



Lakeshore New Horizons Newsletter

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December 2017

From Our Music Director - Lynda Shewchuk

It's exciting to get many new members into our programs this year. All three of our bands have grown.

The Lakeshore Winds now has nine trumpets! If only we could get trombones to match that. (although we're doing our best to convert Tanis to the "dark" side).

The Winds are playing two Christmas concerts. One at The Wheelhouse on Sunday, November 26 and the second at the new retirement residence, Bowmanville Creek. This is a lovely new home that was built on the location of the old Bowmanville Senior Public School.

The Lakeshore Harmony band will perform at Hillsdale Estates on December 6 and Harmony Hill on December 13. The band now has 44 members including nine flutes!

Bach to Basics has increased in size also. We have several band members learning new instruments, several are doing a refresher course, as well as a few brand new students playing an instrument for the first time. The class sounds great and they're already playing some Christmas band arrangements.

There are many concerts going on this holiday season. Take the opportunity to support live music. It's well worth it!

Hope to see you all at our annual Christmas lunch on December 18.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas holiday!

From Our President - Ron Christianson

Thank you to our executive for guiding us through another year and welcome to our new vice president Carolyn Young. Thank you Margaret Zwicker for running our 50/50 draws and Frank Corcoran for acting as our MC at our concerts.

Welcome to our Bach to Basics class members, I encourage you to continue the work that have already started. Congratulations to our beginners from last year who are now members of our Harmony band and performing very well.

I know Lynda will keep us on the edge of our music stands wondering which music she will have for us in the winter session. Will it be music we *instantly* enjoy or will it be music that will become our favourites *after* some work? I can't wait to find out!

I encourage all band members to continue to promote our program at every opportunity, we have found that word of mouth is our best form of advertising.

The Lakeshore Winds performed to a standing ovation at Wilmot Creek on November 27th and the Show Band performed at Bowmanville Creek and left them asking for more. I know our remaining concerts will be just as successful.

I am looking forward to our Christmas luncheon. Thank you Sue and Dianne.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

CONCERTS

LAKESHORE WINDS BAND

Sunday, Nov 26th, Wilmot Creek Wheelhouse,
Bowmanville,
2:30 pm

Monday December 11th,
Bowmanville Creek, 10.00 am

HARMONY LAKESHORE BAND

Wednesday, December 6th
Hillsdale Estates, Oshawa,
10.00 am

Wednesday, December 13th,
2:00
Harmony Hills, Oshawa,

SHOW BAND

Monday, November 27th,
Bowmanville Creek,
Bowmanville, 2:00 pm

Monday, December 18th,
Seasons, Bowmanville
2:00 pm



OTHER CONCERTS TO ENJOY

The Clarington Concert Band will perform at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, December 10 at 2:00. There are some excellent vocalists performing with the band. Advanced tickets are \$15 and are recommended.

The Wildwind Flute Choir performs their Christmas Concert at Faith United Church in Courtice on Friday, December 15 at 7:30. Our special guests are the brass quintet, CBC Top Brass. Admission is free.

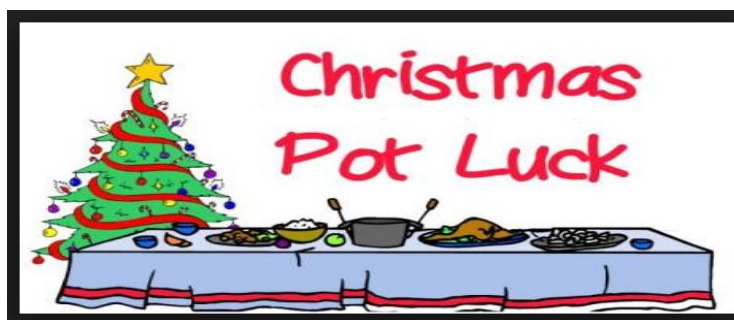
The Oshawa Little Theatre production of Anne of Green Gables is playing until Saturday, December 9. It is excellent, highly recommended!

ELECTIONS

Elections were held for three positions on the executive at the Annual General Meeting in September. Carolyn Young was elected Vice President, Bob Richardson was reelected Treasurer and Loraine Christianson reelected as Director. These are the people that keep your band working smoothly. Thank you all for your great work.



Left to right. President Ron Christianson Vice President Carolyn Young Secretary Tanis Manahan Director Loraine Christianson Director Gerry Cowley Treasurer Bob Richardson Past President Elliott Tremeeer Music Director Lynda Shewchuk



!We are going to celebrate the end of another great musical year with a

Christmas pot luck lunch

Rehoboth Church

Monday December 18th, 2017

10:30 - hand in your Christmas Music and Social Time

11:00 Lunch

THIS IS A TRUE POT LUCK, BRING ANYTHING YOU, LIKE ENOUGH FOR 6

PEOPLE

PARTNERS AND SPOUSES WELCOME TO JOIN US



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

Tom Box



Both my parents had music lessons as children. I guess they didn't go very well, and they decided to spare me that experience. So other than occasionally singing in elementary school, I wasn't involved in music as a child.

