feel that our bands are a well kept secret here in town.
8. Men, it is time that each one of us owns their own bow tie. The borrowing hassle has come to an end. Cal Broughton will handle this project. And speaking of bow ties, if you did not turn in a tie after the December 4th concert please do so. We were 5 short and will have to pay for them if not returned.
9. Mark your music with a black pencil only. Much of our music is borrowed.
10. Our policy on folders is . . . if you have a folder by yourself, there is not a problem. If you are sharing a folder with someone and you have the folder and for some reason you cannot attend the next rehearsal, you must see to it that the folder gets back.
11. Some individual practice can be expected as we program quality music with a minimum of full band rehearsal time.
12. Plan to stay for refreshments after the March 5th rehearsal. Barb Wilson is in charge and we need some cookie donations.
13. We need an usher coordinator.
14. The Dance Band will rehearse after the March 19th rehearsal.
15. Jean Golde has an announcement.
16. Editing marks: tacet=do not play, loco=play as printed, 1X=first time only, 2X=second time only, 1<sup>p</sup>=one player, a2=two players, a3=three players, etc. 8va<sup>+</sup>=play an octave higher, 8va<sup>-</sup>=play an octave lower





## I. CONCERT BAND

CELEBRATIONS ..... Jim Wheeler

1. JOY
2. LOVE  
Lucy Onstad, piano soloist
3. HOPE  
Craig Haugen, alto saxophone soloist  
Don Vidal, tenor saxophone soloist

GALLITO: Spanish March ..... Santiago Lope

WHEN JESUS WEPT ..... William Schuman

Deanna Kallman, cornet soloist  
Dawn Colford, euphonium soloist

MORNING HAS BROKEN ..... Arranged by Tom Wallace

ST. LOUIS BLUES MARCH ..... W.C. Handy

Tom Witherow, drum set soloist ..... Adapted by Parry Burgett

## II. DANCE BAND

MOONLIGHT SERENADE ..... Joe Garland

Recreated by Jeff Hest

FLY ME TO THE MOON ..... Bart Howard

Arranged by Sammy Nestico

I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM ..... Irving Berlin

Arranged by Skippy Martin

## III. CONCERT BAND

STRIKE UP THE BAND ..... George Gershwin

Arranged by Warren Barker

BOLERO ..... Maurice Ravel

Beth Klosner, flute soloist  
Peggy Richert, clarinet soloist  
Randy Resley, flugelhorn soloist  
Lynette Pottratz, Eb soprano clarinet soloist  
Arranged by Frank Erickson

THE ENTERTAINER ..... Scott Joplin

Transcribed by Arthur Frackenpohl

AMAZING GRACE ..... Arranged by Steve Ritzenthaler

THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER ..... John Philip Sousa

Beth Klosner, piccolo soloist  
Lori Griess, piccolo soloist

## CONCERT BAND PERSONNEL

### Piccolos

Beth Klosner, Bemidji  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids

### Flutes

Beth Kloener, Bemidji  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids  
Debra LaRosa, Park Rapids  
Suanne Tareski, Park Rapids  
Jo Judson, Park Rapids  
Jenny Town, Park Rapids\*

### Bassoon

Marian Melby, Moorhead State Univ.

### Eb Soprano Clarinet

Lynette Pottratz, Bemidji+

### Clarinets

Peggy Richert, Bemidji  
Deane Johnson, Park Rapids+  
Lynette Pottratz, Bemidji+  
Vicki Magnusen, Bagley+  
Joyce Ramsey, Wolf Lake  
Sally Kading, Park Rapids  
Barb Wilson, Ponsford  
JoLynn Nilson, Osage

### Alto Clarinet

Sue Sanger, Ponsford+

### Bass Clarinet

Marian Town, Park Rapids

### Alto Saxophones

Dodi Egge, Park Rapids+  
Craig Haugen, Blackduck-  
Jean Golde, Park Rapids

### Tenor Saxophones

Patty Harsha, Park Rapids+  
Gwen Block, Donet-  
Don Vidal, Grand Rapids-

### Baritone Saxophone

Monica Landquist, Park Rapids+-

### French Horns

Ellis Holcomb, Evansville+  
Eve Benson, Bemidji  
Vicki Smith, Wadena  
Dana Casey, Bemidji State University

### Announcer

Dave Roberts, KDKK Radio

### Cornets

Deanna Kallman, Blaine-  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford+  
Andy Shrode, Osakis\*  
Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids-  
Jessica Nilson, Osage\*

### Flugelhorn

Randy Resley, Osakis-

### Piccolo Trumpet

Jeff Weaver, Bemidji

### Trumpets

Randy Resley, Osakis-  
Jeff Weaver, Bemidji

### Trombones

Mike Kerrigan, Walker-  
Roger Wilson, Ponsford+  
Alvin Prusner, Menahga  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids+--

### Bass Trombone

Dennis Block, Park Rapids

### Baritone

Paul Ramsey, Wolf Lake

### Euphonium

Dawn Colford, LaPorte

### Tubas

Denny Ulmer, Park Rapids+  
Paul Peterson, Park Rapids+

### Percussion

Terri Walen, Osage+  
Linda Uscola, Menahga  
Gary Stennes, Nevis  
Karen Onstad, St. Paul  
Tim Witherow, Park Rapids

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Denny Ulmer  
Jim Wheeler+  
Roger Wilson, President

+ Charter Members  
- Dance Band Members  
\* High School Honors Musicians

## A BRIEF HISTORY

The first rehearsals of the Park Rapids Area Concert Band (PRACB) and Dance Band were held in October, 1991. The premiere concert was given on December 7, 1991, as part of a program observing the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

This community band program was formed to provide adult musicians in Park Rapids and the surrounding areas an opportunity to participate in instrumental music performance groups which have high musical standards, while still maintaining status as amateur, community ensembles.

From inception of this program, the 18 member Dance Band has played an important role. This group performs at all formal concerts and it has become a fundraising vehicle playing for five dinner/dances to date.

Another unique part of this program is its High School Honors Musicians Program. Each year only a few students are invited to join.

This evening's concert is being professionally recorded by Todd Behrens of Danger Studios in Minneapolis. Cassette tapes will be available for \$5.00 each. If you would like one (or more), sign-up in the lobby.



## COMING MUSIC EVENTS

Dinner/Dance fundraiser for the PRACB program  
Sat., April 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Park Rapids American Legion Post  
Limited seating, some tickets are available in the lobby.  
The Classic Chorale presents Classic Cabaret  
April 29 & 30, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Center  
Tickets available at Park Pharmacy  
P.R. Middle School Bands in Concert, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.  
P.R. High School Bands in Concert, Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

## THANK YOU

The Park Rapids Enterprise for past, present and future concert publicity.  
A special thank you to Liz Shaw for her professional photography work.  
Liken, Inc. for copying services, typesetting and printing of the programs  
Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the concert.





# Rehearsal Announcements

## April 9th: Rehearsal Announcements

### 1. Schedule For April 16th:

Set up crew needs to be here at 4:00 PM  
"Touch up" rehearsal at 4:30 PM  
"Brush up" rehearsal for the Dance Band at 5:30 PM  
Lunch break  
Section leaders check with tuner at 6:50 PM  
Warm up, Tune up in the bandroom at 7:00 PM  
Concert begins at 7:30 PM

### 2. Everyone bring cookies for the reception after the concert.

### 3. Concert attire:

Black and white  
Men, see Cal Broughton for bow ties @ \$3.00 each.

### 4. Here is an opportunity. Todd Behrens (Lynette's Son-in-law) will make a professional recording and cut 100 casset tapes for \$450.00. This would be of our April 16th concert.

### 5. Refreshments will be served after today's rehearsal. Thank you Barb Wilson and JoLynn Wilson.

### 6. The Dance Band will have a short rehearsal after the Concert Band rehearsal today.

### 7. Liz Shaw from THE PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE will be here at the end of the rehearsal to snap a few pictures for concert publicity.

### 8. And speaking of publicity, take the invitation tickets, sign them and pass them out. Spread the word!

### 7b. A soloist picture will be taken in the choir room for the following: Lucy Onstad, Craig Haugen, Deanna Kallman, Dawn Colford, Tom Witherow, Beth Klosner, Peggy Richert, Lynette Pottratz and Lori Griess

### 9. We are still in need of an usher chairperson.

### 10. Here is the concert program:

CELEBRATIONS (Joy, Love, Hope)  
GALLITO  
WHEN JESUS WEPT  
MORNING HAS BROKEN  
ST. LOUIS BLUES MARCH

(Dance Band)  
MOONLIGHT SERENADE  
FLY ME TO THE MOON  
I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM

STRIKE UP THE BAND  
BOLERO  
THE ENTERTAINER  
AMAZING SPACE  
THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

### 11. Looking ahead to the July 4th concert:

Saturday, July 2nd, 1:30 PM  
rehearsal in the bandroom

Monday, July 4th, 5:00 PM  
rehearsal outside

concert at 8:00 PM

*"The inspiration that comes from the audience is the greatest compliment that a musician can have."  
John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)*

## SPRING CONCERT



## **PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND DANCE BAND**

**Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
Dave Roberts, Announcer**

**April 16, 1994 3:00 p.m.  
Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium**

*No Admission Charge*

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
COMMUNITY BAND PROGRAM!**

*...and the evening begins...*

**MENU**

*Chicken Kiev*

*Wild Rice*

*Green Beans*

*Relish Tray*

*Rolls*

*Home-Made Cheesecake*

**DINNER MUSIC:** Gary Stennes, Nevis

**KITCHEN STAFF:**

Lori Griess  
Debra LaRosa  
Gladys Motl  
Marian Town

**DANCE BAND MEMBERS**

**LEADER:** Jim Wheeler\*

**SAXOPHONES:** Craig Haugen, Blackduck  
Dodi Egge, Park Rapids\*  
Don Vidal, Grand Rapids\*  
Gwen Block, Park Rapids  
Monica Landquist, Park Rapids\*

**TRUMPETS:** Randy Resley, Osakis  
Mark Saiger, Grand Rapids  
Jeff Weaver, Bemidji  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford\*

**TROMBONES:** Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
Solon Green, Park Rapids\*  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids\*  
Dennis Block, Park Rapids\*

**PIANO:** Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids

**DRUMS:** Tom Witherow, Park Rapids

**BASS:** Gary Stennes, Nevis

\* Charter Member

**THE GLENN MILLER DANCE BAND ...**

After several previously failed starts, the Glenn Miller Dance Band opened at the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, New York, on March 1, 1939. Within one year, Glenn Miller was leading the nation's number one dance band. The band's smooth, romantic sounds have made it the most popular dance band ever.

The band's theme song, *MOONLIGHT SERENADE*, was an outgrowth of an exercise Glenn had prepared for an arranging lesson with the renowned Joseph Schillinger.

*PENNSYLVANIA SIX-FIVE THOUSAND* was dedicated to New York's Pennsylvania Hotel (later the Statler), where Glenn used to pack the Cafe Rouge while his fans dialed the hotel's number, PE6-5000 for reservations.

The most famous of all Miller records was Joe Garland's *IN THE MOOD* which Glenn condensed into a tight, jumping instrumental arrangement. It remains, even today, the most requested big band tune in the world.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ...**

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Jeff Weaver for the sound system.

Mike Kerrigan for providing the piano.

Liken, Inc. for designing & printing this program.





Thanks!!

### Band concert

To the Editor:

The Park Rapids Area Community Band would like to thank everyone who attended our concert April 16. We would also like to say thank you for the generous donation made after the concert. Your support is greatly appreciated. --Park Rapids Area Community Band.

Article in  
P.R.  
Enterprise  
4/30/94

The Park Rapids American Legion Post 212  
is proud to host the

**Spring**

**Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser**

**PARK RAPIDS AREA  
COMMUNITY BAND**

**Saturday, April 23, 1994**

Dinner 6:30 pm    Dance 8:00 pm

Lori Griess, Co-Chair  
Debra LaRosa, Co-Chair

#### DANCE PROGRAM FOR DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER: APRIL 23, 1994

1. Moonlight Serenade (West arrangement)  
A String of Pearls  
Penn. 6-5000 (#12 in "Exciting Sounds")  
In The Mood (#1 in "Exciting Sounds")
  2. My Funny Valentine (Beth Wizik, vocal)  
I Can't Stop Loving You  
Little Brown Jug  
Woodchoppers Ball
  3. I'll Never Smile Again  
I'll Remember April  
I Love You For Sentimental Reasons (Jim, vocal)  
Heartaches
  4. I'm Getting Sentimental Over You  
Eager Beaver (#2 in "Exciting Sounds")  
All of Me (Bill, vocal)  
Wack The Knife
  5. Marie  
Fly Me To The Moon  
I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm  
Sweet Georgia Brown
- Break . . . . .
6. Theme From Ice Castles  
Jersey Bounce  
Side By Side  
Song of India
  7. Misty  
Begin The Beguine  
New York, New York  
Bandstand Boogie
- Others . . . . .
- Sentimental Journey (vocal?)
  - Satin Doll
  - The Shadow of Your Smile
  - What's New?
  - How High The Moon
  - In A Sentimental Mood
  - Mood Indigo



4<sup>th</sup>  
 OF  
 JULY  
 Concert

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 Roger Wilson, President

### PRACB NEWSLETTER

June 1, 1994

Dear PRACB Members and Friends,

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors was held on May 3rd. Roger and Barb Wilson hosted the meeting.

The PRACB has been awarded a *Region 2 Arts Council Grant* of \$3,550. This money must be used for capital items, i.e., music, equipment and instruments.

And speaking of money, a wonderful thing happened at the reception following the concert on April 16th. Some very special person left five \$100 bills in the free will offering. The total received that night was \$587.00. Wow!

We made a profit of \$550 on the dinner/dance fundraiser. A huge thank you to the co-chairs, Lori Griess and Debra LaRosa, for all of their hard work and thank you to the others that supported this project in any way. It was suggested that next year we hold one dinner/dance fundraiser in the Fall and investigate other fundraising options.

