



Lakeshore New Horizons

Newsletter

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From Our Music Director – Lynda Shewchuk

Seasons greetings band members!

I feel very enthused about this year's band programme! We have the most members ever at seventy-five. Two very large concert bands and a very healthy sized beginners class. I am so pleased to see our groups grow.

The Lakeshore Winds are very excited to be performing at both Trinity United Church and The Bowmanville Older Adults Centre. We are involved with some combined performances with both the church choir and the Beech Centre choir. It's always fun at Christmas time to perform well known carols with choirs and audiences singing along.

At the end of our winter term in early April the Winds are performing at Bowmanville High school in concert with the Bowmanville High School senior band. This concert, on Wednesday, April 10 will be a shared concert and will finish with a combined performance of several pieces. It will be fun to perform with these talented young people.

The band will also perform at the Salvation Army Citadel in Whitby on Saturday, April 13. We are so looking forward to performing our concert of "music from around the world"

In June we look forward to hosting the Brighton Concert Band in a band exchange scheduled for Saturday, June 8.

The Harmony Lakeshore Band is excited to perform for both Hillsdale on December 5 and Harmony Hill on December 19. The residents are so appreciative to hear us play familiar Christmas music. This year we are featuring a performance of a Nutcracker Suite, Christmas Festival and Sleigh Ride.

The Harmony band is looking forward to hosting the Peterborough New Horizons Band in a band exchange on Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 at the Wheelhouse. The concert will feature several pieces played by the two bands together, a total group of ninety musicians!

Both Lakeshore concert bands will perform at a concert at the Wheelhouse on Sunday, May 26 at 2:30. It will be fun to feature both of our large concert bands in performance together.

This year's Bach to Basics class is the best ever! The class is progressing very well and already playing several band arrangements.

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the holiday season!



From Our Presidents – Ron Christianson and Linda Pocunier

Ron Christianson

I want to thank all of you for your help and support for the past 6 years that I served as your president. I have been very proud to represent the band at various events during that time. I thank my fellow board members past and present, it has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated group of people, they made my job easy. The band has grown from 14 people to over 70 members today. We have also grown musically thanks to Lynda's direction and patience! I now hand over the reigns to a very capable new president and I know you will give her all of your support.

Linda Procnier

We are fast approaching the end of our fall session. All those black notes on the page have become music to our ears and Christmas Concerts will bring joy to the community. There's nothing like a concert full of the sounds of the season as well as family, friends and fruitcake!

Our Lakeshore New Horizons Bands are family. We have all worked together in the various levels to improve ourselves. Along with the LNHB Executive, we wish you all success in your music endeavours in 2019 and thank you all for your hard work in 2018. The LNHBand have excelled in quite a short time to become highly successful and well structured.

This would not have happened without our music directors (Lynda Shewchuk and Elliott Tremere), past executives and the willingness of the membership to pitch in when necessary. We will continue to have Ron Christianson's expert guidance as past president as we move into 2019.

Your executive has several issues on the back burner waiting for the New Year to begin. We would like to streamline our music library. Lynda has devoted herself to being our librarian as well as the heartbeat of the bands. We would like to make her librarian duties less time consuming in the future.

Our executive keep us on a steady track with all of the work they do. Directors Carolyn Rogers and Loraine Christianson for web site, Facebook, communications and many other duties as required.

Carolyn Young has been a font of knowledge and calmly carries out her duties as Vice President. Our Band Secretary Tanis Manahan, is highly efficient in keeping us in an administrative straight line. Bob Richardson keeps our books in pristine order.

I am looking forward to our pot luck lunch, a time of fellowship with the bands and a chance to break bread together before breaking for the holidays. Stay safe and warm. See you all in January 2019.



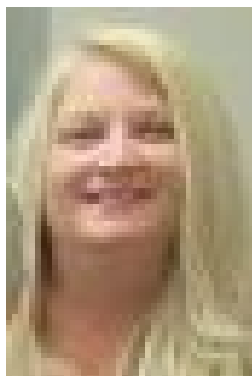
**EVERYONE IS INVITED MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND BEGINNERS CLASS
BAND MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND PARTNERS ARE PART OF OUR MUSIC FAMILY SO BRING THEM
ALONG.**

WHEN: MONDAY DECEMBER 17TH

**TIME: MONDAY PLAYERS ARRIVE AT 10:30 BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS MUSIC TO HAND IN,
WEDNESDAY PLAYERS 10:45, YOUR MUSIC WILL BE HANDED IN AT THE LAST CONCERT ON DEC.
19TH
TRUE POT LUCK, BRING ANYTHING FOR APPROX. 6 PEOPLE, PLATES, NAPKINS ETC WILL BE
PROVIDED**

*We sit near each other each Monday and Wednesday, now is your chance to really
"Meet Your Fellow Band Members"*

Kathy Beatty



Many say that nature and how one is nurtured determines one's path in life.... I strongly agree!! With both my parents coming from a hardy Nebraskan work ethic, it is no wonder I persevered at teaching public school for 34 years!!

