



Lakeshore New Horizons Newsletter

Volume 4

Special Events in our Band

September 2012
Fall session begins

Christmas Concerts

Lakeshore Winds

December 12th, Durham
Christians Home, Whitby
December 16th, Faith
United Church, Courtice

Lakeshore Harmony

December 16th, Faith
United Church, Courtice
December 19th, Hillsdale
Estates, Oshawa

Sax Choir

Rehoboth Church
December 9th

Brass Menagerie

Burns Church
December 16th



From Our Music Director – Lynda Shewchuk



This session has been a huge success! The bands have grown more - we have about 37 in the Harmony Lakeshore Band and 39 in the Lakeshore Winds. Several new experienced players have joined us from Oshawa, Whitby, Courtice, Port Perry and Orono.

Our organization was given 40 or 50 new band arrangements by the Durham Wind Ensemble and Bowmanville High School. Dozens of band arrangements were also purchased and donated by our own band members. As a result we have lots of music to choose from. It is actually hard to decide what to do first! Both bands are playing more challenging music this year. Our instrumentation is fairly well balanced (although nine saxophones is a bit much...). How wonderful to have a bassoon!

I hope that our players will encourage family and friends to come out to our public Christmas concert at Faith United Church on Dec. 16 at 7:30pm. Each of the bands will also be entertaining the residents of Durham Christian Homes and Hillsdale Estates.

The Saxophone Ensemble will be performing at a church service for Rehoboth Church at 10am on December 9. They will be playing about a dozen Christmas Carols. We named this group "Never Enough Sax" last year but are currently trying to come up with a more appropriate name that could be used in church. Any ideas?

News from LNHB Executive Committee

Elections were held in September for 3 positions. Your LNHB Executive is:

Ron Christianson - President, Elected 2 yr term
Gail Rickard - Vice President, Appointed 1 yr term
1st Director - Gerry Cowley, Elected 2 yr term
2nd Director - Loraine Christianson, Appointed 1 yr term
Bob Richardson - Treasurer, Appointed 1 yr term
Linda Richardson - Secretary, Elected 2 yr term
Elliott Tremere - Past President

In September 2013 the 3 appointed positions will be elected. If you have any questions, ideas or comments you can contact any of the executive or e mail us at lakeshoenhband@gmail.com

Membership

The fall session has 55 paid members [down 2 from last fall]
Remember - For the winter session, if, you will be absent for several weeks due to planned holidays, please let Lynda Shewchuk and Ron Christianson know. This will aid in the planning process.



Web Site – Check it Out

Thank you to Carolynn Rogers our Web Master - Carolynn has been working hard recently updating the LNHB Web Site with new content, photographs, updates and Concert information. Carolynn is currently working on an area that the band members can access to list items such as music or instruments they might wish to sell or trade. If you have any ideas of things you would like to see on our web site talk to Carolynn or send us an e mail. www.lakeshorenhbands.org

Individual Highlights

Congratulations to Clarington's Diamond Jubilee Medal Recipients and Lakeshore Band Members Gail Rickard and Eleanor Colwell

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a commemorative medal created to mark the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. The medal honours significant achievements by Canadians and their contributions to their country, province or territory, region, or community. During the Jubilee Year 2012, 60,000 Canadians were recognized including two of our very own French horn players. What would we do without the many hours volunteers contribute to our communities?



Meet Your Band Members- This issue we profile 3 members of the LNHB Executive

Gerry Cowley



I learned only the basics of playing trumpet in high school in Sault Ste Marie. The main thing I learned was how much I loved it. I was forced to quit playing after high school because I had no band to play in. I found other hobbies to pursue over the years such as volunteer work, but the predominant one was coaching minor hockey, which I did for over 30 years.

After moving to Oshawa in 2002 for employment, I found the New Horizons group by answering a newspaper ad in the fall of 2007 and joined the New Horizons Concert Band. I remember the first day I attended rehearsal with the group as one of the very best days of my life. Not only did I find an amazing, very knowledgeable and EXTREMELY patient teacher in Lynda Shewchuk I also got to meet the finest group of people I have ever been associated with.

I was immediately welcomed and accepted by the members at the time and I have been thrilled over the years that the

that the new members we have attracted since I joined are also the kind of quality people I encountered that first day.

Finding music again after being away from it for so long was like finding a long lost love. I didn't realize how much I missed it until I had the chance to play again. There really aren't any words that could express how much it means to me to be a part of this group and I will be forever grateful to Lynda and the rest of the band for allowing me the opportunity to play music again. I am happy to sit on the new executive of the Lakeshore New Horizons band as Director 1 as it allows me an opportunity to serve the members and hopefully provide others with the musical opportunities that I was fortunate enough to have. I also play trumpet with the Clarington Concert Band.

On a personal front, I am an operating engineer working as a shift engineer at the Keele Valley power plant in Maple. My wife Joanne and I live in Oshawa.



**Ron & Loraine
Christianson**



Ron- I was born in Orillia where I attended High School which was unique in the fact that it had a pipe band where I began playing bagpipes in 1960. In 1969 I joined the OPP and became Pipe Major of the OPP Pipes and Drums in 1980. A highlight of my piping career was in 1984 when we became Grade 4 North American champions in Maxville, Ontario. During my career, aside from crime fighting, I piped in many locations across North America and was honoured to pipe in many dignitaries at prestigious events.

