



# Lakeshore New Horizons Newsletter

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## Special Events in our Band Concerts

### LAKESHORE WINDS BAND

Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM at  
Trinity United Church, Bowmanville

Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM  
Durham Christian Homes, Whitby  
with the Show Band

### HARMONY LAKESHORE BAND

Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00  
AM at Hillsdale Estates, Oshawa

### CLARINET CHOIR

Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM  
The Seasons, Bowmanville



## From Our Music Director – Lynda Shewchuk

Another successful fall has passed. We're almost prepared for our Christmas concerts. We have a lovely program for both Monday and Wednesday bands. I'm pleased to have a lot of new music.....thanks Bob! It really is so nice to have new arrangements for Christmas.

For the first time the Lakeshore Winds will be teaming up with the Trinity Church Choir to perform a Christmas program at the church on December 5 at 7:00. This is a gorgeous big church with very nice acoustics and it will be a joy to play there. We have five arrangements to perform together with the choir. We're also playing our usual concert at Durham Christian Homes on December 7.

In the Harmony Lakeshore band we have over forty players. The Christmas Concert is at Hillsdale on Wednesday, December 16 at 10:00 am. The performance of this band is a favourite event for the residents here!

The Bach to Basics class is doing very well this year with a few more players than last. The balance in this group is wonderful. We have at least one of most band instruments. This allows us to play band arrangements much more successfully. The class is much farther ahead than most previous groups by this time in the year.

I'm looking forward to the new year when we'll have an opportunity to play more of our new arrangements. Wishing all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

## From LNHB Executive President – Ron Christianson

I would like to welcome our new members we are happy to have you with us. Our goal is to learn in a comfortable atmosphere. I hope our new members are enjoying the band as much as we enjoy having you with us. Thank you Lynda for making this possible.

As we close out another successful year of music I want to say that both bands are getting better and better. A highlight of the year was a performance by the Lakeshore Winds for the PanAm torch relay in June. Soon we will be returning our Christmas music and storing it away for the next year. Although we have played a variety of arrangements over the years we can still look forward to playing those Christmas standards once again. I am really looking forward to playing with the choir at Trinity United Church on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

With the addition of few new members the Show Band is progressing well and will be performing at Durham Christian Homes as part of the Lakeshore Wind Concert. Thank you Elliott for leading this group I know we all enjoy playing some Swing/Dixie standards.

I would like to thank the Executive for their hard work which enables the Band to run so smoothly.

For those of you going south this winter, safe travels and we will see the rest of you back in January. Merry Christmas to All.

*Meet Your Fellow Band Members**Whats better than One French Horn Player? Why Two French Horn Players of Course***Eleanor (Pickard) Colwell**

Eleanor was born, raised and educated in Bowmanville. Following a year at Teacher's College in Peterborough, she taught for 39 years in both elementary and secondary panels in Bowmanville, North York, Oshawa and Port Perry, teaching both English and Special Education. During her teaching career, Eleanor received her B.A. degree from Trent University.

Growing up, Eleanor enjoyed sports: baseball, skating, tennis, badminton, and so on. As an adult she taught swimming and downhill skiing.

Having played the French horn in the Bowmanville High School Band, and taken a few lessons at the Conservatory of Music in Toronto, it was a 'no-brainer' that Eleanor came back to the French horn just four years ago. She finds the demands of the music in the Wednesday band a comfortable level, but challenges herself with the Monday repertoire. It's fun being a part of a horn section, rather than being the sole horn player.

Besides playing an instrument, Eleanor enjoys vocal music as well. Currently she sings alto in the Trinity United Church Senior Choir, and until recently, sang baritone in the Pineridge Chorus Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

Presently, Eleanor is quite involved with Lions Clubs International, being the Immediate Past District Governor of the 52 Clubs in District A-16 in Southern Ontario. This involvement has taken her to conventions and forums in New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Alaska, and various other spots in the U.S. and Canada.

Eleanor married Bruce in 1966 and together they had a son and daughter who have each married and have two children. Eleanor enjoys spending time with her two granddaughters and two grandsons, often at the arena or soccer pitch.

In 1992, when they had both retired, Bruce & Eleanor built a retirement home on their cottage property at Caesarea on Lake Scugog. But that wasn't to last very long. In the fall of 2006 Bruce was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and given 2 - 5 years to live - he passed away in seven months. So Eleanor returned to Bowmanville closer to her family.

If you can even find Eleanor at home, she'll be reading, knitting, crocheting, or shoveling snow.

**Dianne McFeeters****BABY BONUS = RETIREMENT BONUS**

The monthly baby bonus saved by my mother was used to purchase a brand new piano for me when I turned seven. I began lessons and gladly joined in the church and school choirs.