What a blessing that my father, a civil engineer, ended up moving to Pennsylvania with my mother. I remember at age five, that he had his mother's piano brought from the Midwest to our house in PA via pickup truck...thus the start of piano lessons throughout the end of high school.

As they say in real estate, location, location, location....how true! The school district that I lived in provided music opportunities galore!! I started clarinet in grade 4, and played throughout high school in pep and marching band. Thinking back, we were expected to memorize three new pieces each week with a different routine for the half time show. What is even more amazing is that my high school band director wrote many of the arrangements, and of course all the shows. There is nothing like a 100 piece band, with the trombone section leading the way, coming down the football field or parade route....majorettes, pom poms, flags and banner carriers.

Somewhere around grade 7 and age 11, my inspirational band director gave me a funny looking reed and said to blow on it during the week. That reed and my band director changed my life. The next 6 years provided me with County, District, Regional and All-State bands and orchestras playing oboe. Plus, our high school had chamber music opportunities....yeah, woodwind quintet!! With my twin sister on bassoon, we had a great time!!

Undergraduate and graduate school saw me as a music education major with free lancing, orchestral playing, woodwind quintets, etc. Actually, the only reason I went to graduate school was because I wasn't ready to teach school. I took my first public school teaching job in NJ, with the plan it would only be for a year. At the same time, I traveled to Philly to take lessons with Dave Schneider who really took me into the realm of making oboe reeds.

That one year turned into six with me meeting my Canadian husband, and it was decided I would give up my job and move to Ontario. This turned into another 28 years teaching school!! I assimilate myself to Richard Dreyfuss in Mr. Holland's Opus....oboe playing on hold. Although I continued teaching oboe at night/weekends, I did not continue to play oboe as much as I did in NJ. My 34 years of teaching had me home well late into the night as I wanted to provide my students with what I had growing up; concert bands, jazz bands, choirs, and chamber music. I am very proud that my last 9 years at Dr. C. F. Cannon P.S. in Oshawa saw over 50 students gain admittance into the performing arts program at O'Neill C.V. I.....and none had private lessons!

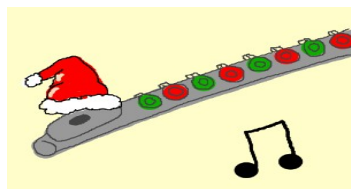
Since retirement, I am back on the horse, playing oboe and loving it. I am so grateful to be in the Lakeshore New Horizons Band and Clarington Concert Band. They are a lovely and talented group of musicians.

My humble reminder of nature and nurture are in my possession; my father's trumpet made in Elkhart, IN and my band director's trumpet which is a Bach Strad made in NYC. For this reason, I will continue my role as a music advocate; especially for those public school students who deserve the same opportunities I was blessed to have in my life.





Diane
Mantha



I was born and raised in a very small mining town in Northern Ontario. Cobalt was known for its silver mining and sits about 150 km north of North Bay.

Being the only girl in a family of six children, I got piano lessons while the boys got sports. To be honest, I would have preferred the sports.

I took piano lessons until I finished grade 9 piano and then had to quit as there was no longer a teacher in town qualified to teach above grade 8. So when I left home after high school, playing piano pretty much stopped for me. It wasn't until some 16 yrs. later when we had our third child and moved back to Kapuskasing for the second time that I decided to buy a piano and start working on playing again. Before I knew it I was playing in church, meeting new people and picking up students. In the ten years we spent in Kapuskasing, I was very busy with music. Two days a week, I travelled 36 miles to Smooth Rock Falls to teach there as well.

Here's an interesting twist. It is said that when you are from Northern Ontario, no matter where you go, you will always find someone from Northern Ontario. There are two people in band who once lived in Smooth Rock Falls. Any idea who they are?

After moving to Bowmanville ten years ago, I decided to retire from teaching piano and just enjoy music for myself. We happened to move here a couple of months before Fr. Paul Massel so when I met him at church and told him I was available to play masses if he so needed, a whole new world opened up for me. I started accompanying him and many of his friends in concerts all over the area. I have to admit, I was pretty rusty at first but it got so much easier as time passed.

