

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



March  
2012

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands  
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## Festivity of Bands



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### ♪ Band Director Fred Lange's Message ♪

The band program is in high gear! Everyone is working hard to prepare wonderful performances.

First we have the **Coconut Grove** on **March 10th**. A lot of students from our program (and students that will be in our program in future years) will be performing some of the finest jazz around. Emerson, Harper, and Holmes jazz programs will be represented, as well as students playing in Celia Cottle's bands. The highlight of the evening will be a performance by our own DHS Jazz Band, and a surprise appearance (don't tell anyone!) by the DHS Jazz Choir. Information about tickets is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another very important event for the **Concert and Symphonic Bands** takes place on Thursday, **March 22nd**, in our own IPAB Theater. I'm talking about the annual **Adjudication Concert**. This is the opportunity for someone outside our circle of friends to come to DHS, listen to the work being done by our students, and evaluate the performances.

The inspiration for this concert came to me a few years ago when I realized that in order to take our two bands to a festival, it would cost us almost \$1,000 for fees and buses. I decided that for a portion of that amount, I could instead hire a noted band authority from this area to come to DHS and work with our students. That way, instead of getting only written comments and some garbled tape recordings, I would be able to have the

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adjudicator work personally with the students – *showing them* how to improve.

The format of the event is as follows... on Wednesday (the day before our concert, during 6th period Symphonic Band), we will play for the adjudicator. He will then have almost an hour to present to the students.

The same thing will happen the next day with the Concert Band during 7<sup>th</sup> period. At the concert that evening, the Concert Band will again repeat their performance from the afternoon. Brief comments will be given, and then there will be an intermission. The Symphonic Band will then perform and he will spend awhile presenting to them.

The **adjudicator** I've invited this year is **Dr. Lester Lehr**, Professor Emeritus from American River College, and former member of the Eastman Wind Ensemble with Frederick Fennell.

And the music? Well, the Concert Band will be performing "Chorale and Shaker Dance II", "The Willows of Winter", and "Dreams and Fancies". The Symphonic Band will perform a brand-new symphony for band based on San Francisco of April, 1906. Donations will gladly be accepted at the door, although no formal admission will be charged.

**Fred Lange, Band Director**

## DHS Band Calendar

### March '12

3/7 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30 p.m.	DHS PA-3
3/10 Sat	An Evening at Coconut Grove	6:30 p.m.	Emerson Jr. High
3/22 Thurs	Concert & Symphonic Bands ~ "Adjudication Concert"	7:30 p.m.	IPAB
3/31 Sat	Jazz Band with Jazz Choir ~ Pre-Trip Potluck Dinner	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Stonegate Country Club, Davis

### April '12

4/1 Sun	Jazz Band ~ Concert with "Capitol Jazz Project"	TBA	IPAB
4/4 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30 p.m.	DHS PA-3
4/10-4/15 Tues-Sun	Jazz Band ~ New Orleans / French Quarter Festival Trip	TBA	New Orleans
4/21 Sat	Pep Band ~ UCD Picnic Day Parade & Parking	TBA	UC Davis
4/22 Sun	Jazz Band / Jazz Combo Concert	7:30 p.m.	IPAB
4/26-4/30 Thurs-Mon	All Bands ~ San Diego Trip	TBA	San Diego

### May '12

5/2 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30 p.m.	DHS PA-3
5/7 Mon	Concert & Symphonic Bands ~ "Senior Concert"	7:30 p.m.	IPAB
5/30 Weds	"Picnic & Pops in the Park" Concert	6:00 p.m.	Central Park

### June '12

6/1 Fri	Jazz Band ~ "Jazz on a Summer's Eve XXII" Concert	7:30 p.m.	IPAB
6/8 Fri	All Bands ~ DHS Graduation	5:45 p.m.	TBA

The full calendar is also conveniently located at [www.DHSBandBoosters.com](http://www.DHSBandBoosters.com)



## ♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Greetings Everyone,

We are quickly approaching a very exciting and busy time of year. Coconut Grove is almost upon us, and is our last major fundraiser of the year. Following that we have our New Orleans French Quarter Jazz Festival trip for the Jazz Band, and then the Spring All-Bands Trip to San Diego. Both trips are looking to be a great time!

As you should know by now, our director of 26 years, Mr. Fred Lange, is retiring at the end of this school year. On February 29th, **Fred Lange was recognized by his peers** at UC Davis and CSUS during the "Festivity of Bands", with our Symphonic Band playing alongside of three university bands. We enjoyed a slideshow of photos from the past, as well as some fun comments by both Robert Halseth and Peter Nowlen. We also announced a new Jazz Band chart that is being commissioned in Fred's honor by one of his favorite composers, Dr. Eric J. Richards, Assistant Professor of Composition/Jazz Studies at University of Nebraska. This new piece will be performed on June 1st at the "Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert", and will be conducted by Dr. Richards himself. You won't want to miss this one!