There are only a few cassette tapes left of our April 16th concert. If you would like one, contact Jean Golde at 732-8725.

An application to the Minnesota Music Educators Association for a guest concert appearance at its Mid-Winter In-Service Clinic has been submitted. This takes place in mid Feb. 1995. We will know the results of our application by the end of July.

We were indeed saddened to learn that Tom Witherow, our local high school band director, has resigned. We wish him all the best and selfishly hope that he will be able to continue as a member of the PRACB.

Here is the schedule for our 4th of July Concert:

- Sat., July 2 Rehearsal at 10:30 AM in the high school band room (mileage money will be paid)
  - Mon., July 4 Outside rehearsal at 4:30 PM at the old bath house behind the Pizza Hut
  - Mon., July 4 Concert from 7:45 - 9:15 PM (no mileage money will be paid)
- Concert Dress: The usual black and white arrangement

For those of you that like to look ahead, the *Winter Concert* is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 PM

A trombone choir (2 quartets) has been formed.

Several of the PRACB saxophonists are meeting and practicing on a weekly basis in an attempt to add sax appeal to the band.

A fringe benefit of being the PRACB President is that a newsletter can be used for commercial announcements. So, here goes. On Father's Day, June 19th, the *Carsonville Township Fire Dept.* will be holding their annual *BBQ Pork Dinner* fundraiser in Ponsford. It is a wonderful dinner and it supports a great organization.

We look forward to seeing you on July 2nd at 10:30 AM in the high school band room. So, start rebuilding those "chops".

The Board of Directors







Mame + Ward Junker  
Bill Jones  
Oscar + Pat Peterson  
Pat + Ed Hieb



Friends enjoying the Dance the Band!



Even the director gets to dance!!

Sorry Jim, I cut off your partner!



Mary Jane + Dave Keller



JoAnn + Doug Peterson



Bill Sangster's brother-in-law from Great Falls, MT!



Pat + Ed Hieb cut a rug!!



Our big supporters - the Pedersons!



Ward gives Ruth Bengquist a whirl!!



## PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Riverside United Methodist Church  
Monday, August 22  
4:30-7:30  
Lunch Available



Followed by:

Premier Performance by  
The Trombone Choir!

Nevis Community Choir Concert  
7:30

Free Will Offering  
Proceeds go toward Public Library

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**COME FOR THE PIE  
AND A MUSICAL HIGH!!**

# TATOR

Aug.  
26, 27 & 28



# TIME



TATOR TIME  
BUTTONS \$1.00  
EACH. NEED A  
BUTTON TO ENJOY  
FESTIVAL

## Polka band will perform Saturday

A spin-off from the Park Rapids Community Band, a polka band will entertain from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday near the public library.

If you're not sure where they are playing, just drive down main and listen.

The concert is free, and organizers promise it will be fun.

The Park Rapids Area Community Band was established in 1991, attracting amateur and professional musicians from throughout northern Minnesota. The band plays several concerts each year in Park Rapids as well as fall and spring dinner dances featuring "big band" music of decades gone by.

The community band has since sprouted smaller groups, including a swing band, dixieland band and a polka band.

The polka band who will perform the entertainment Saturday includes: Bill Sanger (Bad Medicine Lake) and Jeff Weaver (Bemidji) on trumpet; Paul Ramsey (Wolf Lake) on baritone; Dennis Ulmer (Bemidji) on tuba; Lynette Pottratz (Bemidji) and Deane Johnson (Park Rapids) on clarinet and Shelly Davis (Wadena) on percussion.

Some or all of the above will comprise the Tator Time ensemble.

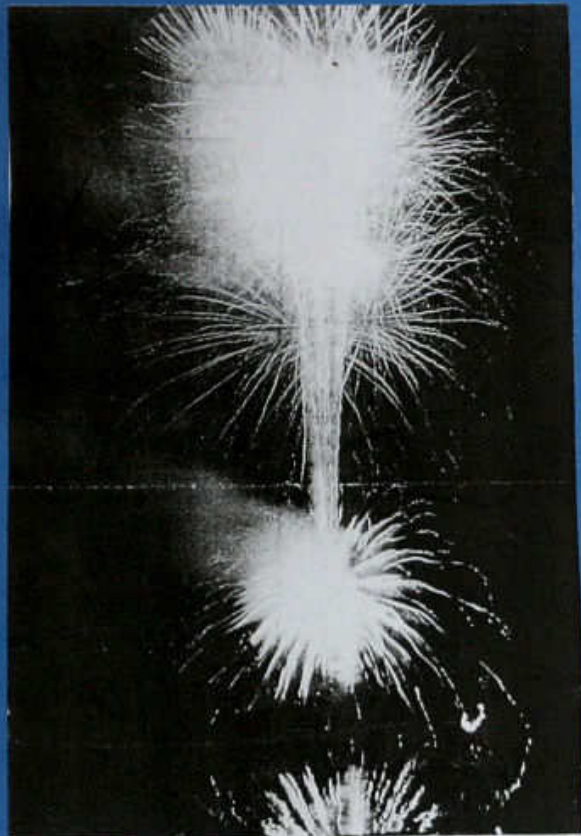
Band publicist Solon Green said the music Saturday will contain a collection of polka favorites. Dancing is optional.



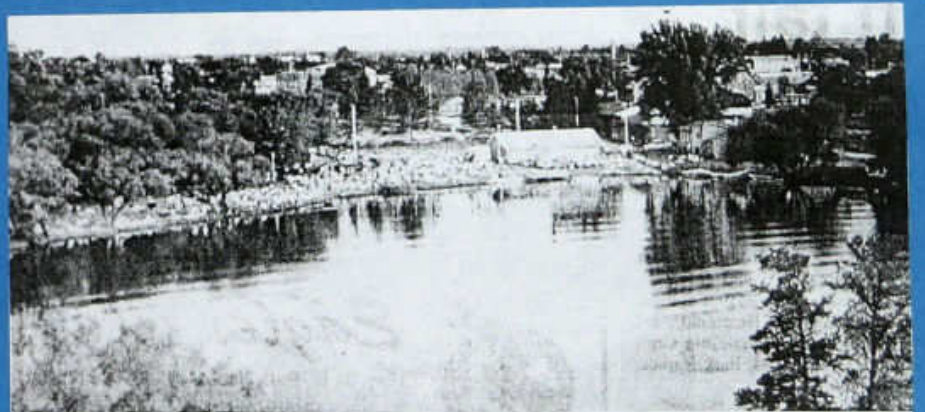


Program for July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert  
"Pops and Patriotic"

The Star Spangled Banner  
National Emblem  
Beguine for Band  
Dawn of a New Day  
A Trumpeter's Lullaby  
The Olympic Spirit  
The Stripper (by request!!)  
St. Louis Blues March  
Broadway Show Stoppers  
The Impossible Dream  
America's Finest  
America  
America the Beautiful  
The Stars and Stripes Forever



Park Rapids residents and area guests were in for a treat Monday night at the fireworks display overlooking Fish Hook River in Heartland Park. The Park Rapids Jaycees with support from the local business community sponsored the event. Volunteer firefighters, too, were on hand to help make the display a success.



**Bring on the fireworks**

A large crowd gathered at the old city beach area Monday to hear the Park Rapids Community Band play a festive patriotic concert. As usual, traffic was jammed in the city in anticipation of the annual Fourth of July fireworks display sponsored by the Jaycees.



**PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE**  
**WED., OCT. 12, 1994**  
**Attention musicians**

Park Rapids Area Community Band is now preparing for its December concert. Next rehearsal is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Area High School Band Room.



**Dinner dance coming soon**

The bi-annual dinner dance fundraiser for the Park Rapids Area Community Band will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Tickets are \$15 each and are available from band members or at Park Pharmacy.



**Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser**  
**For The**  
**Rapids Area Community Band**  
**Evening, October 28, 1994**  
**6:30 p.m. Dinner**  
**8:00-10:00 p.m. Dancing to the**  
**Big Band Sounds of 40's & 50's**

**Tickets \$15.00 Per Person**

**No. 001080**

**PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND**

*DINNER - DANCE*

*October 28, 1994*

*Park Rapids American Legion*

*6:30 p.m. - DINNER*

*8:00 - 10:00 - DANCING to the Big Band Sounds*

*Tickets \$15.00*

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# Fall Newsletter

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## NEWSLETTER #2 - September 13, 1994

Dear PRACB Members,

We hope you had a great summer! It's time to start getting those chops in shape once again as we are about to begin our fourth season. It will be an exciting new season as we try some new ideas and share the joys of performing music together.

We did not receive an invitation to the Minnesota Music Education Association Convention. There were 85 applicants for 30 spots. We were asked to make application again next year, which we should do.

Here is our Fall/Winter rehearsal schedule which leads to our concert on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 PM; October 1, 15, 29, November 12, 19, and December 3. Rehearsals will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will last for two hours. We will be rehearsing in our usual setting-the Park Rapids Area High School bandroom.

A few of the selections we will highlight in our December 4th program are: "Procession of Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "All I Ask of You" from The Phantom of the Opera, "Midnight Sleighride" by Sauter-Finegan and Eve Benson will be a featured French Horn soloist.

We believe that rehearsal attendance is the key to continued growth. To encourage attendance we will be paying mileage money. We would encourage you to car pool when possible to help keep the expenses to a minimum. The Board of Directors has approved the following formula for mileage reimbursement based on how many rehearsals you attend.

- 2 rehearsals -----no mileage money
- 3 rehearsals -----1/2 of your mileage allowance will be paid
- 5 rehearsals -----full mileage allowance will be paid

You will be asked to play one rehearsal and concert for free. All mileage money will be paid after the December 3rd rehearsal.

We encourage young musicians to visit our rehearsals. They are welcome to sit in and play along with the band or just observe. Ellis Holcomb has agreed to coordinate this part of the program. He needs to know in advance who will be coming, so contact him at 1-948-2665 (evenings).

It is time to "upgrade" our appearance. We actually play better than we look. Gwen Block has agreed to chair a uniform search committee.

The date of the Fall Dinner/Dance Fundraiser has been set for Friday, October 28th. Be thinking of how you can best contribute to the success of our Dinner/Dance Fundraiser. You will be asked to sign up for one of the volunteer work areas at our first rehearsal on October 1.

As a matter of information, besides our 18 member dance band, our program includes a Polka Band and a Dixieland Combo. They have had a busy summer schedule providing music for social and public relation events, such as Taste of Dorset, Tator Time Festival and Courage Center fundraiser. Coming up on September 24th they will be performing at Ethnic Days in Walker. Several of these events raised money for our program. A big "thank you" to the musicians that gave of their time and efforts to these events.

Paul Ramsey has agreed to take over the leadership of the Polka Band. Jeff Weaver has agreed to take over the leadership of the Dixieland Combo. THANK YOU!

Our Trombone Choir had its premiere performance on August 22nd at an ice cream social at Riverside Methodist Church in Park Rapids.

Larry Novak is the new high school band director in Park Rapids. Welcome, Larry! We hope you can join us.

Encourage former members to join us and new members are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,



### ABOUT OUR SOLOISTS

**EVE BENSON, French Horn.** Wheeling High School (Illinois) graduate. B.A. University of Iowa. Masters degree candidate, University of St. Thomas has soloed with the Bemidji Community Band, Bemidji State University Orchestra and Concert Band. Fifteen years teaching music (instrumental and vocal) in Bemidji Elementary Schools.

**NADINE CHRISTENSON, Soprano.** Chisago City High School graduate. B.A. Bethel College. Has soloed with the Park Rapids Classic Chorale, Nevis Community Chorus and Park Rapids Area Community Band. She has sung the role of the mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors", and has also performed numerous solos in various area churches.

**RICK PENNING, Tenor.** Austin High School graduate. B. A. Luther College. Ph.D. candidate, University of Minnesota. He has soloed with St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Rochester Symphony and University of Minnesota Orchestra and Chorus. He has sung the role of Martin in Aaron Copland's opera "The Tender Land" which toured the Midwest the summer of 1993.

### Coming Musical Events

The Park Rapids Classic Chorale plus the Park Rapids Community Chorus will present "The Many Moods of Christmas" on Saturday, December 10th, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 p.m. Both performances will be given at Riverside Methodist Church. Admission: \$6

The annual Christmas Concert by the Park Rapids Area High School bands and choirs will be given on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 p.m. and Monday, December 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Both performances will be given at the PRAHS Auditorium. No admission charge.

The PRAC Band will be hosting a Community Band Festival this coming spring (1995). The date will be announced at a later time.

### Choir Endowment Program

As a means of raising much needed funds for operating expense, the PRACB has initiated a Choir Endowment Program. An individual or any business establishment could endow a chair in the concert or dance band. The cost is \$100 and is good for the year 1995. This can be an anonymous gift and is tax deductible as the PRACB is a non-profit organization.

### Cassettes

Cassettes of today's concert will be available before Christmas. Sign-up in the High School Cafeteria while enjoying refreshments. Cost is \$7.50.

This evening's concert will be re-broadcast on Christmas Day on KDKK, 97.5, FM at 4:00 p.m.