Then I met my bestie, Doris McCormick. She asked me one day if I would consider playing piano for a bunch of people who had cancer. Eight years ago, I started accompanying a choir out of HEARTH PLACE in Oshawa. To this day, this has been the most rewarding thing I have ever been a part of.

Three years ago, Doris did her magic again. She had joined Lakeshore New Horizons the year before and kept telling me how much fun it was. "You should join. You'd love it.", she would say to me every time we got together. So I joined. And I love it. I don't practice as much as I should. (This would be a good time to say thank you to Lynda for her patience. lol)

I look forward to many more years of sharing music with all those in the band. Everybody is so friendly. An easy group to feel a part of. Music gives me so much joy.

NEW HORIZONS GUELPH BAND CAMP SAT. OCT. 27, 2018: SUBMITTED BY LINDA RICHARDSON



This band camp was the second one that Bob and I attended. In 2010, we attended a Band Camp that was at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was 2 days in length. Attending this camp from Lakeshore NHB was Carolyn Young.

At the Guelph Band camp, the morning was devoted to groups playing as a concert band. There was a Senior Band Group and an Intermediate Band Group. Bob was in the Senior Group. Carolyn and I were in the Intermediate Group. Each group were given pieces and basically sight read them.

In the Senior Group, Bob really enjoyed playing with 6 other trombone players. The conductor was from the Toronto New Horizons group. She made a special point of commenting upon the New Horizons philosophy of encouraging us to visit, and sit in with, other groups when we are in their area.

For Carolyn and me, our conductor was the music teacher at the High School where the camp was held. He was delighted to have so many lower brass players. There were 4 trombones, 3 baritones and a Tuba. He stated that in his music classes most of the students play Saxes, upper woodwind and brass.

The Senior Band worked on a couple of pieces, and parts of a couple others, while the Intermediate Band worked on most of the pieces that had been set out for the group.

The afternoon was spent at workshops. The following were the workshops offered: Big Band Jazz, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Mindfulness and Meditation with Music, Funk Bucket Drumming, Vocal Improv and Found Objects. Each attendee attended two workshops.

Bob and I attended the Found Objects. The instructor showed us how to make a Rain Stick and a shaker. We made a rhythm pattern with various objects. A large dice was thrown to decide on what 8 musical notes we would use. Then we took the rhythm pattern and notes and played them on various objects along with a keyboard and the some of the Band instruments that people had. Bob did play his trombone using the notes. Out of this came four movements with an environmental theme. The first movement was "Hurricane", the second was "Fire", the third was "Active Transportation" and last one was "Serenity". It was a very unique workshop and lots fun. It would be worth bringing this instructor to our area.

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Bob attended the Brass Ensemble and I attended Vocal Improv. Both of us enjoyed working with others and the harmonies that were made in each of these workshops. I realized that my voice was lower than it used to be. I was able to listen and blend in with the others, an exciting feeling.

For Carolyn, the most enjoyable part was the Funk Bucket Drumming. The leader was a percussionist. Carolyn enjoyed playing rhythms on garbage cans and other buckets.

Attendees at the camp came from Ottawa, Apsley, Kitchener/Waterloo, Guelph, London, Toronto, and Richmond Hill. It was great to compare notes re: how other bands operated, though there was only limited time to talk as the Camp activities kept us busy.

At the end of the day, we were exhausted yet we enjoyed the experience. It would be interesting to do a day camp here in Durham Region.

Congratulations to our Class of 2018/2019



Fundraiser

Don't forget if you go to Boston Pizza write Lakeshore New Horizons Band on the back of your bill and deposit in the box near the door. The Band will receive 10% of the food total....great fundraiser



*The Lakeshore Band Executive Would Like to Wish
You All a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy 2019
See you in January*



2019 Winter Session

Lakeshore Winds

Mon. Jan. 7th, 2019
Mon. Mar. 25th, 2019

Lakeshore Harmony

Wed. Jan. 9th, 2019
Wed. Mar. 27th, 2019

Bach To Basics

Wed. Jan 9th, 2019
Wed. Mar. 27th, 2019

Show Band

Mon. TBD

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SNOW DAYS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR E MAIL BEFORE ATTENDING PRACTICES ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER , IF WE HAVE A SNOW DAY CANCELLATION THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO CONTACT 40+ PEOPLE IS VIA E MAIL!