After retiring in 1997 I began taking violin lessons and achieved Grade 4 from the Royal Conservatory of Music. It is my feeling that the violin is the most versatile and beautiful sounding instrument created.

I joined New Horizons in 2007 and started as a clarinet player (threw that in the lake!!!!) and in 2008 started to play Tenor Sax. Soon after I also started playing the Baritone Sax on Mondays which I thoroughly enjoy.

This year I added the Euphonium to my instrument list which I play on Wednesday. I love the mellow sound it produces (sometimes).

We are fortunate to have Lynda as our Music Director and knowledgeable members on our Executive.

Lorraine - I was born in Oxford, England moving to Canada in 1973. I always loved music and envied those who could play an instrument. After retiring from Ontario Hydro/OPG in 2008 I saw that Ron was enjoying the New Horizons Band so much, I decided to try and learn to play an instrument myself. I put on the "how to play the alto sax" CD, opened the book and with Ron's help I was able to join the Wednesday group and shortly after the Monday band. I think the New Horizons concept is a wonderful idea and have thoroughly enjoyed the fact that I have the opportunity to play in a band.

We also play with a 4 piece group playing a little bit of country and a little rock'n'roll. I play Tenor Sax and Ron Plays Bass Guitar and fiddle. We recently started playing with Carole and Murray Milne, Lorne Horwood and a bass player in a group called Swing Fever.

In 1996 we moved to Wilmot Creek where we are active in the community. When not playing music we enjoy traveling, theatre, golf, reading, photography and a little painting. We have 5 happy and successful children 4 sons and 1 daughter and 10 grandchildren, 8 boys and 2 girls.

Ron was recently elected President of LNHB and Loraine appointed to Director 2, we are both proud to work with a great group of fellow musicians.

We really enjoy being able to play music together and are happy to see so many other couples in our Band.



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

Calling All Swingers

Our Swing Program will begin on Friday January 11th. We have engaged the services of an excellent Director for our program in Don Dawson. Don is the Music Director of the Swing Street Band and has played with many of the well known bands in the area: Cobourg Concert Band, Big Easy Seven, The Royals Big Band, Blue Note Dixie, George Lake Big Band and Swing Shift.

This is an instructional program in swing style music. Our future goal is to have a LNH Swing Band. The cost of the program is \$25.00, and is open to all instruments. If you haven't signed up it is not too late.

Thank You's

To very important band members, John Fletcher for running the 50/50 draws (congrats to all the winners) and to Gerry Cowley and Elizabeth Cormier for keeping us in cookies and water, most appreciated.

THANK YOU to Bill Haslam for the lovely cross stitch picture that we will be raffling off at the Christmas Concert at Faith United. Also **THANK YOU** to Pat Wallis, wife of Don for donating a beautiful quilt which the Executive have decided to raffle at the Concert March 24th at Wilmot Creek.

2013 Winter Session Dates

Lakeshore Winds
January 7th- March 25th

Lakeshore Harmony
January 9th - March 27th

Bach To Basics
January 9th - March 27th

Swing Program
January 11th - March 29th

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Festively named places in Canada:

Christmas Island, Nova Scotia

Gift Lake, Alberta

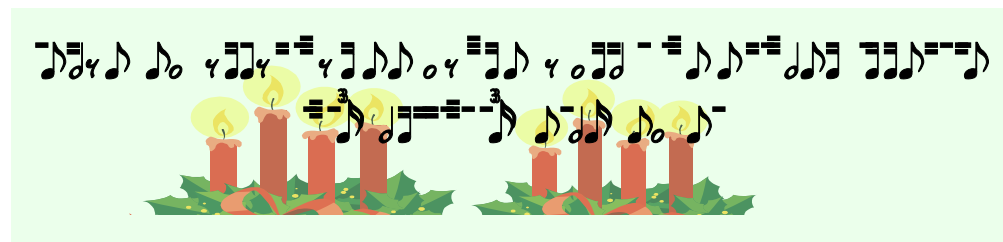
Reindeer Station,
Northwest Territories

Chimney Lake, British Columbia

Sled Lake, Saskatchewan

New Horizons International Music Association

Don't forget to keep up with other New Horizons groups to at
www.newhorizonsmusic.org



Christmas Trivia

1. In 2002 where did the World's Largest Caroling Service take place?
2. What IS in figgy pudding?
3. Which is considered to be the first Christmas carol based on an Aboriginal language?
4. In which country was the first Christmas stamp issued and when?
5. Elvis recorded a sad Christmas song in the 1950's - what colour was his Christmas?
6. In which year was Christmas tree lights were first used, 1932, 1952 or 1882?

- ANSWERS:
1. The world's largest caroling service took place December 20, 2003, as recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records .
 2. Figgy pudding is an English dish similar to bread pudding. Made from figs, bread crumbs, cinnamon, nutmeg, and milk, the pudding is baked, then topped with a scrumptious brandied hard sauce, custard icing, powdered sugar, or whipped cream.
 3. Joy to the World
 4. The first Christmas stamp was released in Canada in 1898.
 5. Blue
 6. Electric tree lights were invented by Edward Johnson in the US in 1882.