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"Perfection in music is elusive, but excellence is attainable and sustainable."

REMINDERS!

Summer begins on June 1--at least for YCB/WCCB. That will be the first rehearsal of music that will be played during several summer concerts. Rehearsal will be, as usual, at Whitmore Lake High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The first rehearsal following each concert is YCB's traditional time for persons to change seating location and part played, if desired. That tradition will continue with WCCB. On or before June 1, please consult with your section leader about your interests along those lines.

PEP BAND

The YCB/WCCB Pep Band will be performing again for the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run on Sunday, June 6 on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor. Assistant conductor Pat Padilla is in charge and he is looking for players for this event. (The organizers of the Run pay YCB for our participation, so this is not only much fun for everyone involved, but a money-maker for the Band.) Please let Pat know of your willingness to participate and address questions to him. His email address is [<pfunkyfize@yahoo.com>](mailto:pfunkyfize@yahoo.com).

WCC AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

YCB president Joe Burke (note that Joe is president of the Ypsilanti Community Band, not any other musical group) has announced that our performing organization will be known as the "Washtenaw Community Concert Band" as of the beginning of our summer activities on June 1.

There will be a transitional period in which "Ypsilanti Community Band" will appear as the name of the performing group, primarily in publicity materials that have already been sent out and that can't be easily changed. For some while, both names will be used in formats such as "Washtenaw Community Concert Band (formerly known as the Ypsilanti Community Band). . ." and the like.

WCC has provided the services of two graphic arts students to work with YCB leaders to draft designs for letterhead, business cards, banners, and the like--all in a way such that both WCC and YCB are included in the wording and the design elements. Final approval of such design work will involve both the YCB Board and the appropriate office at WCC.

KROGER

Kroger's most recent check to YCB was in the amount of \$325.81. Band members are encouraged to use Kroger cards (for

the benefit of YCB) when shopping and to encourage others to do so as well.

For information about signing up for these Kroger financial benefits to the Band, please contact Walt Hancock, YCB Fund-Raising Chair,
<waltonhancock@comcast.net>.

BRIGHT IDEAS NEEDED

Bright ideas are needed for two activities.

1. On our concert next February, which will have a theme of "women in music," we will use for one number an ensemble consisting of only the women members of the Band. Given that this will be an unusual instrumentation, we need a special arrangement of something that will be "tailor-made" for that instrumentation.

But an arrangement of what? What is some composition, such as something from show music, that is in some way related to "women" (favorably) that would be suitable for arranging into a wind ensemble piece? Send suggestions to Jerry Robbins <jrobbins@emich.edu>.

2. Our band's "vision statement" and "Five Year Plan" call for there to be, at least once each year, an article about the YCB in the *Journal* of the Association of Concert Bands. We're up to date with this.

However, Jerry Robbins has run out of ideas of something to write about that we do that's different/unusual and thus "news-worthy" for a national journal. Suggestions are welcomed--and, indeed, other authors are welcomed. Send ideas to Jerry Robbins at <JRobbins@emich.edu>.

BAND BOARD MEETING

The YCB Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the WCC Community Board Room. Band members are cordially welcome.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT

by Jerry Robbins

There's only space here to say that it was magnificent. Many thanks to Jim Wagner, Pat Padilla, Max Plank, and many others who contributed to making this a wonderful event in the life of the Band.

OUT OF THE COUNTRY

by Jerry Robbins

By the time you read this, I will be on my way to Spain, Andorra, and Portugal for about 10 days. I will not be at the June 1 rehearsal, which will be handled by assistant conductors Jim Wagner, Pat Padilla, and Vince Chrisman, along with registration activities conducted by Personnel Committee Chair Shirley Charbonneau.

Pat Padilla is handling the Pep Band arrangements and performance for the June 6 Dexter-Ann Arbor Run. I expect to return on the afternoon of Monday, June 7, and if the planes are on time, appear, heavily jet-lagged, at the Band Board meeting that night.

I'll see you for rehearsal on June 8. I'll not be reading or responding to email in the meantime, so please direct your questions and comments to someone else--or wait for me to give you a response in the days after June 7.