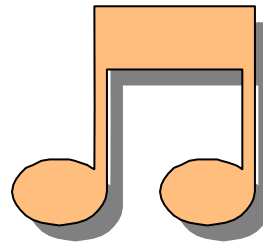


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BAND BOARD MEETING

The YCB Board of Directors is scheduled to hold its regularly monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7 at the Huron Valley Ambulance Headquarters. Band members and the public are cordially invited to attend. A major agenda item will be discussion of the YCB/WCC proposal.

DONORS NEEDED

Donors are needed for sponsorship of the ensemble concert, for the marimba fund, for the Bowman scholarship fund, and for the Bowman music fund. See Walt Hancock, chair of the Fund Raising Committee.

KROGER

YCB will receive \$367.68 from Kroger for the months of August-October. Thanks to band members and patrons for shopping at Kroger--but you (and our friends) need to do more--to keep these funds coming in and in larger amounts!

If you need additional forms to give to Kroger shoppers to get funds flowing to YCB, please contact Walt Hancock.

FACEBOOK, ETC.

If you haven't already invited your friends on Facebook and other social networks to our December 15 concert, please do so in the near future. A copy of the poster should be attached to the same email which brings this newsletter. You should send that to everyone on your email list!

NEAR FUTURE BAND CALENDAR

The Tuesday, December 8 rehearsal will be at Whitmore Lake High School. The big holiday concert is in Pease Auditorium on December 15. Both events are at 7:30 p.m. The next rehearsal for YCB will be on Tuesday, January 5 at Whitmore Lake High School. Be prepared for registration and dues at that time, please, when we will begin intensive preparations for the next concert.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Known birthdays of YCB members for December are:

December 1-- Jan Nelson and Jamie North
December 6-- Alison Cupp
December 17--Dan Aldworth
December 18--Lisa Muenzenberger
December 19--Rebecca Horvath
December 20--James Harwood
December 23--Pat McLain

IN THE COMMUNITY

December 6: The North Oakland Community Band will hold its annual Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon Road, Lake Orion. The band will be joined by the Big Chief Chorus and both groups will present a concert of Christmas favorites.

The concert will conclude with a Christmas Sing-a-long, after which the audience and musicians will share an afterglow with refreshments and traditional carols. Admission to the concert is free, however a good will offering will be accepted. Additional information can be found at www.nocb.org

December 6: Tuba Christmas rehearsal, 9:30 to noon, UM School of Music building; free outdoor performance, 2:00 p.m., State Street at North University, Ann Arbor.

December 6: Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra concert, 3:30 p.m., WCC Towsley Auditorium, \$10.

December 8: Clarinet studio recital, 7:00 p.m., EMU Alexander Music Bldg., Room 101. Jazz and percussion ensembles, 7:30 p.m., EMU Pease Auditorium.

December 10: Saxophone studio recital, EMU Alexander Music Bldg., Room 101.

December 11: Concordia University Music Department Christmas Concert, 7:30, Chapel of the Holy Trinity.

December 12: 45th annual community "Messiah" sing, 2:30 p.m., St. Clare Episcopal Church, A2. Unrehearsed reading/playing of the work. Orchestra members must pre-register for purposes of balance by

contacting Meg Gower at (734) 433-0150 or email <megower@umich.edu>.

December 17: **Eastman Wind Ensemble**, 8:00 p.m., UM Hill Auditorium, Free. Many consider this the best collegiate concert band in the United States, if not in the entire world. Because this Band tends to perform "the latest" compositions for wind band by emerging, talented composers, YCB members are not likely to be familiar with the music to be played, or even to know of most of the composers. However, YCB members can be assured that the music will be performed exceptionally well. A **not-to-be-missed** free opportunity right here in our community.

January 10: 2010 Honors Band concert, 2:00 p.m., EMU Pease Auditorium.

FREE TICKETS!

Ypsilanti's Riverside Arts Center is making free tickets available to YCB members who have never attended a play there! The current play is the comedy *Auntie Mame* and the eligible performances are on December 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. and December 13 at 2 p.m. Limit: four tickets per group.

To obtain your free ticket(s), email Marty Grimes at <martgrimes@aol.com>, identify yourself as with YCB, state that you have never attended a RAC play before, and give the date of performance and number of tickets desired. If tickets are still available, they will be held for you at the Will Call on the date of the performance.

RECRUIT PLAYERS!

YCB needs additional players, especially Bb and alto clarinets. Recruit!