I began at Port Hope High School in 1972, a liberal era when there were no specific course requirements. You did have to take three years of courses from four different categories. In one of the categories, the main choices were art, music and phys ed. I had no aptitude for drawing, and I didn't like being yelled at by teachers with whistles, so music looked like the best choice.

Our first class was devoted to assigning instruments to students. I said I'd like to play the trumpet, trombone, clarinet, or saxophone, but the teacher decided I was going to play the tuba. If I had been more assertive, I could have refused and got a different instrument, but I passively accepted my fate.

Today I appreciate the importance of the tuba in a band, but at age 14 I didn't like it at all. I didn't practice, and almost failed the mid-term playing test. That woke me up and I started practicing regularly, and became reasonably proficient by the modest standards of PHHS. I took classes and played in the school band, and liked the experience okay, though I was never really happy about being stuck with the tuba. I dropped music after three years with no real regret.

I moved to Toronto to go to university, and later moved to Montreal, Sackville NB, back to Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto again. I occasionally thought about taking up the piano, but as an apartment dweller who moved often, two of my rules were "don't be noisy and bother your neighbours" and "don't acquire heavy, hard-to-move objects". So the piano didn't seem practical.

I thought digital pianos were worthless toys, but a friend had one and played it for me, and I discovered they weren't so bad. Having a digital piano in an apartment didn't violate either of my rules, so at age 43 I bought one and started taking lessons. I found a wonderful teacher who taught me not only piano technique, but also a lot about theory and music appreciation. I liked practicing and worked diligently, and progressed through RCM grade 7. It was a good experience, but I found I couldn't build up a repertoire. I could learn three or four pieces at a time, but as soon as I moved on to something new, the old pieces vanished very quickly. I couldn't sight read worth beans, so I was always limited to just a few pieces. The piano didn't provide me with the social experience of playing with others, since there's only room for one piano in a group, and there were always going to be many better pianists than me.

So, though I have no regrets about tackling the piano, I eventually decided that I'd be better off playing a band instrument. I wouldn't need to be the best player in a group, and I'd only have to worry about one note at a time. Now free to choose my own instrument, I decided on the clarinet. My piano teacher referred me to a clarinet teacher, and a couple of months before my 50th birthday, I began a new adventure. Despite some occasional frustrations, I thought I was getting along pretty well, but after about a year and a half, my teacher abruptly dumped me. I'm still not sure why. She did suggest I find another teacher, not just give up.

While I was looking for a new teacher, my mother had some health problems and needed to move into a retirement home. So I decided to move back to Port Hope to be closer to her. I found a clarinet teacher in Cobourg, and she got me into the Concert Band of Cobourg. It's a very good band; I was still a beginner and really had no business being in it. I would have been much better suited to a group like New Horizons, but there was no such organization in Port Hope or Cobourg. The Lakeshore New Horizons was still new, and I hadn't heard of it. Though it was intimidating at times, I stuck it out with the Cobourg band and eventually came to feel like I belonged.

One day, a member of the Cobourg band asked if I would sub at a performance of the Clarington Concert Band. I was still a novice and not up to performing in public with little rehearsal, so I declined, but that offer did lead to me joining the Clarington band the next year. It was there that I met Lynda. At the Clarington band's Christmas party one year, she told me about Lakeshore New Horizons, and I thought it would be interesting to take up a new instrument. So I joined the following September, and here I am, playing bass clarinet and saxophone.

Playing in bands has become a huge part of my life, and I hope it will continue to be so for many years to come. Sometimes I wonder what if my parents had sent me to music lessons, or what if I had played an instrument I loved in high school, or what if I had started adult lessons sooner.

But better late than never.



CAROL LAING

Who is this music teacher?



I was born in Bowmanville on Christmas Day (which is why I was named Carol instead of Patricia) and we lived on our farm on Bragg Rd., which my two brothers still operate. It was a great place to grow up!

We attended Providence school, a one room schoolhouse, eight grades - one teacher, located on the corner of our farm. Ross Metcalf would energetically arrive to teach us music, which was the highlight of the week, and he entered us in Kiwanis Music festivals and was my vocal teacher for RCM exams, etc. I also sang in a very large Trinity Church junior choir under the direction of Arthur Collison, who was also my piano teacher - which probably wasn't much fun for him!

At Bowmanville high school we had to choose either music or art as an elective, so naturally I chose music, and the French Horn, because it was different. Elliott Tremere became our music teacher in Grade 11, and then music program was much improved, and I got a brand new double French Horn!

Luckily my husband David, is a singer and actor also, and we share a mutual enjoyment of the arts. He's not that crazy about the French horn part though! (Can't imagine why!) We celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary next July.

I worked at General Motors in the Advertising Department for 14 years, then retired to stay home with my two little girls Laura and Alexandra. More recently I worked as the Office Administrator at Faith United Church, a position from which I retired 2 ½ years ago.