On **May 7th**, we will have our **Senior Concert** where we recognize our graduating seniors. Directly **following that concert, we will have a reception for Fred Lange**. Please plan on attending this.

Finally, this is the time of year when we start thinking forward to next year and how we are going to help support the band program and all of the students. First off, please make sure that you have VOTED for **Measure C** on the current ballot. **The ballots need to be turned in to the drop-off ballot box at the Davis Main Library by 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 6th.** The DHS Band Boosters officially supports Measure C and sees this as critical to maintaining the high quality music program which we have enjoyed for so many years. **So PLEASE VOTE!!**

As we look forward to **next year, we have some officer positions that are currently opening up, and many committee chair positions that have "graduating" senior parents.** We need more of the sophomore parents to get involved, helping with and learning the key areas that keep the Band Boosters going. After personally serving four years as Vice-President and President, I have a one-year gap between my graduating senior (Jenny) and my current 8th grader (Kyle). According to our By Laws, I cannot be President during that gap. I will be around and helping as much as ever, but we need someone else to step into the role as President. They can choose how much work they want to do, as I will continue to help as much as needed. Much of the next year is already planned out. With a strong team of committee chairs and members, we should have smooth transition, and a good year! This is critical because our Band Director is also transitioning. Measure C will have a significant impact on how this transition is managed. On the following page of this newsletter, you will find a list of the officer and committee positions that we have. **Please seriously consider helping our students by volunteering some of your time and keeping the Band Boosters program running smoothly.** This year Mr. Lange received only \$459 for the entire band music program, which is about \$3 per student (for the whole year!!). There is no way this would work without the support of the Band Boosters. Take a look to see how you can help, and please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks much and I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming concerts.

Cheers,

~JAH

**John Horn, Band Booster President**



**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**YOLO COUNTY**  
**SPECIAL TAX ELECTION - March 06, 2012**

This ballot stub shall be removed and retained by the voter.

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**I HAVE VOTED - HAVE YOU?**

# Band Booster Officers & Chairs

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<u>OTHER POSITIONS</u>		
Pep Band Co-Coordinator		
Picnic Day Parking Coordinator		
Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers		
Coconut Grove Asst Coordinator		

**Many of these positions need volunteers for next year. Please contact John Horn if you are interested in helping out!**

## Band Boosters Meeting Agenda Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Approval of Feb. 2012 Minutes</li> <li>II. Music Director's Report</li> <li>III. Student's Report - Pep Band</li> <li>IV. Treasurer's Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Direct Donations</li> </ul> </li> <li>V. Committee Reports             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Pizza &amp; Yogurt Fundraisers</li> <li>B. Coconut Grove</li> <li>C. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales</li> <li>D. San Diego Spring Trip</li> <li>E. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F. Capitol Jazz Project</li> <li>G. Scrip</li> <li>H. Others?</li> <li>VI. Old Business             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Any?</li> </ul> </li> <li>VII. New Business             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. 2012-13 Calendar</li> <li>B. 2012-13 Officers &amp; Committee Chairs</li> <li>C. Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**March 7**



# MUSIC NOTES



## Coconut Grove

~ An Evening at Coconut Grove ~  
Saturday, March 10, 2012  
Emerson Junior High, Indoor Commons  
2121 Calaveras Ave.



Please join us for an evening of fabulous entertainment by Davis jazz ensembles including the Emerson, Holmes and Harper Jazz Bands, Celia Cottle's Bands (J Street Jazz Cats, Sax by Popular Demand, and Crazy Eights), capped off by our award-winning Davis Senior High School Jazz Band. The Davis High Jazz Choir will also make a special guest appearance. Enjoy the music while you dine on a chicken or vegetarian kebab dinner catered by Dos Coyotes, desserts, and tropical "mocktails". Find exciting items to bid for at the silent auction.

**Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Music begins at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Event ends at approximately 10:00 p.m.**

This fundraiser benefits the entire band program. The money raised helps to defray the cost of this year's San Diego band trip for all of the DHS band students, and the Jazz Band's trip to New Orleans.

The form to order tickets can be found at [www.DHSBandBoosters.com/an-evening-at-coconut-grove](http://www.DHSBandBoosters.com/an-evening-at-coconut-grove). **Questions about reservations?** Contact Helen Kado-Fong at 757-2253 or [samstro@pacbell.net](mailto:samstro@pacbell.net).

**Jeanette Vance, Coconut Grove Volunteer**

## San Diego Trip

**The band trip is just 2 months away!**

The **t-shirt design contest** is being extended to March 6th. Students... please submit some designs for the trip t-shirt!

**Rooming lists** for the hotel and bus lists are coming out next week, so be watching for those. We will be staying in the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay Downtown Hotel, which means every room is a 2-room suite that sleeps six people. There will be just five students per room, however, giving everyone a little more space.