*This activity is made possible, in part, by a grant provided by the Region 2 Arts Council through funding from the McKnight Foundation.*

## WINTER CONCERT



### PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BANDS

Concert Band  
Dixieland Combo  
1920's Swing Band  
Dance Band

**Jim Wheeler, Conductor**

**December 4, 1994 3:00 p.m.**  
**Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium**

*No Admission Charge*





**Fall**  
**Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser**

for the



**PARK RAPIDS AREA**  
**COMMUNITY BAND**

**Friday, October 28, 1994**

Dinner 6:30 pm    Dance 8:00 pm

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ...**

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*...and the evening begins...*

**MENU**

*Charbroiled Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filet*

*Baked Potatoe with Sour Cream*

*Steamed Baby Carrots*

*Tossed Green Salad*

*Assorted Rolls*

*Sherbet*

**DANCE BAND MEMBERS**

**LEADER:** Jim Wheeler\*

**SAXOPHONES:** Craig Haugen, Blackduck  
Dodi Egge, Park Rapids\*  
Dick Thompson, Clarissa  
Gwen Block, Park Rapids  
Monica Landquist, Park Rapids\*

**TRUMPETS:** Randy Resley, Osakis  
Jeff Weaver, Bemidji  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford\*  
Deanna Kallman, Blaine

**TROMBONES:** Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
Solon Green, Park Rapids\*  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids\*  
Dennis Block, Park Rapids

**PIANO:** Lucy Onstad, Park Rapids

**DRUMS:** Jeremy Jenum, St. Anthony

**BASS:** Karen Onstad, St. Paul

\* Charter Member

**DINNER MUSIC:** Gary Stennes, Nevis

**KITCHEN STAFF:**

Jeanette Bruce  
Gail Buerkley  
Warren Goldsmith  
Ken & Lila Kalish  
Denise Phillips  
Bob Qualey

January 20, 1995

Dear PRACB members and prospective new members,

I am sending you our spring schedule as well as greetings for the New Year. Going back to our concert on December 4th, I want you to know how pleased I was with your performance. It was our finest effort so far. It was very musical with a touch of class and a dose of humor. People were "singing" our praises for days after the concert. Here are some specific comments that I heard:

"This was the finest band concert I have ever heard."

"It has been a long time since I have heard a band play with that kind of symphonic sound."

"I was impressed with the wonderful tone of the band."

"I enjoyed the variety of selections and how the program moved along."

When Rick and Nadine were singing...

"It brought tears to my eyes."

"I couldn't play. I was mesmerized."

People commented to me how much they enjoyed the combos in the middle section, the sing-a-long, the marches and the duet from "Phantom of the Opera." People were moved by our performance. It shows the tremendous emotional power that music can have.

Every one of you should own a cassette of this concert! Contact Jean Golde, our treasurer.

Here is our rehearsal schedule for this "spring" leading to our Community Band Festival on Saturday, April 29th. Rehearsals are held on Saturdays in the Park Rapids Area High School bandroom and begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. The rehearsals end at 12:00 noon.

February 25  
March 4

March 18  
March 25

April 8  
April 22

We will use the same mileage allowance formula as we did this fall:

- No mileage paid for attendance at two rehearsals
- Mileage for 3 rehearsals = 1/2 your allowance
- Mileage for 4 rehearsals = 3/4 your allowance
- Mileage for 5 rehearsals = full allowance
- One rehearsal for free and the concert on April 29 for free

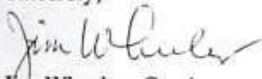
The Spring Dinner/Dance fund raiser is set for Friday, May 19th.

So, its time to start getting those "chops" in shape. I look forward to hearing you on Saturday, February 25th.

I am sending you a copy of the letter that is being sent to individuals and business establishments announcing our chair endowment plan. I am pleased to report that 12 chairs and two other options have already been endowed. Our goal is to endow all 56 chairs in the concert band. We are planning to make this a very successful campaign and we want you to feel a part of it.

I am enclosing a business card which announces my newest career. If you have a piano, I would appreciate the opportunity to tune it. If you do not have a piano, would you please get one. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on behalf of the Board of Directors



Enclosures





## WINTER CONCERT PROGRAM

### I. CONCERT BAND

- PROCESSION OF NOBLES..... Rimsky-Korsakov  
From the opera-ballet "Mlada" Arranged by Erik Leidzen
- BUT BEAUTIFUL..... Van Heusen and Burke  
Arranged by Sammy Nestico
- CONCERTO FOR HORN..... RALPH HERMANN  
Eve Benson, soloist  
I Allegretto, II Andante Moderato, III Allegro
- "PROUD HERITAGE" CONCERT MARCH..... William Latham
- MARTIN'S SONG..... Aaron Copland  
From "The Tender Land," an opera  
Rick Penning, soloist, Marcy Roach, accompanist
- ALL I ASK OF YOU..... Andrew Lloyd Webber  
From "The Phantom of the Opera"  
Rick Penning, Tenor, Nadine Christenson, Soprano
- COMRADES OF THE LEGION..... John Philip Sousa

### II. FROM RAGS TO SILKS

- MAPLE LEAF RAG..... Scott Joplin  
Deanna Kallman, soloist
- WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME (Dixieland Combo)
- WAITIN' FOR KATY (1920's Swing Band)..... Shapiro and Kahn
- SHINY STOCKINGS (Dance Band)..... Count Basie  
Arranged by Sammy Nestico

### III. CONCERT BAND

- MIDNIGHT SLEIGHRIDE..... Sauter and Finegan  
From Prokofiev's "St. Kije Suite" Arranged By Tom Wallace
- JESUS, JESUS, REST YOUR HEAD..... Appalachian Folk Carol  
Arranged by Tom Wallace
- CHRISTMAS SING - A - LONG..... Arranged by James Playhar
- JINGLE BELLS..... Traditional  
Arranged by Martin Gould
- THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER..... John Philip Sousa

## BAND PERSONNEL

### Piccolos

Janet Weaver, Bemidji  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids

### Flutes

Janet Weaver, Bemidji  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids  
Sandy Munson, Walker  
Lori Griess, Park Rapids  
Debra La Rosa, Park Rapids

### Bassoons

Prudy Olson, Wadena  
Rollie Haugen, Walker

### Clarinets

Dr. Deane Johnson, Park Rapids\*  
Peggy Richert, Bemidji  
Lynette Pottratz, Bemidji\*  
Vicki Magnusen, Bagley\*  
Joyce Ramsey, Wolf Lake  
Barb Wilson, Ponsford  
JoLynn Nilson, Osage

### Alto Clarinet

Sue Sanger, Ponsford\*

### Bass Clarinets

Marian Town, Park Rapids  
Sarah Hogan, Osage+

### Contra Bass Clarinet

Sarah Hogan, Osage+

### Alto Saxophones

Dodi Egge, Park Rapids+  
Jean Golde, Park Rapids

### Tenor Saxophones

Gwen Block, Park Rapids  
Larry Novak, Park Rapids

### Baritone Saxophone

Monica Landquist, Park Rapids\*

### French Horns

Ellis Holcomb, Evansville\*  
Linnea Hagemester, Battle Lake  
Vicki Smith, Wadena  
Eve Benson, Bemidji

### Cornets

Randy Resley, Osakis  
Deanna Kallman, Blaine  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford\*

Lucy Orstad, Park Rapids  
Jill Johnson, Park Rapids  
Bob Frost, Park Rapids

### Trumpets

Jeff Weaver, Bemidji  
Jessica Nilsen, Osage+

### Trombones

Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
Alvin Prussner, Menahga  
Solon Green, Park Rapids\*  
Roger Wilson, Ponsford  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids\*  
Dennis Block, Park Rapids

### Baritones

Nadine Christenson, Park Rapids\*  
Paul Ramsey, Wolf Lake

### String Bass

Odell Bjerkness, Ponsford

### Tuba

Denny Ulmer, Bemidji\*

### Percussion

Karen Orstad, St. Paul  
Terri Walen, Osage\*  
Jacie Ward, Bemidji\*  
Jessica Ward, Bemidji+  
Linda Uscola, Menahga

### Drum Set

Jeremy Jenum, St. Anthony

### Dance Band only

Candace Strickler, St. Anthony  
(alto saxophone)

### Board of Directors

Solon Green, Manager+  
Ellis Holcomb  
Anna Larson  
Vicki Magnusen  
JoLynn Nilson, Sec., Treas.  
Jim Wheeler, Conductor+  
Roger Wilson, President

+ Charter Members

\* High School Honors Musicians



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## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

*"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"*

Incorporated 1993

IRS 501(C-3) status

March 30, 1995

City of Park Rapids  
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Floyd Harvala, Mayor:

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At this juncture, we are turning to the City of Park Rapids for on-going financial support of this community organization. Why are we asking for financial support at this time? Until this year, the local American Legion Post has been the PRAC Band's major benefactor. Because of the uncertainty of providing charitable gambling funds to the community band in the future, we need the City of Park Rapids to become our major benefactor.

To present a series of formal concerts each year, i.e., Winter, Spring and 4th of July, the costs involved reach \$5,000. In addition, each year this organization spends \$2,000 on new band music, instruments and equipment plus repairs to the instruments the PRACB now owns.

We have developed an outstanding community band program which has a proven track record of community involvement and support for the surrounding area.

It is for these reasons that we are requesting a grant of \$5,000 from the City of Park Rapids for the on-going operation of this program. This will allow us to make positive plans for expanding the future music activities of this community.

We look forward to visiting with you at the April 10th City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

*Concert Band, Dance Band, 1920's Swing Band, Dixieland Combo, Polka Band*

Jean Golde, Treasurer  
Solon Green, Manager  
Anna Larson, Secretary

Ellis Holcomb  
Denny Ulmer

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Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Letter  
to the  
Mayor  
of  
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asking  
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Support  
for our  
Band!

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## THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND JR. HIGH/SR. HIGH HONORS MUSICIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As members of the Park Rapids Area Community Band we feel that it is an important part of this band program to encourage young talented musicians by providing some funds for advancing their performance skills and by providing a performance group to further broaden their musical experiences.

Upon the recommendation of any member of the Park Rapids Area Community Band and/or by audition of the Conductor of same, a maximum of 5 students per season may be invited to participate in this band program. Only under special circumstances will more than one student be selected from a specific music program.

### GUIDELINES:

Students with major interests in woodwind, brass and percussion instruments as well as piano, voice and music composition will be considered.

Students will be given the same mileage allowance for rehearsal and performance attendance as a regular member.

To be eligible for scholarship money, any selected student must have an exemplary attendance record.

An equal amount of scholarship money will be awarded to each selected student.

The dollar amount of the scholarships will depend upon available funds.

The scholarships will be awarded upon recommendation of the Conductor and approval of the Band Board.

### AUDITION OUTLINE:

#### JR. HIGH SCHOOL CANDIDATES:

Chromatic scale ascending and descending in the practical range of the instrument plus two major scales to be selected at random.

Sight reading.

Prepared Solo or Etude with or without accompaniment.

#### HIGH SCHOOL CANDIDATES:

Follow the Minnesota All-State Audition Outline.

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## 1995 PRACB SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sat., April 29

4:00 pm PRACB warm-ups on stage of high school auditorium  
 4:30 HLCB warm-ups on stage  
 5:00 Combined bands seating on stage  
 5:15 Combined band rehearsal  
     Gene Gafney, guest conductor  
 6:15 Lunch in high school cafeteria provided by PRACB  
 7:30 Concert Time  
     HLCB  
     PRACB  
 8:00 Combined Bands  
 8:30 Reception/Refreshments in cafeteria  
 9:00

Sun., April 30th

1:30-3:30 pm Dance Band rehearsal at American Legion Club

Fri., May 19th

7:30-10:30 pm Adult Prom fund raser for PRACB at American Legion Club

Fri., May 28th

6:30 pm Dixieland Combo for Coast to Coast Grand Opening

Sat., May 29th

11:00 am & 1:30 pm Dixieland Combo for Coast to Coast Grand Opening

Sat., July 8th

8:00-11:00 pm Dance Band glg / All School Reunion Dance at St. Peter's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall

### July 4th Concert and Rehearsal Schedule

Sat., June 24th

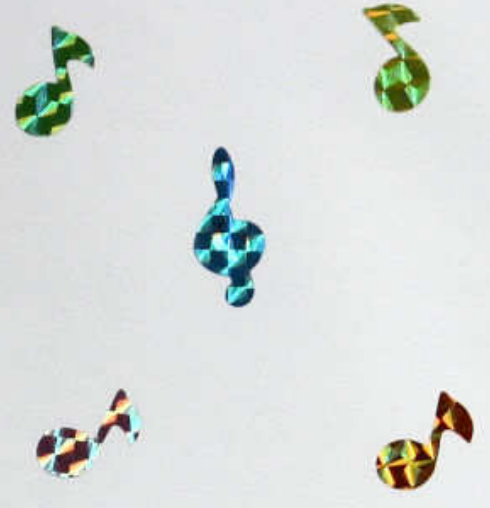
10:00 am Rehearsal in High School Bandroom

Sun., July 2nd

2:00 pm Rehearsal in High School Bandroom

Tues., July 4th

5:00 pm Outdoor rehearsal  
 8:00 pm Concert



# FREE

**TONIGHT**

**TWO BANDS FOR THE "PRICE" OF ONE.**

**Park Rapids Area Community Band & Heart Of The Lakes Community Band**

(representing the communities of Ashby, Battle Lake, Evansville, and Rothsay)  
 WILL PRESENT A JOINT CONCERT

**7:30 p.m. TONIGHT**

**Sat. April 29**

**Park Rapids High School Auditorium**

**FREE**

Swing Into Spring with the PRACB Big Band sound May 19, 8-11 p.m. at the American Legion Club



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January 20, 1995

Dear Active and Inactive PRACB Members,

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At this juncture, we are turning to the community to ask for help in solving financial needs through an outreach plan approved by our Board of Directors. This plan is called chair endowment. In order for our program to make an even greater musical contribution to the community and the surrounding area in the future, we are in need of the following: an oboe, a baritone saxophone, a tuba, a sound system, various percussion instruments and music additions to our band library.

The chair endowment plan is simply a fund raising vehicle to reach our goal of endowing all 56 chairs in the concert band. Any individual or business establishment can endow a chair in the concert band with a gift of \$100. For those who would like to support this plan beyond that amount, five other options are available. They are: the Polka Band, \$250; the Dixieland Combo, \$250; the 1920's Swing Band, \$500; the 18 member Dance Band, \$750; and the Conductor's podium, \$1,000. All gifts will be acknowledged on our 1995 concert season programs and all gifts are tax deductible as the PRACB is a non-profit organization.

