From the President

Greetings to All……..

To start off, I want to thank all the band members; we have had great turn-outs at all of our concert events this year….. Thanks to all.
Secondly, I want to thank all the board members; I just can’t say enough good things about them. They do a lot for all of us and are greatly appreciated.

Before becoming president I didn’t know too many members, and it amazes me about what type of people actually make up the band. We have many different backgrounds, occupations, career aspirations and even the good old retirement lives. We all come together and make or at least try to make music. It makes me feel good being acquainted with all of you. In October it will be two years since I started playing again and without some of you I probably wouldn’t have kept playing.

We are now in the down swing of 2008 and have a busy fall schedule. We will be playing a lot of new music and I hope we can have good turnouts for all of our shows. Also just a reminder; please don’t forget about our small groups playing in the holidays. The more the merrier.

Thoughts for the up and coming year: everyone make sure you buy and use your Kroger cards, this is free money for the band. For 2009 let’s start by trying to get some small groups together, trios, quartets, choirs, it would be great to get as many as possible involved. Hopefully these types of groups can help us on our 20th year celebration.

I know I say this all the time but let’s start looking for old band members; either close by or far away and let’s get these people back to help celebrate the 20th. Everyone can play and hopefully we all can make some music together. Also let’s search out and get as many new members as possible.

As I have said in the past, I am a person of few words so I won’t ramble on.

To end these notes, please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thanks to all,

——Dixon

Harriet Cooper and Alan McDaniel on Percussion

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Kroger Gift Card Band Fundraiser

Did you know? The band is using Kroger gift cards as a fundraising tool. This is a simple way for you to help the band raise money to support our efforts.

How? The Kroger "Gift Cards" are for non-profit organizations only - which we are. The gift cards are different than the ones you buy at the Customer Service Counter because they are linked to our band bank account.

As soon as we reach $5000 in sales, the band will get $250 deposited in its bank account.

At the last band officers meeting, we totaled just our officers purchases and we think we are nearing the $5000 mark. Once we reach $5000, every dollar spent using the card will be worth a 5% automatic distribution to the band. It costs you nothing extra. These cards can be used to purchase virtually anything at Kroger’s with the exception of money orders & Western Union transactions.

What do I do to start? Just purchase a Kroger Gift Card from Bill Murphy during band practice. Then, go to Kroger. When you use up the money on your Kroger card, reload it and keep using it.

This has the potential to be a significant fundraiser for the Blacksburg Community Band because other than the individual effort to "reload" your card there is no work involved. You’re going to spend a certain amount of money at the market anyway so you might as well do so in a manner that has the potential to make a significant positive impact on our band.

Only the cards purchased from the band with our account number are entitled for such credit.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October
9- Joint Concert with Roanoke College 7:30 PM
   (Black bottoms, white top)
12- Pumpkin Fest, Sinkland Farms 1:30-2:30 PM
   (Khaki bottoms, white top)
19- Smithfield Plantation 3-4 PM
   (Khaki bottoms, white top)

November
17- Board Meeting (All are welcome)

December
3– Warm Hearth (time TBD)
14- Holiday Pops Concert
   (Black bottoms, white top)

Leslie Palacios “plays” the typewriter during the Spring Concert Performance of Leroy Andersons “The Typewriter”
Comments from the Podium

Fall is approaching us again and we look forward to our fall and holiday concerts. We have enjoyed a very fine year thus far, with several very well-attended concerts that sounded fantastic! We need to focus on our concert with Roanoke College, which will feature some difficult music. We will be adding two new works to our library, Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral by Richard Wagner, and Pirates of the Caribbean by Klaus Badelt. The band has performed all of the other tunes sometime in the past 20 years, most of them within the past few years.

Speaking of 20 years, we are finishing our 20th year and the spring concert will be our 20th Anniversary concert. We would like to make this a special concert and need your suggestions now to prepare for our concert. At this time, I plan to include new works by John Howell and Steve Brown and possibly the two new arrangements from the Roanoke College concert. This leaves room for several more compositions to round out the program. I felt that this would be a great time for you to tell me what else you would like to perform. I don’t want to do this too formally, but I don’t want this to be a free-for-all either. It would be ideal for you to talk to others in the band, and have several of you come up with an arrangement that you would like to perform and give me a list of names of the folks that would agree with that choice. At this point, it doesn’t matter if we have it in the library or not, but it would be helpful to see if a good arrangement is available. You can check to see if something is in-print by visiting the JW Pepper website: (http://www.jwpepper.com/).

Now is your big chance to get your favorite music on the program (for our 20th anniversary concert).”

Finally, we need to work hard to fill the auditorium for our spring concert. We need to get your ideas and assistance in our publicity. This is not too early to begin work on this. We need to have publicity in-place for our Holiday Pops Concert in December. Let’s see if we can fill the house and make our 20th anniversary a true high point in our history!

—Ed

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Welcome New Members!

- **Flutes**: Tom Godfrey **
  Jessiac Mogren
  Allie McMillion
  Kaya Norton
  Heather Pope
  Christy Trago
  Heming Zhao

- **Clarinet s**
  Carl Derfler **
  George Garrott
  Jodie Norton
  Emily Bracken

- **Clarinet s**
  Dana Reynolds
  Sara Stallings

- **Alto Saxes**: Kelly Moran
  Claren Purser

- **Tenor Sax**: Jocelyn Baron

- **Bari Sax**: Laura Cox

- **Trumpets**: Dustin Davis
  Scott Ford
  Patrick Feucht
  John Gregg **
  Steve Hanson
  Melissa Hoyle

- **Trombone**: Jefferson Ritchie
  Jim Wiebe

- **Baritone**: Sumeet Goel

- **Euphonium**: Jude Suemith

- **Tuba**: Ben Hogan

- **Percussion**: Dave Mahan

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**Other Personnel**

- **Music Director**: Ed Schwartz [ed.schwartz@vt.edu; 382-3707]
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- **Trombones**: Amy Hall [safetycake@jetbroadband.com; 382-1963]
- **Low Brass**: David Kbler [kiblerdf@vt.edu; 951-4504]
- **Percussion**: Alan McDaniel [alanmcd@vt.edu; 951-8677]

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**We are looking for more Returning Members**

Join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Blacksburg Community Band. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at