I've been very fortunate to be able to enjoy my love of music and theatre with local organizations that make opportunities available to become involved in the arts, starting with community productions in Bowmanville of "The Boyfriend" and "South Pacific" in Bowmanville. My favourite role is Anna Leonowens in "The King and I" which I was fortunate to play twice, once in high school and again at Oshawa Little Theatre.

To get my farm fix, I take riding lessons three times a week, and I'm also trying to learn to play the Celtic or lever harp, but that's not going anywhere fast! I'm really enjoying playing my horn again in the New Horizons Bands!

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

Check out our website
lakeshorenhbands.org

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Keep up to date with everything Lakeshore Band!

BEGINNERS CLASS 2017
CONGRATULATIONS TO A GREAT GROUP



2018 Winter Session

Lakeshore Winds

Mon. January 8th, 2018
Mon. March 25th, 2018

Lakeshore Harmony

Wed. January 10th, 2018
Wed. March 27th, 2018

Bach To Basics

Wed. January 10th, 2018
Wed. March 27th, 2018

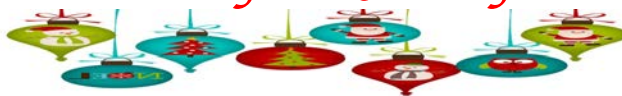
Show Band
TBD

YOU GOT MAIL



Please remember to check your e mail before leaving for Band practice. We have had to cancel twice this year due to funerals at the church. The winter weather is ahead of us and the most efficient way to contact 40 people is via e mail. Please remember to acknowledge receipt of our message so that we don't have to call too many people. Thank you.

*The Lakeshore Band Executive Would Like to Wish
You All a Very Merry Christmas.
And a Happy New Year
See you in January.*



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FESTIVELY THEMED PLACES: WORLD'S MOST CHRISTMASSY DESTINATIONS LOOKING FOR THE ULTIMATE PLACES TO GET FESTIVE?

Sledge (Mississippi, USA)

It's the blues rather than the wooden contraptions that hurtle down snow covered slopes that Sledge is really famous for. Despite having a population of less than 600 people, it produced the famous country singer Charley Pride, and is considered by some to be the birthplace of the blues.

Star (Scotland)

This small, quiet village, with a population of 500, is located one hour from Edinburgh. It shares its name with one of that most festive of symbols – the star – which led the three wise men to Bethlehem, and is now a popular Christmas decoration.

Stocking (Austria)

A municipality in Styria, southern Austria, stockings are also vital receptacles in which Mr Claus deposits his gifts. Traditionally, children hang their stocking by the fireplace allowing Santa easy access. A mince pie and a glass of brandy are normally left in return.

Mińce (Poland)

It is not thought that mince pies originated in this small village in North Eastern Poland or that it has anything to do whatsoever with the famous festive pastry. Indeed, mince pies were invented in Britain and originally contained shredded meat (hence the name) in addition to the mix of raisins, sultanas and spices.

Christmas Island (Australia)

There are actually several islands in various oceans named Christmas, but probably the best known is the Australian territory located in the Indian Ocean. Over half the island is national park, but according to the CIA World Fact Book, it will soon become a site for launching space missions. Is Santa going intergalactic?

Turkey

Though famed for its sunny beaches and warm seas, many might be surprised to hear the country also receives heavy snowfalls, boasts mountains over 4000m high and has around 10 ski resorts where you can guarantee yourself a white Christmas. The large bird traditionally eaten at Christmas actually originates from South America.

Rudolf Island (Russia)

The northern most island of the Franz Josef Archipelago, this small, barren island that sits within the arctic circle is almost completely glaciated. Despite the name, Rudolf and his reindeer buddies don't hang out here these days – it's just too chilly. You'll need to join a polar expedition to get to this one. You'll need to join a polar expedition to get to this one.

Dasher, (Georgia, USA)

Not to be outdone by his better known team mate, during his lucrative career as an elite member of Santa's sledge team, Dasher bought his own town too. Situated in Lowndes County, Dasher boasts a population of just 834. However, that's 834 more people than live on Rudolf's Island, as Dasher often reminds him.

Tinsel Town (Los Angeles, USA)

Hollywood's nom de plume, the Tinsel part refers to the glittering, flashy, but superficial nature of Hollywood and the film industry. Tinsel, the popular Christmas decoration, was invented in Germany in 1610 and was originally made of shredded silver.

Bethlehem (West Bank) Bethlehem is commonly accepted as the birth city of Jesus, probably the most famous person in history and the whole reason that we celebrate Christmas Day at all.

CANADA

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA GIFT LAKE, ALBERTA, REINDEER STATION, NW TERRITORIES, CHIMNEY LAKE, BC

U.S.A

North Pole, New York. There are dozens of towns boasting holiday names in the United States, but few are as appropriate as North Pole, the home of Santa Claus. ...

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. ...

Santa Claus, Indiana. ...

North Pole, Alaska. ...

Lake Donner, California. ...

Christmas Cove, Maine. ...

Christmas Valley, Oregon. ...

Christmas, Florida.