At the time of this mailing we are very pleased to report that 12 chairs and two other options have been endowed. We encourage you to "join the band" and become a supporter of this outstanding community band program and thereby help us to continue the many musical activities in the future.

We are enclosing a concert band personnel roster and a chair endowment donor's card. Within a few days a member of the PRACB will call on you to answer any questions and to accept your gift. Anyone wishing to mail a gift may do so by sending it to Jean Golde, Treasurer, at 507 Park Avenue South, Park Rapids, MN 56470. Please make all checks payable to the P.R.A.C.B.

We thank you in advance for your help and support of this outreach program.

Sincerely,



Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on behalf of the Board of Directors



### PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND CHAIR ENDOWMENT OUTREACH DONOR CARD

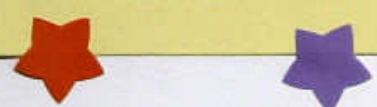
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Option Chosen	_____	Individual Chair .....\$100.00
	_____	Polka Band .....200.00
	_____	Dixieland Combo .....200.00
	_____	1920's Swing Band .....400.00
	_____	Dance Band .....600.00
	_____	Conductor's Podium .....800.00

The PRACB Member who will be calling on you in the next few days is \_\_\_\_\_





**1995 PRACB S**

Sat., April 29

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 presented by  
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 Park Rapids Area Community Band

Saturday, April 29, 1995, 7:30 p.m.

Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium

No Admission Charge



**Combined  
 Heart of the Lakes Community Band  
 and  
 Park Rapids Area Community Band  
 Program**

**They Led My Lord Away** Adoniram Gordon, arr. by Fred Allen  
**Amparito Roca** Jaime Texidor, arr. by Aubrey Winter  
**America the Beautiful** Samuel Ware  
 arr. by Carmen Dragon and Jay Dawson

**Gene Gafney, Guest Conductor**  
 Detroit Lakes

**Park Rapids Area Community Band Personnel**  
 (continued)

PERCUSSION		BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Karen Onstad	St. Paul	Roger Wilson	President
Terri Walen	Osage	Odell Bjerkness	Ponsford
Patty Bjorklund	Park Rapids	Jean Golde	Park Rapids
Connie Bruse	Park Rapids	Solon Green	Park Rapids
		Denny Ulmer	Park Rapids
		Jim Wheeler	Park Rapids

We wish to offer our thanks to **Liken, Incorporated** and to the **Itasca Insurance Agency**, both of Park Rapids, for their assistance. The donations of public spirited companies, organizations and individuals such as these make our work possible.

Park Rapids voters will soon have the opportunity to vote on a **Community Band Funding Referendum**. We would appreciate your support of this important initiative.

**Endowed Chair Donors, continued**

33.	Cornet	Available
34.	Cornet	Sue Sanger
35.	Cornet	Park Rapids American Legion Auxiliary
36.	Cornet	Park Pharmacy
37.	Cornet	Available
38.	French Horn	Richard Hagemester
39.	French Horn	Erickson Medical Clinic
40.	French Horn	Available
41.	French Horn	Available
42.	Trombone	Bishop's
43.	Trombone	J & B Foods
44.	Trombone	Ronald Gangeness
45.	Trombone	Aunt Belle's Confectionaries
46.	Trombone	Northwoods Bank
47.	Trombone	Davis Electric
48.	Tuba	Charlie Wright of Vadnais Heights
49.	Tuba	Pledged
50.	Tuba	Evans Construction
51.	String Bass	Pledged
52.	Percussion	Royal Bar
53.	Percussion	Citizens National Bank
54.	Percussion	Available
55.	Percussion	Available
56.	Percussion	Available
57.	Harp	Available

Other contributors include: Cease Funeral Home, Jones-Pearson Funeral Home, Woodtick Theatre, Albrecht's Jewelry, NorthStar Orthodontic Studio and Patrick O'Brien.

*For information about our Endowed Chair program, please contact any member of the Park Rapids Area Community Band or any member of our Board of Directors.*

Please join us for a reception in the High School Cafeteria following tonight's program.





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## First Annual Park Rapids Area Community Band Festival



### Featuring

Guest Community Band:  
**Heart of the Lakes Community Band**  
*representing the communities of  
 Ashby, Battle Lake, Evansville and Rothsay*

Host Community Band:  
**Park Rapids Area Community Band**

Guest Conductor of the combined community bands:  
**Mr. Gene Gafney, Detroit Lakes**

Community Band Festival Manager:  
**Paul Ramsay**

**Saturday, April 29, 1995  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium**

## Heart of the Lakes Community Band Personnel

<b>OBOE</b>		<b>CORNET/TRUMPET</b>	
Tamara Aakre	UHS 11	Carl Kuehn	Underwood
		Tom Murphy	Underwood
<b>BASSOON</b>		Randy Resley	Osakis
Adam Dagen	RHS 8	Dean Sommor	Ashby
		Dan Traylor	BLHS 12
<b>FLUTE</b>		Laura Waldoch	RHS 9
Jessica Ahschlager	UHS 10	<b>FRENCH HORN</b>	
Katy Erickson	EHS 12	Dennis Fronning	Battle Lake
Heather Fosse	RHS 9	Linnea Hegemeister	Ottertail
Amanda LaFond	PHS 10	Joyce Herbranson	Battle Lake
Janel Mohrmann	EHS 10	Ellis Holcomb	Director
Kari Murphy	RHS 10	Melissa Vorland	AHS 11
Katie Olson	BLHS 11	<b>TROMBONE</b>	
Beth Opsahl	Underwood	Joyce Engel	Garfield
Jessica Sedivy	BLHS 10	John Engel	Garfield
Jennifer Siira	EHS 9	Tim Jacobson	EHS 10
Sally Winkels	UHS 9	Matt LaFond	Underwood
<b>CLARINET</b>		Paul Olson	UHS 10
Wanda Dagen	Director	Scott Turner	Director
Heather Dinger	RHS 9	<b>EUPHONIUM</b>	
Jackie Hanson	BLHS 12	Dawn Colford	Pelican Rapids
Carmen Harthun	UHS 12	Ron Fosse	Fergus Falls
Veronica Hecht	Battle Lake	Sandy Thimgan	Battle Lake
Roxanne Klemetson	Dalton	<b>BASS HORN</b>	
Heidi Opsahl	UHS 12	Gregory Mueller	Ashby
Dan Thimgan	Battle Lake	Alvin Olson	Director
Kim Thronson	EHS 10	Tad Tamke	BLHS 12
<b>BASS CLARINET</b>		<b>PERCUSSION</b>	
Stacy Kaye	BLHS 9	Mike Anderson	Director
Elise Kronberg	EHS 10	Ron Bratton	Fergus Falls
Wendy Paler	RHS 9	Karen Danielson	RHS 11
<b>ALTO SAXOPHONE</b>		Kelly Erickson	EHS 10
Kristi Danielson	RHS 9	Alisha Follingstad	RHS 12
Megan Mueller	AHS 12	Craig Sem	UHS 12
Kristin Sawyer	BLHS 11	Suzy Winkels	RHS 9
<b>TENOR SAXOPHONE</b>		<b>BARI SAXOPHONE</b>	
Rebekka Haarstad	RHS 9	Brandon Maslow	BLHS 9
Luke Kraemer	BLHS 11	Sandra Sovick	EHS 9
Erin Jimmerson	UHS 10		
Sara Overgaard	AHS 10		



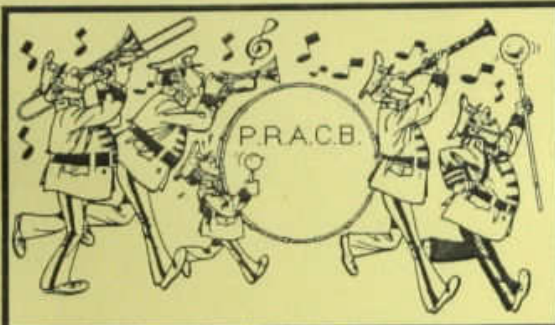
# SWING INTO SPRING

with the  
**Park Rapids Area Community Band**

FREE  
refreshments

AND

Your favorite  
libations will be  
available at the  
cash bar.



Enjoy yourself!

Dance to great  
music in a  
smoke-free  
environment!

Friday, May 19

8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**Park Rapids American Legion**

Advance Tickets: \$7.50 per person

**Purchase tickets from band members and Park Pharmacy**



Bill Sanger sings "All of Me".  
Sam + Arlene Schimelfinig - friends  
of the Sangers came from  
Wahpeton, N.D. to hear our Dance  
Band. Sue Sanger gets to dance, too!!

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Swing into Spring  
with the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
- band playing those favorites  
from the swing era.

- an Legion Club  
- 19, 1995

Swing into Spring  
with the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
- 17 piece dance band playing those favorites  
from the swing era.

Park Rapids American Legion Club  
Friday Evening, May 19, 1995  
8:00-11:00 p.m.  
Snacks will be furnished  
\$7.50 Per Person

Cash bar  
Smoke Free



**BAND FESTIVAL  
PARK RAPIDS  
AND  
HEART OF THE  
LAKES  
COMMUNITY BANDS  
APRIL 29  
7:30 P.M.  
PARK RAPIDS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM  
FREE ADMISSION**





Park Rapid Enterprise - June 24, 1995

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The Park Rapids Lion's Club will sponsor a "Corn and Burger Feed" throughout the evening.



The Fourth of July fireworks promise to be a bright spot in the holiday festivities this year.

Other vendors will also be on hand offering food and refreshment.

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June 28<sup>th</sup> 1995

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Great Publicity for our 4th of July Concert!





# Talent Jamboree

Riverside United Methodist Church  
Friday, June 16, 1995  
7:30 p.m.

Our Dixieland Combo Performs!



Dr. Dean Johnson  
Bill Sanger  
Jeff Weaver

Dean Bill Jeff



Jim Wheeler  
Paul Ramsey  
Elyette Black  
Gwen Black



Musical Moments (at the organ)	Muff Magelssen	Riverside Ringers	Mary Childs, Director
The Generations	Jeff Childs, Dave Keller, Bill Sanger, Oscar Pederson	"Jesus Shall Reign" "Simple Gifts"	
"Hand Me Down My Walking Cane" "If I Only Had a Moustache"		The Generations	Jeff Childs, Bill Sanger, Oscar Pederson, Dave Keller
Riverside's "Karate Kid" (Demonstration)	Shannon Ceminski	"River in Judea" "Goodbye Song"	

Triple T	Sara Childs, Sara DeYoung, Heather Warmbold
"The Rose"	
The Dixieland Dude's (Park Rapids Community Dixieland Combo)	Jim Wheeler, Director
A Touch of Class	Nadine Christenson, Stuart Haynes
"Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera	



Denny's Daring Deeds of Magic	Dennis Ceminski
Disney Dazzlers - A Walt Disney Medley	Joanna Keller, Ellen Childs, Katie Prenevost, Lindsay Herbert, Heidi Warmbold, Jamie Keller
"Mickey Mouse March"	
"Cinderella's" fairy Godmother's magic song	
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" - "Winnie the Pooh"	
"The Little Mermaid" - "Under the Sea"	
"Beauty and the Beast" - "Be Our Guest"	
"Aladdin" - "A Whole New World"	
"It's a Small World" - Everyone join in!!	



Special thanks for providing dinner music



Park Rapids Dixieland Combo	Jim Wheeler, Director
The Pneumatics - (Accordion Trio)	Muriel Bortz, Mary Geddes, Donna Holmes







# If You Want My Opinion

Allen Udem

I played clarinet in the high school band. Well, that's not exactly true. I pretended to play clarinet. I did a pretty good job at hiding it, but I was probably the worst clarinetist in Park Rapids in 1966.

I could read music and keep time, so whenever a whole note or a half note came along, I played them loud and clear. The rest of the time I faked it. Most of the time I just watched the director.

Instead of playing my instrument, I carefully studied his movements, and during rests in the third clarinet part (there were quite a few rests), I surreptitiously directed the band with small gestures of my hands under the music stand.

So, when Mr. Hagen said he had to leave town for a weekend and asked for a volunteer to conduct the pep band for a basketball game, I immediately raised my hand. Young, brash and stupid, I volunteered. Knowing my musical skills, the band director waited for another hand to be raised, but there was none. He was stuck with me.

Okay, he said, we better practice the Star Spangled Banner. It seemed so easy when I watched Mr. Hagen do it, but just try it. The song begins on the upbeat, and after a few red-faced tries I finally got it figured out.

As I recall, I led the band to a thrilled audience. I remember a lot of cheering after the national anthem, and I assumed the crowd was applauding me.

The reality of my conducting debut was that it could hardly go wrong. All I had to do was wave my arms to get the band started and they took over. The music was mostly memorized and I was but a figurehead, although I did coax them into an occasional crescendo at the end of a march.

Figurehead or a Walter Mitty wannabe, I have ever since been intrigued with conductors. There was the dramatic Leonard Bernstein with hair flying in synch with his baton; the suave Neville Martin at the Minnesota Orchestra, Arthur Fiedler at the helm of the Boston Pops; Pinchas Zukerman at the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. (I haven't seen Bobby McFarren conduct that orchestra yet, but I'm sure it's exciting.) I've watched them all (usually on TV) and am always amazed how they maintain fingertip control of the music.

I also enjoy high school band concerts (maybe even Middle School concerts if I have a relative playing), but let's face it, those conductors base their musical finesse not so much on the baton as on hundreds of hours of repetitive practice and rehearsals.

When the Park Rapids Community Band was "rained in" on the Fourth of July - moving their performance from the city beach to the school auditorium - I was a little disappointed, and also delighted.

Everyone is disappointed when it rains on the Fourth of July. I don't care how dry it is. From toddlers to octogenarians it was disappointing not to have the sky lit up with fireworks on the Fourth. And it was disappointing not to have the outdoor band concert of patriotic music played to a crowd of thousands while they waited for the pyrotechnics.