I was born and raised in Oshawa, but not as a French Horn prodigy! In high school I was given the French Horn, because I was the only one in the class who could make a sound. I spent five wonderful years of playing in the school orchestra and bands.

I never picked a French Horn up again until September 2013, 48 years later. On a whimsy, I had signed up for a seniors' program to play a band instrument, which Lynda was giving. The class was cancelled, but she invited me to the Bach to Basic Band. Marlene Broughton generously loaned me her horn. I really look forward to practising with such a talented and encouraging group each week.

John and I met in 1964, and married in 1968.

We both became educators. John was an elementary school principal and I taught mainly primary grades with library, academic resource teacher and Reading Recovery teacher thrown into the mix. As a teacher, I conducted choirs and directed a few mini operettas.

We started our family in 1972, first with our daughter Janice, then our son Allan came along in 1975. I was lucky enough to remain at home when they were young. I started back teaching part time and then full time by 1985.

We purchased a cottage in 1970, which has been the best place in the world for us.

Beginning retirement we welcomed our first grandchild Ben, followed by Ryan, and then Calla. They keep us young and I continue to downhill ski with them.

Traveling has been a dream come true. John and I have visited many places throughout the world. One time we ran away from home on a one way ticket to the Yukon. What an adventure, I also travel with friends. Once, a friend and I cycled the vineyards of France.

I clog dance, read and I love meeting new people and learning. Family and friends, new and old, are very important to us.



The Annual General Meeting was held in September.

Elections took place for the following positions on the Executive:

These members were the incumbents and were re elected to another 2 year term

Vice President - John Fletcher  
Director 2 - Loraine Christianson  
Treasurer - Bob Richardson

### Some Fun Music Facts For You



Originally, the first line to Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" was "I'm sitting by a pool in Beverly Hills dreaming of a White Christmas." A friend suggested to him that he drop the reference to Beverly Hills, and the song went on to become the most commercially successful song ever.

**American composer John Cage (1912–1992) composed a work in 1952 entitled 4' 33", which consists of four minutes and thirty-three seconds of silence.**

Louis Armstrong holds the record of oldest chart topper. Having reached number one in the UK in 1968 with the song 'What A Wonderful World'. He was 67 at the time.

**The song with the longest title is 'I'm a Cranky Old Yank in a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokohama with my Honolulu Mama Doin' Those Beat-o, Beat-o Flat-On-My-Seat-o, Hirohito Blues' written by Hoagy Carmichael in 1943. He later claimed the song title ended with "Yank" and the rest was a joke.**

The longest piano piece of any kind is 'Vexations' by Erik Satie. It consists of a 180-note composition which, on the composer's orders, must be repeated 840 times so that the whole performance is 18 hours 40 minutes. Its first reported public performance in September 1963, in the Pocket Theater, New York City, required a relay team of 10 pianists. The New York Times critic fell asleep at 4 a.m. and the audience dwindled to 6 masochists. At the conclusion, one sado-masochist shouted 'Encore!'

**The longest rendering of a national anthem was 'God Save the King,' performed by a German military band on the platform of Rathenau railway station in Brandenburg, on February 9, 1909. King Edward VII was struggling inside the train to get into his German Field-Marshal uniform, so the band had to play the anthem 17 consecutive times.**

At only four lines long, the Japanese national anthem is the shortest national anthem. The longest is the Greek national anthem at 158 verses long.

**The harmonica is the world's best-selling music instrument.**

Hungarian musician Franz Liszt received so many requests for locks of his hair that he bought a dog and snipped off patches of fur to send to admirers.

**In 1976 Barry Manilow sang a chart topping song named I write the songs. The song wasn't written by him.**

Termites eat wood twice as fast when listening to heavy metal music.

**Havergal Brian's Symphony No. 1, The 'Gothic'. Requires over 800 musicians to perform including 82 string players.**

Monaco's orchestra is bigger than its army.





Dont forget to check out the New Horizons International Web Site, there are lots of interesting articles and information about other New Horizons Groups.  
[newhorizonsmusic.org](http://newhorizonsmusic.org)

### 2016 Winter Session

#### Lakeshore Winds

Mon. January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mon. March 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Lakeshore Harmony

Wed. January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. March 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Bach To Basics

Wed. January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. March 30<sup>th</sup>

Show Band  
TBD

Dont forget our web site

[lakeshorenhbands.org](http://lakeshorenhbands.org)

There you will find our concerts with maps. Photographs and updates the newsletters, buy and sell page and lots more.

Thanks again to Carolynn Rogers our web guru for maintaining the site for us.



*The Lakeshore Band Executive Would Like to Wish  
All Band Members and Families a Very Merry  
Christmas and A Happy New Year*

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One for our Percussion players