But the crowd of hundreds (maybe 300) who followed the band to the high school were delighted with the performance. It was, for certain, a far better program than if it had been played outside where the sound is swallowed by the sky like a fizzling Roman candle.

I sat in the front row where I could keep a close eye on director Jim Wheeler. He met and surpassed my expectations of a conductor. While his ability to control the music - its color, tempo and dynamics - was evident, much credit goes to the professional style of his band. The fact notwithstanding that some members of the Park Rapids Community Band are "foreign," coming here from as far as 100 miles or more, the group is easily the best instrumental ensemble ever to call Park Rapids home.

I enjoyed all of the 15 or so numbers the band played. Some, especially the vocal renditions by Nadine Christenson and a duet by Christenson and Stu Haynes brought goose bumps to my arms - my ultimate litmus test for fine music.

But my favorite number was when Wheeler invited Park Rapids band director emeritus Don Hagen to the podium to direct Sousa's "Minnesota March." Hagen, who spent a quarter century here directing high school bands has always been a Sousa fan. Back in high school we figured he had probably courted his wife, Bea, by playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever" on his stereo.

His hair is a bit whiter now, but his style hasn't changed a bit. Hagen now, as he did 30 years ago, eschews the use of the baton. Instead of wielding that little stick, he controls the music with his eyes and his hands. Sometimes clenched into fists, sometimes flat with palms down to signal a diminuendo, sometimes with fingers pointed marking the tempo while cueing various sections, his hands were the medium that brought life and texture from notes printed on the page.

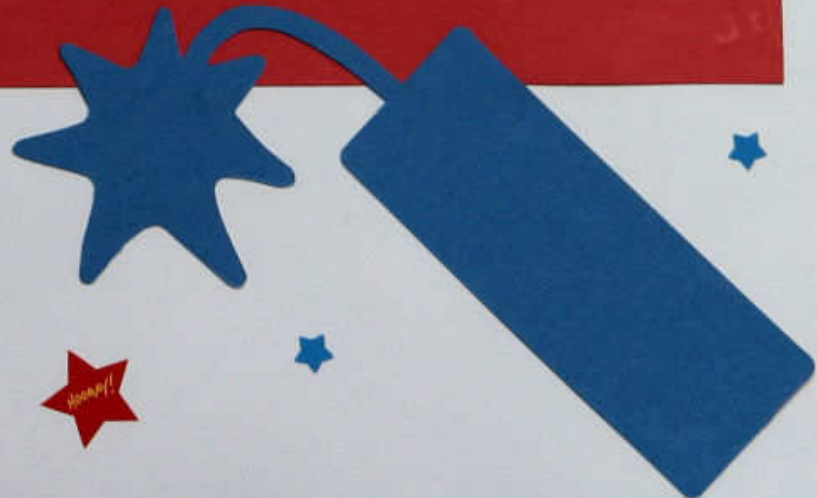
And, remember, it was Hagen who gave me my first opportunity as a conductor.

This is written on Thursday. The fireworks are scheduled for Friday, barring more rain. It's too bad the band won't be there.

Jim Wheeler has asked me several times to break out my old clarinet and join the band.

I have a message for the maestro: I guarantee you don't want me in your clarinet section. But, if Hagen isn't available next summer and you need a guest conductor, I'm ready to serve. My resumé is available on request.

This article was on the Editorial Page of the Park Rapids Enterprise after our 4th of July Concert.







### Outdoor concert held indoors

While several thousand people were disappointed when fireworks were rained out on the Fourth of July, several hundred escaped the weather to the high school auditorium for a concert of patriotic music

by the Park Rapids Community Band. Under the direction of Jim Wheeler, a trumpet trio of Jeff Weaver, Craig Swartz and (at right) Bill Sanger played the "Buglers Holiday"

### Program

The Star Spangled Banner  
 Strike Up the Band  
 Comrades of the Legion March  
 (special thanks to the P.R. Am. Legion Post 212)  
 America's Finest  
 Summer time  
 Nadine Christenson, vocal soloist  
 Light Cavalry Overture  
 Colonel Bogey March  
 Moonglow



St. Louis Blues March  
 Intermission  
 Ampanila Roca: Spanish March  
 All I Ask of You  
 Nadine Christenson + Dr. Deane Johnson  
 Soloists  
 Beguine Festival  
 The Minnesota March  
 Don Hagen - Guest Conductor  
 God Bless the U.S.A.  
 America  
 Buglers Holiday - Jeff, Craig + Bill  
 The Stars + Stripes Forever





## Outdoor music concert Aug. 26 on Bad Medicine Lake

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Medicine Resort on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake locate west of Itasca State Park. Seating is on the beach,

please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. The performance is free and open to the public, a voluntary

offering will be taken. For more information please call Odell Bjerkness at (218)573-3858.

We had good publicity from the Park Rapids Enterprise



1<sup>st</sup> Annual Water Music Concert at Bad Medicine Resort

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### Water Music Concert

A Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake will take place Saturday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bad Medicine Resort. A selection of G. F. Handel's famous Water Music and other summertime favorites will be performed by the Park Rapids Community Wind Ensemble.

Invitation sent to Bad Medicine residents



The Summer of 1995 was a very busy time for the Dance Band, Dixieland Combo, and the Polka Band:

- May 26+27- Dixieland Combo for Coast to Coast Grand Opening and Aunt Belle's Candy Shop in Walker
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - North Country Art Museum - Dixieland Combo
- June 16<sup>th</sup> - Riverside Methodist Church Festival of Talents - Dixieland Combo
- July 6<sup>th</sup> - All School Reunion registration - Dixieland Combo
- July 8<sup>th</sup> - All School Reunion Dance - Dance Band
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - All School Reunion Parade - Polka Band
- Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - Relay for Life - Dixieland Combo
- Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> - Historical Society Fund Raiser - Dixieland Combo
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> - Wolf Lake Harvest Festival - Dixieland Combo
- Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> - Gramafest in Osakis - Dixieland Combo
- Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> - Odell's daughter's wedding reception - Dixieland Combo
- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aunt Belle's in P.R. - Dixieland Combo

**YOUR SCHOOL IS HAVING A REUNION PARTY and YOU ARE INVITED!!**



Catholic Parish Hall - 20's - 30's  
 Community Band - "Glen Miller Style"  
 8:00 PM through 11:00 PM (no smoking policy)  
 Refreshments by Knights of Columbus. Admission - Reunion Button

**PLEASE JOIN US!  
 JULY 6, 7, 8, & 9th  
 1995**

Wedding Reception of Kari Bjerkness and Erik Meyer  
 Aug. 19, 1995



Dixieland Combo

- Elyette Block - Drums
- Jim Wheeler - Trombone
- Gwen Block - T. Sax
- Denny Ulmen - Tuba
- Peggy Richert - Clarinet
- Jeff Weaver - Trumpet



# Music floats across Bad Medicine Lake

By Lu Ann Hurd-Lof

Hundreds of music lovers packed up their folding chairs, blankets and families and headed for Bad Medicine Lake Saturday night for the 1st Annual Water Music Concert.

A pontoon, a fishing boat, a canoe and other watercraft added to the audience lakeside.

The concert was the first to be played on a Minnesota lake and drew an estimated 500 people to the performance of the Park Rapids Community Band, renamed the Park Rapids Area Community Wind Ensemble for the occasion.

"We were thrilled with the number of people and their positive response," said conductor Jim Wheeler. Playing on the water was a thrill, even though it was a challenge for the instrumentalists who were spread out on 10 pontoons lashed together in a semi-circle in front of the beach at Bad Medicine Resort.

Wheeler believes the success was a combination of the concert's uniqueness and the quality of Handel's Water Music. Originally written for King George I of England in 1717 who wished to have a concert on the Thames.

Saturday night's performance was dedicated to Dr. Stuart and Marion Grove, who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and have been living on Bad Medicine Lake for 29 years.

The Wind Ensemble played two of the three suites from the composition.

"When we planned the concert in May, we didn't think how short the day would be at the end of August," said Odel Bjerkness of the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Association, sponsors of the event.

Although lights were strung across the pontoons the shortened

daylight made it necessary to leave out a third suite the ensemble planned to perform and trim several other numbers from the program as well.

Still before the sun set the Wind Ensemble of 45 musicians performed the Minnesota March with special tribute to William M. Sanger, Park Rapids musician and member of the group. His grandfather was given a copy of the score and an autographed picture of John Philip Sousa after the Minnesota March was first performed in 1927.

Music

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at the Minnesota State Fair by Sousa's own band. The senior Sanger was president of the Minnesota State Fair Board where John Philip Sousa first led his band in performing the well known march.

Nadine Christenson sang Summertime, from George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," setting the mood for the audience to relax and enjoy the perfect evening on the lake.

Bjerkness said the song was ideal for setting the tone and helping the audience feel comfortable with the idea they were able to enjoy the music outside the conventional venue of an orchestra well. "It was a nice bond," Bjerkness said.

Bjerkness also played in the ensemble. It was fun from a musician's point of view too, he said. "We had the feeling of interaction and appreciation from the audience."

Wheeler helped the audience response along when he convinced the folding chair crowd to whistle along with the march theme from "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

Both Bjerkness and Wheeler remarked the water gave the ensemble good amplification and the acoustics in and around the pontoon network were even better than they'd hoped.

The people fishing from one of the boats said the walleyes stopped biting when the music was over, Wheeler said.

Not to be overlooked, Bjerkness added, was the smorgasbord laid out for the band before the concert. "It was the largest collection of hot dishes I've ever seen."

Wheeler credits Bjerkness and Tim Holzkamm, both of the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center board, for their vision in developing

the idea and Carolyn and Don Tschudi, owners of Bad Medicine Resort, for their work to bring the idea to life.

Wheeler said Tschudis believe they can park another hundred cars and plans are in the works to make next year's concert on the lake bigger and better. "This was a great start," he said. It was different, interesting and fun.

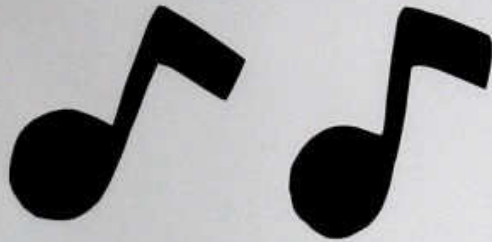
Bjerkness added that proceeds from passing the minnow bucket nearly paid for the concert and for those who couldn't make it video tapes and audio tapes can be purchased by calling Bad Medicine Resort.



In addition to the Park Rapids Wind Ensemble's rendition of Handel's "Water Music Suite," the duo of Nadine Christenson and Stuart Haynes will perform a selection from the Phantom of the Opera.



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Director Wheeler's love of band music was instilled by his high

school band director, C.G. Arsen, in Chatfield. A graduate of Luther College in Iowa and Mankato State University, Wheeler has directed public school bands in Iowa and Minnesota as well as at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Four years ago Wheeler co-founded the Park Rapids Area Community Band of which the wind ensemble is part. Other bands created were the 18-member dance band, a 1920s sing band, Dixieland combo, a German band and smaller ensembles within the band.

## Join us for the fun of performing at the First Annual "Bad Medicine Lake Water Music Concert"

Saturday, August 26th, 1995

<b>Schedule:</b>	<i>Rehearsal at the Park Rapids High School band room</i>	4:00 p.m.
	<i>(to touch up selections from our July 4th concert plus Handel's "Water Music")</i>	
	<i>Depart via bus for Bad Medicine Lake Resort</i>	5:30 p.m.
	<i>Supper provided by the resort</i>	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Concert time</i>	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Arrive at Park Rapids High School band room</i>	10:00 p.m.

**Details:** *The Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center will provide funds to cover our expenses so mileage will be paid to the musicians. The balance of the funds will go into our PRACB account. We will wear the concert attire, including bow ties for the men.*

**Positive Benefits:** *We will be able to perform prepared music more than once. Playing a concert outside of the Park Rapids community will help spread the word about our quality program. Several members have expressed an interest in performing more often.*

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# Program

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 The Minnesota March  
 Water Music Suite-I Allegro  
 Summertime  
 Light Cavalry Overture  
 Colonel Bogey March  
 Water Music Suite-III Air  
 Buglar's Holiday  
 Beguine Festival

"All I Ask of You"  
 Water Music Suite-V Hornpipe  
 "St. Louis Blues March"  
 America's Finest  
 "Morning Has Broken"  
 "America the Beautiful"  
 "The Stars and Stripes Forever"  
 "The Star Bangled Banner"

First Annual  
**Water Music Concert**  
 on  
 Bad Medicine Lake

Presented by the  
 Park Rapids Area Community Wind Ensemble  
 Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
 Janet Weaver, Associate Conductor

Featuring 3 Movements of G. F. Handel's  
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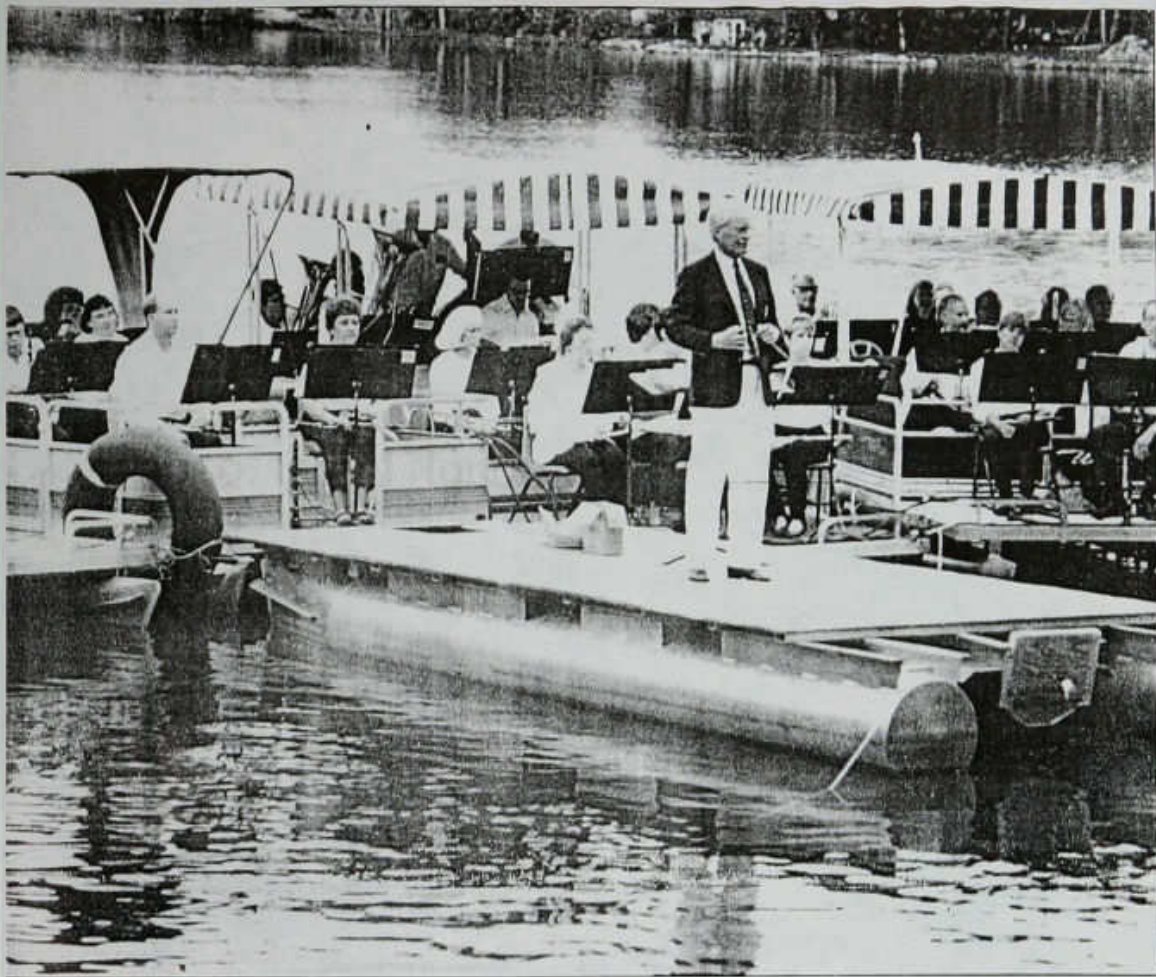
Bad Medicine Resort  
 Saturday, August 26, 1995  
 7:30 p.m.

A free will offering will be taken.

Sponsored by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center







Jim Wheeler, conductor of the Park Rapids Area community Wind Ensemble, welcomed a large folding-chair audience to the 1st Annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake Saturday evening. As the sun set the ensemble performed melodies including a John Philip Sousa march, music with a Latin flair, and Handel's Water Music. Soloists Nadine Christenson and Stuart Haynes sang

the love song "All I Ask of You" from "The Phantom of the Opera," as watercraft drew nearer so the lakeside audience wouldn't miss a note. One canoeist even came to shore, picked up a program and paddled back out on the lake. (Lu Ann Hurd-Lof photo)





# Fall 1995 Letter

## THE FALL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are set for Saturday October 14th and 28th, November 11th, Sunday November, 26th and Saturday December 2nd. All rehearsals will begin at 10:00 AM except the Sunday November 26th rehearsal which will begin at 2:00 PM. We will rehearse in the Park Rapids High School bandroom.

These rehearsals will prepare us for the WINTER CONCERT which will be given on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 PM. . . at the P. R. High School.

As I will be on a medical leave this Fall recovering from prostate cancer on <sup>surely</sup> October 13th, Janet Weaver and I will be coordinating the rehearsals. The theme of this year's Winter Concert is . . . CONDUCTORS GALORE! Several conductors within the band will be asked to be responsible for one selection. It should be a lot of fun for everyone, the conductors, the musicians and the audience. The program will still include a nice variety of holiday numbers.

## DINNER/DANCE FUND RAISER

The date: Friday, November 17th

The time: 6:30PM dinner . . . 8:00 PM dance

The place: Eagles Club in Park Rapids (Please note the change of location.)

Now hear this! At the PRACB Board of Directors meeting held at Solon Green's place on September 27th it was decided to make this a PRACB party. We need to clear \$1,000.00 on this fund raiser in order to pay everyone full mileage allowances for our Fall session. So, everyone will be given two tickets at our first rehearsal. We want you to purchase them and attend the Dinner/Dance. It's great food, music and fun so let's party! And it's smoke free. Now, if your schedule will not allow you to be with us, sell the two tickets to someone else. This is not asking too much of anyone. After all, it benefits everyone.

## REGION 2 ARTS COUNCIL GRANT PROPOSAL

Odell Bjerkness and I put together a grant proposal which needed to be in by September 20th. The purpose of the request for a grant from the R2AC was for money to plan and implement a series of three Summer theme concerts. They would be; "Nature's Sounds In Music" to be performed at Itasca State Park on June 2, 1996, "Royal Fireworks Music" of G. F. Handel in Park Rapids on July 4, 1996 and the second annual "Water Music" of G. F. Handel on Bad Medicine Lake on August 24, 1996. We will know the results of our request by mid-October.

## PRACB FAMILY NEWS

Janet Blanchard Schaum (tuba) gave birth to twin girls in July.

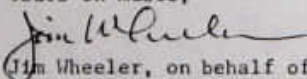
Jean Golde (alto saxophone) gave birth to a baby boy in August.

Nandy Resley and Gretchen are the proud parents of a baby girl born last week. Do you see the need for us to program fewer romantic numbers?

We hope that you will make plans to join the band once again. New members are always welcome. It is time to start getting those chops in shape.

I'll be thinking of you. And you had better be thinking of me. I want you to know that my strong desire to rejoin you will speed my recovery. You people are very special.

Yours in music,



Jim Wheeler, on behalf of the Board of Directors





Riverside United Methodist Church - Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1995



Denny Ulmer Nadine Christensen Solon Green Jack Tedrow Jim Wheeler



Eve Benson Michael Leander Steve Kitzenthaler Bill Sanger



We are pleased to have the Brass Choir providing our special music today for our first service. Members include: Jim Wheeler, director, Trumpets: Bill Sanger & Steve Kitzenthaler, French horns: Eve Benson & Michael Leander, Trombones: Jim Wheeler, Solon Green, & Jack Tedrow, Baritone: Nadine Christianson, Tuba: Denny Ulmer.



PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"

Incorporated 1993

IRS 501(C-3) status

September 28th

Greetings PRACB Members and Associates,

Can you believe it? We are about to begin our 5th season and thanks to so many of you that have given time and support to this program it has become an exciting adventure.

BAD MEDICINE LAKE WATER MUSIC CONCERT

That concert has done more to enhance our program than anything we have done to date. The tremendous positive responses are still coming in. Just yesterday, Ken Larsen, a retired band director from Grand Forks and now a salesman for the Popplers Music Store, stopped me on main street in P. R. to tell me that he was on a pontoon at the concert and that he was very impressed with the band's performance and how much he enjoyed the program that we had put together.

The Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center paid for all of our expenses which were; mileage \$470.00, sound system rental \$50.00, phone calls \$45.00, bus \$35.00, rehearsal room rental \$10.00, plus they covered the cost of the programs. The free will offering took in over \$900.00! Plans are already underway to make next year's concert even bigger and better.

PRACB DANCE BAND, DIXIELAND COMBO & POLKA BAND

It was a busy Summer for these groups as they made 14 appearances in support of private and public events.

Ready to start our Fall Schedule!



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**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
Friday, November 24, 1995



- 5:50 PM Participants meet at the side of Masog's office on 2nd street
- 6:00 PM Miss Park Rapids, Junior Miss and Little Miss Park Rapids will escort the Choir, the barbershoppers and any other singers to the tree.  
**EVERYONE** Sing *Joy to the World* as they walk.
- 6:05 PM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** By Floyd Harvala  
Say whatever you want **BUT** be sure to mention that the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is sponsored by **Hospice and the Park Rapids Chamber.**

**BE SURE TO MENTION THAT MANY OF THE SHOP KEEPERS  
WILL BE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE  
FOLLOWING THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY  
FOR THE YULE TIDE SAMPLERS  
FROM 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**HEY KIDS,** after the tree lighting, **BE SURE TO GO TO THE SANTA HOUSE TONIGHT IN FRONT OF THE OLD LIBRARY** (This is at 101 2nd street for all of our visitors here tonight) Santa and Mrs Claus will be there until 8 pm. Come to visit with Santa and Mrs Claus and you can have your picture taken with Santa for free. (Donations accepted.)

**BE SURE TO INTRODUCE EACH GROUP BEFORE THEY PERFORM**

1. HEADWATERS BARBERSHOP CHORUS sing a song of their choice
2. EVERYONE sings **JINGLE BELLS**
3. **PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY BAND** plays a song of their choice
4. CHOIR (if there is one) can sing a song of their choice
5. EVERYONE sings **SILENT NIGHT**
6. HEADWATERS BARBERSHOP CHORUS sing a song of their choice
7. **PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY BAND** plays a song of their choice

If it isn't 6:25 yet then ask everyone to **EVERYONE** to sing **O Come All Ye Faithful**  
6:25PM INTRODUCE MARILYN VEDEEN representing **HOSPICE.**

After the Tree lighting we could ask **EVERYONE** to sing **DECK THE HALLS** while Santa and Mrs Claus come to town in the sleigh driven by Dick Schauer and again remind them to visit



*Christmas  
Season begins in  
Park  
Rapids!*



Kelly Johnson, Junior Miss Park Rapids-Stacey Pickett and Mayor Floyd Harvala. A special thanks to Marilyn Veden and the Park Rapids Area Hospice for working with us to "Light Up A Life" through the Christmas season. Thanks to the people behind the scenes that made things happen: Ed DeLaHunt and KPRM/KDKK-for broadcasting the event and for the speaker system, Minnesota Power, especially Tom Spahn and Mike Wagner, for all the electrical connections and for throwing the switch to allow this tree to shine, Paul Utke and Doug Meyers from Utke's Our Own Hardware for untangling and redoing the strands of lights and Paul for the use of the flatbed truck, Rick and Karen Ament from Ament's Bakery for providing a place for the band to perform, Chief of Police Dave Volden for blocking off the street and providing for safety, and Dick Schauer for providing the free sleigh rides for Santa and Mrs. Claus every Saturday from Dec. 2-16 from 1-4 p.m. starting and ending at the Santa House, George Constans for lending a helping hand with the speaker system, The Ambassadors from the Park Rapids Chamber for greeting people and spreading good cheer, and a very special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for being with us.

Happy Holidays! -- Kathy Albrecht, Pat Constans, Chamber of Commerce Retail Division.

11-29-95

**Tree lighting ceremony**

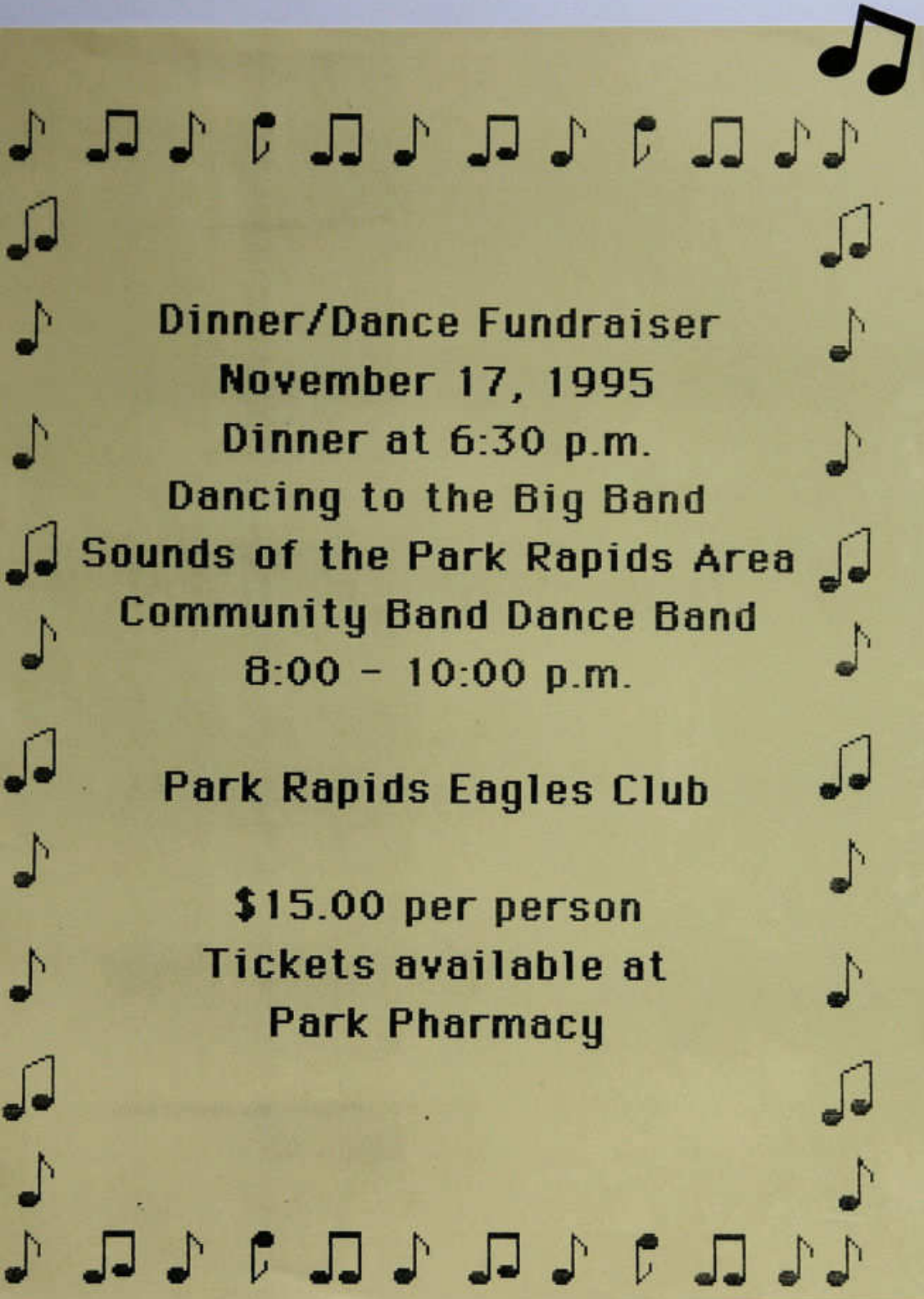
**To the Editor:**

It was a beautiful night and there was a great turnout to see the Main Street Tree light up! We would like to extend our thanks to the performers: **The Park Rapids Area Community Band Christmas Brass Ensemble, The Headwaters Barber-shop Chorus, Miss Park Rapids-**



*Christmastime  
brings joy  
to mind!*




A decorative border of musical notes surrounds the text on a yellow background. The notes are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some notes appearing as pairs or groups.

**Dinner/Dance Fundraiser**  
**November 17, 1995**  
**Dinner at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Dancing to the Big Band**  
**Sounds of the Park Rapids Area**  
**Community Band Dance Band**  
**8:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

**Park Rapids Eagles Club**

**\$15.00 per person**  
**Tickets available at**  
**Park Pharmacy**

A large black musical note is positioned at the top right of the page.

The Dinner Dance  
at the Eagles  
was very successful.  
The Kalish's served  
the dinner. The  
tables were decorated  
with fall decorations.  
I took pictures,  
but unfortunately  
the film was lost.





# 10 conductors will lead winter concert by Community Band

The Park Rapids Community Band's winter concert, "Conductors Galore," will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the area high school auditorium.

Leading the band will be 10 conductors from within the organization's ranks. While all are members of the community band, they come from a wide geographic area.

Associate conductor Janet Weaver, Bemidji, will lead the opening number, "Declaration Overture."

Weaver has been associate conductor for more than a year. A graduate of Bemidji State University, she is a former high school band director, but for the past nine years has been band director at the Bemidji Middle School. Her husband, Jeff, is band director at Clearbrook-Gonvick.

She chose the overture because it is dramatic, she said.

She chooses to drive to Park Rapids to play with the Community Band because it is one of few bands where there is a band director in every section. "Not many community bands have that much expertise," she says. "It is so professional that it is a satisfying musical experience."

Ramsay and wife Joyce live in Wolf Lake. She is a discharge planner at St. Joseph's Area Health Services and plays clarinet in the band.

The Ramsays joined the band in 1992. "It's a good opportunity to play our instruments and meet people who have similar interests," Paul says.

The concert will end under the baton of the conductor who got the community band started, Jim Wheeler. Since its first performance every concert has culminated with playing of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," which has become the band's signature number.

Wheeler will also direct "Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head,"

"It's a beautiful Christmas hymn arranged by Tom Wallace that has been a favorite of both band members and our audiences," Wheeler said.

Wheeler and trombone player, Solon Green, with help from veterans service organizations, struck up the band four years ago. The first concert was on Dec. 7, 1991 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Since then the band has attracted



Conductors to be featured during the Park Rapids Community Band winter concert are (front row, left to right) Janet Weaver and Peg Rickert, (back) Ellis Holcomb, Larry Novak, Deane Johnson, Jim Wheeler, Mike Kerrigan, Paul Ramsay and Bob Frost. (Dave Novak photo)

beyond that it's the core of people that have developed over the past three or four years.

"They're not all great players, but a lot of them are. They are all wonderful human beings who enjoy playing. It's really a family feeling."

In addition to the 10 conductors' favorites and holiday music, the concert will feature the dance, swing, Dixieland and polka bands.

There is no admission charge for the concert. A reception will follow in the high school cafeteria.

They are all wonderful human beings who enjoy playing. It's really a family feeling...

--Jim Wheeler

With two young children at home, she admits playing in the band also is something she and her husband can do together. She plays piccolo and flute; he plays trumpet.

Paul Ramsay played saxophone in the band in college at St. Olaf. He then taught instrumental music for 33 years in southern Minnesota, retired and joined the community band switching to baritone and occasionally filling in on tuba.

Ramsay will conduct Alfred Reed's arrangement of "Greensleeves."

"It has a nice melodic line and a nice counterpoint," he said, "and it's a traditional Christmas piece."

musicians from not only the Park Rapids area, but as far away as the Twin Cities, Battle Lake, Osakis, Bemidji, Walker and other communities.

Many of the members are professional musicians, either as players or teachers of music. However, Wheeler points out anyone interested in playing is welcome to join - no auditions necessary.

Like other conductors in Sunday's concert, Wheeler says he appreciates the quality of musicianship of the band. "I feel the same thrill of hearing the mature sound," he said, "but

**Allegrias** **MAKE A Joyful NOISE**

*Special Music*

The Park Rapids Area Community Band Christmas Brass Ensemble will be playing a selection of Christmas Carols between services **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall. Musicians include the following:

Bill Sanger, Trumpet	Jessica Nilson, Trumpet
Eve Benson, French Horn	Jim Wheeler, Trombone
Solon Green, Trombone	Al Prussner, Trombone
Nadine Christenson, Baritone	Denny Ulmer, Tuba

*This was at Riverside Methodist Church on Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>*





# A parade of band directors will conduct winter concert

A parade of band directors will lead the Park Rapids Community Band's winter concert, "Conductors Galore" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Area High School.

Besides Park Rapids musicians Larry Novak, Bob Frost and Deane Johnson, conductors will step up from other communities.

Mike Kerrigan, band director in the Walker Schools for 22 years, is one. He will conduct the Second Suite for Band by Gustav Holst, a collection of British folk songs.

Kerrigan chose the piece because he is familiar with it and it is music he has enjoyed. "It has a march flavor and is a ballad type, all rolled into one," said Kerrigan.

Kerrigan is originally from southern Minnesota, but earned his degree from Bemidji State University. He plays trombone in the Community Band here.

"It's nice to have an opportunity to get on the other side of the stick," Kerrigan said. "It is because we enjoy playing that got us there in the first place."

Kerrigan also points out it is fun to be with the quality of musicians the group has in Park Rapids. "It is a quality that's hard to find," he said.

Agreeing with that sentiment is Ellis Holcomb, band director at Battle Lake, who doesn't mind the long drive for "the privilege of

playing with excellent musicians." He said while there are several groups in Minneapolis and St. Paul of the caliber of the Park Rapids Community Band, there are none closer. "It is on a level with collegiate bands," he said.

Holcomb is manager for the Heart of Lakes Community Band which is "a sister organization." In its second year, this band rehearses in Battle Lake and draws members from Otter Tail, Douglas and Grant counties.

But Holcomb was a charter member of the Park Rapids Community Band, playing with them since the very first downbeat and serving on the board of directors. He plays French horn.

He will direct "Valdres," named after a county in Norway. The piece is a march based on Norwegian folk tunes which Holcomb chose because it is a real showpiece for all sections in the band.

Holcomb also admits he first played the piece at his alma mater, Augsburg College, and it is still one of his favorites.

Randy Resley has led the Osakis high school band in Osakis for the past seven years. He will conduct "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" by Richard Wagner. "It's a real builder," the conductor says. "It begins with the main theme and builds upon itself."

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A graduate of Moorhead State University, Resley plays solo coronet in the band. Rehearsals in Park Rapids mean five hour Saturday commitments for Resley, but he says it's worth it. "I do it because of the quality and caliber of the musicianship," he says. "I enjoy playing with good musicians and the high quality and difficulty literature is a challenge to me."

Also with roots in Osakis is Peg Rickert who will conduct David Holsinger's "On An American Spiritual," a serious contemporary dramatic work based on the theme from the spiritual "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord."

Rickert grew up in Osakis, graduated from St. Cloud State University and directs the band and teaches music in Cass Lake. Like many others in the band it is an hour commute to rehearsals and performances. "I enjoy the camaraderie, playing my instrument (clarinet) and keeping up my skills," she says.

Besides the conductors' favorites and holiday music the concert will include the dance, swing, Dixieland and polka bands.

There will be no admission charge for the concert and a reception will follow in the school cafeteria.



## A timpanist's view

The community band was practicing hard this weekend for their Holiday Band Concert to be held Sunday, Dec. 3. The concert

promises to provide musical entertainment for all ages, and includes such Christmas tunes as "Greensleeves" and "We Three Kings." (Photo by Dave Novak)







Bill + Sue  
Sanger were  
awarded the  
Distinguished  
Service Award  
at the Dec.  
3rd Concert.  
They were so  
surprised!



## Program

### I Concert Band

<b>Declaration Overture</b> Janet Weaver, Associate Conductor	Claude T. Smith
<b>Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral</b> From the opera <i>Lohengrin</i>	Richard Wagner/Transcribed by Caillet Randy Resley, Conductor
<b>Norwegian March: <i>Valdres</i></b> Ellis Holcomb, Conductor	Johannes Hanssen/ Arr. by Bainum
<b>On an American Spiritual</b> Peg Richert, Conductor	David R. Holsinger
<b>Second Suite in F for Military Band</b> Mike Kerrigan, Conductor	Gustav Holst
1. March	3. Song of the Blacksmith
2. Song Without Words	4. Fantasia on the <i>Dargason</i>

### II Ensembles

Polka Band	(Selections for these groups will be announced)
Dixieland Combo	
1920's Swing Band	
Dance Band	

### III Concert Band

<b>We Three Kings</b> Larry Novak, Conductor	John Tatgenhorst
<b>Greensleeves</b> Paul Ramsay, Conductor	Arranged by Alfred Reed
<b>C'est Noel</b> Dr. Deane Johnson, Conductor	Andre' Jutras
<b>Christmas Sing Along</b> Bob Frost, Conductor	Arranged by James Ployhar
<b>Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head</b> Jim Wheeler, Conductor	Arranged by Tom Wallace
<b>The Stars and Stripes Forever</b> Jim Wheeler, Conductor	John Philip Sousa

## Concert Band Personnel

**PICCOLO**  
Janet Weaver, Bemidji  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids

**FLUTE**  
Janet Weaver, Bemidji  
Dawn Kovacovich, Park Rapids  
Sandy Monson, Walker  
Brita Sailer, Park Rapids  
Jo Judson, Park Rapids

**BASSOON**  
Rollie Haugen, Walker

**CLARINET**  
Peg Richert, Bemidji  
Dr. Deane Johnson, Park Rapids  
Lynette Potratz, Bemidji  
Vicki Magnusen, Bagley  
Joyce Ramsay, Wolf Lake  
Marian Town, Park Rapids  
Barb Wilson, Ponsford  
JoLynn Nilson, Osage  
Sally Kading, Park Rapids  
Ann Sudoh, Park Rapids

**ALTO CLARINET**  
Sue Sanger, Ponsford

**ALTO SAXOPHONE**  
Dodi Egge, Park Rapids  
Jean Golde, Park Rapids

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**  
Gwen Block, Park Rapids  
Larry Novak, Park Rapids

**BARITONE SAXOPHONE**  
Monica Hoakenson, Park Rapids

**FRENCH HORNS**  
Ellis Holcomb, Evansville  
Eve Benson, Bemidji  
Rikki Given, Detroit Lakes  
Linnea Hagemeister, Battle Lake

**CORNET**  
Randy Resley, Osakis  
Bill Sanger, Ponsford  
Bob Frost, Park Rapids  
Jill Johnson, Park Rapids

**TRUMPET**  
Jeff Weaver, Bemidji  
\* Jessica Nilson, Osage

**TROMBONE**  
Mike Kerrigan, Walker  
Cal Broughton, Park Rapids  
Al Prussner, Menahga  
Roger Wilson, Ponsford  
Solon Green, Park Rapids

**BASS TROMBONE**  
Jeff Johnson, Detroit Lakes  
Dennis Block, Park Rapids

**BARITONE**  
Nadine Christenson, Park Rapids  
Paul Ramsay, Wolf Lake

**TUBA**  
Denny Ulmer, Park Rapids

**PERCUSSION**  
Jacie Ward, Bemidji  
Terri Walen, Ponsford  
Linda Uscola, Menahga  
\* David Novak, Park Rapids  
Jim Wheeler, Park Rapids

**ELECTRIC BASS**  
\* Aaron Johnson, Sauk Centre

**GUITAR**  
\* Scott Mallin, Osakis  
Chris Albee, Park Rapids

**DRUM SET**  
David Novak, Park Rapids

\* Indicates High School Honors Musician





## Program Notes

### *Second Suite in F For Military Band*

American concert bands have deep roots connecting them to British military bands, both in instrumentation designs and concert literature. This piece by Gustav Holst was composed in 1911 and has become one of the cornerstones of the modern concert band repertoire.

The work is based upon English country tunes. The *March* features a wonderful setting of *Swansea Town* and spotlights the baritones on a 32 bar soli known as the longest uninterrupted baritone soli in band literature. Holst also uses *Claudy Banks* in the *March*. *The Song Without Words* is wrapped around the hauntingly beautiful Cornish tune, *I'll Love My Love*. The third movement is fashioned upon the unique Hamshire folk song and is actually scored for an anvil. *Fantasia on the Dargason* presents the 16th century dance and later becomes wedded to the traditional favorite, *Green Sleeves* (this is the original spelling).

### Chair Endowment Program

As a means of raising much needed funds for operating expenses, the PRACB initiated a Chair Endowment Program in 1995. This outreach program was a huge success. Beginning in January of 1996, this program will kick off its renewal/revival campaign.

An individual or any business establishment can endow a chair in the concert band. The cost is \$100 and is good for the year 1996. This can be an anonymous gift and is tax deductible, since the PRACB is a non-profit organization certified as tax exempt by the IRS.

### Thank you!

We wish to express our thanks to the following organizations and individuals for their assistance in making this concert possible:

Park Rapids Floral for the Christmas decorations  
Likem, Inc. for assistance with publications  
Marcy Roach, Keith Woods and Nels and Lynn Peterson, our ushers  
LuAnn Hurd-Lof and the Park Rapids Enterprise for concert publicity and support of our program

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## Park Rapids Area Community Band Winter Concert:

the Opening Concert of Our 5th  
Season, Presenting

CONDUCTORS GALORE



A Concert of Conductor Favorites  
and Popular Holiday Selections

Sunday, December 3, 1995  
3:00 p.m.

Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium

Happy  
New Year!



Ready  
to start  
our program  
for 1996!



## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

*"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"*

Incorporated 1993  
January 3, 1996

IRS 501(C-3) status

Dear PRACB Members and Potential New Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you a Happy New Year! We are looking ahead to an exciting year with our program and we want you to be a part of it.

The response from our "Conductors Galore" concert has been just fantastic. My goal for next December's Concert is standing room only.

Here is our schedule of rehearsals for the Winter/Spring season leading to a concert on Saturday, April 27th:

Saturdays, Feb. 24, March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 20

All rehearsals will begin at 10:00 a.m. and are held in the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom.

Here is our schedule of events for the coming year:

- Spring Concert ✓ Sat., April 29th, 7:30 p.m., High School Auditorium
- Spring Fling ✓ Sat., May 11th, 7:30 p.m., American Legion  
(fund raiser)
- Music in Nature: ✓ Sun., June 2nd, 2:30 p.m., Itasca State Park
- Royal Fireworks Music: ✓ Thurs., July 4th, in Park Rapids
- Gamewardens of Vietnam
- National Reunion: ✓ Sat., Aug. 3rd, PRACB Dance Band to Minneapolis
- 2nd Annual Water Music Concert: ✓ Sat., Aug. 24th, 7:00 p.m., Bad Medicine Lake
- Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser: ✓ Fri., Oct. 25th, American Legion
- Holiday Pops Concert: Sun., Dec. 1st, 3:00 p.m., High School Auditorium

I will have a tape made of most of the selections we will be performing on our Spring Concert. If you would like a copy to play along with, please bring a blank tape to the February 24th rehearsal.

Sincerely,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

*Concert Band, Dance Band, 1920's Swing Band, Dixieland Combo, Polka Band*

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Park Rapids  
Ambassadors Annual

# Variety Show



Bring The  
Whole Family  
For A Fun And  
Entertaining  
Evening

Friday, April 12 · 7:30

At The Park Rapids High School Auditorium

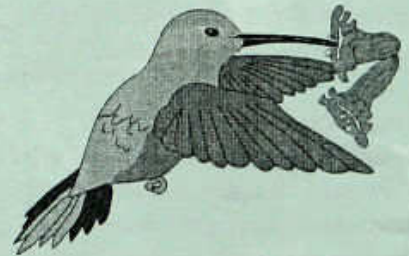
Get your act together and sign up call

Char 732-4357 or Kathy 732-7217

The Dixieland Band  
was the opening number  
for the Variety Show.



PARK RAPIDS  
AMBASSADORS  
VARIETY SHOW



APRIL 12, 1996



• Mon. April 15

They also played  
for the P. R. School  
Music Dept. Annual  
Music Scholarship Concert.

**BAND MEMBER SURVEY**  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
April 20, 1996

In preparation for applying for grants to support the organization, the Director and Band Board of Directors would like to have your opinion about the following issues.

**THE MUSIC**

1. On a scale of 1 - 5 (five being the highest) how would you rate your appreciation of the selections on the program:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foshay Tower/Sousa           | <input type="checkbox"/> Peacherine Rag/Joplin     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Suite in Eb/Holst      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirituals/Hill & Elledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send in the Clowns/Sondheim  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ella's Procession/Wagner  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration of Life/Hultgren | <input type="checkbox"/> Stars & Stripes/Sousa     |

2. The music is:  just right  too difficult  too easy

3. What specific suggestions would you have for other program pieces?

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**THE REHEARSALS**

4. The length of rehearsals is:  just right  too long  too short

5. I would prefer rehearsals:  Saturday  Sunday  a.m.  p.m.

6. The Park Rapids Band room is good for rehearsals.  yes  no

7. Are the other members of the band supportive and friendly?  
 yes  no  could be more so

8. Are the directions of the conductor(s) during rehearsal clear?  yes  no

9. The music interpretations are:  good  needs improvement

**THE FUTURE**

10. Are you looking forward to three concerts this summer?  yes  no

11. What could the band do to have more community support?

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12. Do you have any suggestions for fundraising?

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13. Other comments:

? ?  
Questionnaire  
given to all  
band members.





# Ballroom Dance

All community members 50 yrs and older welcome  
**Sunday, April 21, 1996 • 2-4 pm**  
 Park Rapids High School Gym  
 Come & dance or just enjoy the music from the 40's

FOOD

MUSIC

DOOR PRIZES

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Hosted by Park Rapids Youth Services/Youth Development, R.S.V.P. and Extension office. For information call: 732-3333 ext. 601

**MUSIC BY COMMUNITY DANCE BAND**

Senior Citizens and High School Youth get together for a Ballroom Dance - Great Fun!!



Our own P.R.A.C. Dance Band!

## Ballroom dance was a success

### To the Editor:

The Youth Services/Youth Development program would like to thank all those who help make the Senior Citizens Ballroom Dance on April 21 such a success.

Our appreciation goes to the following businesses for their generous donations. Subway, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, MinneSoda Fountain, Park Rapids Video, County Store, J & B Foods, Hardee's, Great Northern Cafe, Y Steak House, Reed's, Park Pharmacy, A & W, Park Floral, Woodland Floral, Deb's Floral, Dist. 309 Community Education, RSVP, Extension Service, State Bank, Citizen National Bank and Ament's Bakery.

Our deepest thanks also go to the following individuals who volunteered their time and expertise.

Theresa Henderson, Nan Swartley, Margaret Aho, Brenda Shepersky, Betty Mason, Helmut Eisen, Bennie Dormanen, Terry Morris, Meg Morris, and the National Honor Society members. Our thanks goes to the Community Dance Band, who help set the mood with their music.

The day was a memorable experience for everyone attending. We hope the 85 or so senior citizens who were there had as much fun as the youth did.

Thanks again for making our event a complete success. -- District 39 Youth Services/Youth Development members.



# FREDERICK FENNEL'S POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE

1. Have some idea what the music is going to sound like before you play; learn to listen for **everything** – not just yourself.
2. Line up your chair and stand so you may look directly over the top of the music at the conductor.
3. The conductor must have your eyes before he begins the music – especially if you do not play.
4. Play your whole instrument – learn to LISTEN!
5. PREPARE! Be cocked and ready to play – LISTEN!
6. Play with INTENSITY – BREATH AND FINGER SUPPORT – KEEP YOUR STOMACH IN IT.
7. Resonance is the whole reason for your instrument to exist and why you play it in the first place.
8. Learn to look at the conductor **once** every bar in music of a slow pulse, **frequently** in music of rapid pulse. – LISTEN!
9. Music is also a waiting game – WAIT FOR ONE!
10. VIBRATE. Music is also controlled and ordered vibration; you, too, must make it a vibrant sound; support your sound **constantly**.
11. Pulse is music's life blood as well as yours: Learn to feel it – for it is always present. Seek to play by it.
12. Learn to listen and look for the phrase – listen for phrase endings.
13. Help **stamp out** mechanical ERROR – LISTEN!
14. THE PERFECTION of ensemble playing is not a matter of acquisition. Rather it is a matter of **elimination** – of mechanical error, unnecessary motion, the wandering mind, and all those things that get in its way – LISTEN!
15. Don't repeat your mistakes – they become a disease!
16. The group that plays together – stays together.
17. Get it the **first time** – get it right – LISTEN!
18. You can only read a piece of music for the first time – once. Make that one memorable.
19. **Constantly** widen your range of dynamics – Avoid **mezzo-nothing** – LISTEN!
20. At a pianissimo release, let the sound **evaporate**.
21. When the dynamic is fortissimo, hear only **yourself**; when the dynamic is pianissimo, hear only your neighbor.
22. Uncontrolled silence is the enemy of music. LISTEN!
23. The group that breathes together – plays together – LISTEN!
24. Music is not an art for the chicken-hearted: Seek what is right, but **DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE WRONG**.
25. Give all of your energies to performance: Avoid fatigue: Blow out the chops; shake out the hands.
26. The music turns you on but only you can wind yourself up for it.
27. Legato playing is mostly a **thu-thu** business.
28. Blow thru the whole passage.
29. Beware of the practice-room sound – get out of that telephone booth.
30. Good performances are planned that way.
31. Seek the **STYLE** of the music – and this you can only do by listening to and for everything.



Listen!  
 Prepare!  
 Listen!  
 Look!  
 Listen!  
 Wait!  
 Feel!  
 Listen!

Did you  
 get the  
 message ??

**LISTEN**



These pictures were in the Park Rapids Enterprise



### Warming up inside

It may still seem like winter outside, but inside conductor Jim Wheeler warms up the Park Rapids Community Band for their 2nd

Annual Community Band Festival April 27. This year's event will feature the Bloomington Medalist Band as guests.



*The Medalist Concert Band of Bloomington, MN*

# Bloomington band to be featured



Dr. Earl C. Benson

The Park Rapids Community Band Festival will feature the Bloomington Medalist Band as guest community band in a combined program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

The guest band, with Dr. Earl C. Benson, conducting will play the first part of the program. Hosts, the Park Rapids Area Community Band, with Jim Wheeler, conductor and Janet Weaver, associate conductor, will perform the second part of the program. The combined bands will perform two final numbers.

The Medalist Concert Band of Bloomington is a volunteer 70-member concert band, celebrating its 29th season this year.

The band has provided the finest in wind band music for Minnesota high school and junior high school programs, summer park concerts and church-sponsored benefits. They also have distinguished themselves on concert stages and through recordings throughout this country and abroad.

At prestigious musical conclaves such as Music Educators National Conference Conventions, National Band Association Conventions and

two invitational performances at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the Medalist Concert Band has been asked to perform professionally; and they have done so to the acclaim of international music professionals.

The National Band Association, the largest organization of band di-

rectors in the world, has described the Medalist Concert Band as "One of the foremost community bands in the nation."

Benson, founder and conductor of the Medalist Concert Band, has led the band in all but five concerts during the past 29 years. He is credited with helping to build and maintain the musical prowess of the organization.

As a band established in 1967 to fill a musical need in Bloomington and the surrounding area, the Medalist Concert Band has been, and continues to be, a model for adult musical organizations throughout the country.

Benson was awarded the MAC Award for Leadership in Music in 1976, the Minnesota Business Foundation's Excellence in Education Award in 1984 and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association's Outstanding Educator Award in 1986.

Benson was named Music Educator of the Year in 1988 by the Minnesota Music Educators Association and elected to the American Bandmasters Association the same year. He was honored as Nationally Certified Music

Educator by the Music Educators National Conference in 1991. In 1994 Benson received the John Philip Sousa Foundations' Award for Musical Excellence and was selected by Bandwagon Magazine in the same year as "One of the Top Band Directors in the Nation." He earned his Ph.D. in education from the University of Minnesota.

Benson is an avid aviator holding an Air Transport Rating and often participates in Air Lifeline missions for the disadvantaged throughout the U.S., Canada and the Bahamas.

Benson is currently the director of bands and music department chairman at Thomas Jefferson High School in Bloomington and guest conducts/ adjudicates instrumental groups nationwide as well as being the midwest representative for the Fechheimer Band Uniform Co. He also operates his own business, Earl C. Benson & Associates, which is one of the leading band accessory distributors in the midwest.

The 2nd Annual Park Rapids Community Band Festival April 27 will be held in the Area High School auditorium.





# PRCB hosts Bloomington Medalist Band

The Park Rapids Community Band will host the Bloomington Medalist Band as guests in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Area High School auditorium.

Debbie Schreyer and Captain Tom Owens also will be guests, entertaining before the concert in the lobby, between bands on the program and supporting the Park Rapids Area Community Band on two selections: "Peacherine Rag" and "Spirituals!"

Schreyer, from St. Paul, has been playing banjo professionally for more than a decade. She grew up playing ragtime and traditional jazz with her banjoist father, Lowell, appearing with him occasionally on the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen steamboats.

Her past credits include touring nationwide for three years as a promotional banjoist for Sara Lee Corp., appearing in the 1988 International Banjo Festival Tour of Germany and headlining national banjo festivals in St. Louis (1990) and Seattle (1994).

She also has been featured with Dixieland bands at the New Orleans World's Fair, the St. Louis Ragtime Festival and the San Diego Jazz Fest.

Her recordings include four CDs with jazz bands on the GHB label of New Orleans and the cassette, "Schreyer Banjos: Showboat to

New Orleans." Most recently, she has returned from her fourth tour of performing in more than 150 cities cross-country with the Columbia Artists show, "Riverboat Ragtime Revue."

While playing banjo on a riverboat on the Upper Mississippi, Schreyer met Captain Tom Owens who eventually became her husband. Having previous experience in musical theater in St. Paul, Owens joined the act singing and playing string bass.

The two are looking forward to their second season of entertaining together at the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City, NJ this summer.

The guest band, the Medalist Concert Band of Bloomington, under the direction of Dr. Earl C. Benson, will lead off Saturday night's program. The Medalist Concert Band is a volunteer 70-member concert band, celebrating its 29th season this year.

Hosts, the Park Rapids Area Community Band, with Jim Wheeler, conductor, and Janet Weaver, associate conductor, will perform the second part of the program.

The combined bands will perform two final numbers including "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, in honor of the 100th anniversary of this ever popular march.



Debbie Schreyer and Captain Tom Owens will entertain at the 2nd Annual Park Rapids Community Band Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Area High School auditorium.



Tom + Debbie stayed at Odell + JoAnn Bjerkness' home on Bad Medicine Lake.