And finally... Coconut Grove, our last big fundraiser to benefit the trip, is coming up on March 10th. Students from all of the bands can participate in this.

If you have any **trip contributions** to still send in, you may send them to the band mailbox (DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617).

**Katie Horn, Band Trip Coordinator**



## Nor Cal Honor Band

Through an audition process, the following DHS Band students were selected to participate in this year's Nor Cal Honor Band:

**Andrew Block, Mackenzie Busch, William Ebeler, Ali Holder, Jenny Horn, Ross Kelly, Seunghyun Kim, Elizabeth Lee, Conor Lee-Smith, Kimia Nader, Kristen Ronning, and Cassie Vance**

The event was held February 2-4 in Chico, California. **Congratulations!**



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Photo by Karen Clementi

**Festivity of Bands @ Mondavi  
February 29, 2012**



Photo by Anula Danilowicz-Drown



Photo by Joyce Hamaguchi



**Folsom Jazz Festival  
January 28, 2012**



Photo by Wes Young

Photo by Janice Yamamoto



Photo by Joyce Hamaguchi

## 🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ February 1, 2012 🎵



- I. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the January 2012 meeting, as published in the February Band Boosters newsletter, were unanimously approved.
- II. Music Director's Report – Approximately 144 junior high and high school students have expressed interest in enrolling in a band class at DHS next school year. Audition requests have to be postmarked 2/3/12. We will have forms posted on our website. Auditions are February 27th - March 3rd. The calendar will be updated to reflect these new audition dates. We will email an announcement to our band students informing them when auditions are for current students. Anyone in currently in Jazz Band or Symphonic Band will NOT have to audition again, unless the instructors feel that particular students need to re-audition to demonstrate their commitment to the group and prove their musical skills. The Festivity of Bands concert at the Mondavi is February 29th. The twelve students participating in NorCal Honor Band, along with Mr. Lange, will be leaving for Chico on 2/2/12. John Horn will inquire with Mr. Lange to see if we need to order more music cords for the graduating seniors. Jazz Band had a great performance at the Folsom Jazz Festival and brought back a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. Thanks to David Cross for organizing the event.
- III. Student Report – Pep Band is playing this evening at a basketball game against Grant. All is going well. Pep Band will play on February 10th and 15th. Students who ordered a band sweatshirt and have not picked them up need to contact Jenny Horn.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – An additional \$3,000 for Direct Donations came in this past month, bringing the total for this drive to over \$16,000. To date, the total donations including concert admissions come to over \$20,000. Sue Ebeler is working on commissioning a special piece of music to acknowledge Mr. Lange on his retirement at the end of the year. Dr. Richards will be creating the piece with Mr. Lange's input. We discussed options for the use of additional funds for this event. If you have input please email Joyce Hamaguchi.
- V. Committee Reports –
  - A. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers – Jill They is waiting to hear back from the owner of Cultive Frozen Yogurt and will pick a date when the weather is warmer. YoloBerry hosted a fundraising event on 1/31/12.
  - B. Direct Donations – see notes above.
  - C. Play-A-Thon Update – The event went well. The weather caused some flooding into the room that added excitement to the evening. Jeannette will ask Lucy if there are any outstanding pledges. Some students had received pledges but have not yet collected them. The school district will be reimbursing us for the inconvenience of the flooding. Jeannette did a fantastic job of upgrading the tone of the event so the students had lots of fun.
  - D. Coconut Grove – The committee has been meeting and things are well underway. We need volunteers to sign up for activities from Friday set-up, throughout the evening of the event serving food and assisting with the auction, making desserts, and clean up. Registration forms have gone out on the listserve and are available on the website. An email about silent auction donations was also distributed.
  - E. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales – Joe Gilman, piano player, has left Capital Jazz Project and the group's drummer is in Europe. The three remaining members are willing to do a clinic and concert with us as previously scheduled. We have considered inviting the Jazz Choir to participate in the evening. Julie Hochman will continue to coordinate this event with the existing members of CJP and renegotiate the fee.
  - F. San Diego Spring Trip – Plans are progressing well. The price of the trip is going down and may be less than it cost three years ago. We have educational tours planned at the San Diego Zoo and Sea World. There are 85 students attending. We are planning a clinic at UC San Diego. Next planning meeting is February 15th.
  - G. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip – John Horn is working out the details on clinics at the University of New Orleans and is planning an exchange with a charter music school. Several performance venues have been lined up, including Artillery Park. Other events include a church concert and lunch, maybe a cemetery tour, a swamp tour, and ghost tour. Katie will confirm the flight times. An announcement about a potluck dinner event to be held on March 31st (before the New Orleans trip), with both the Jazz Choir and Jazz Band families, will go out soon.
  - H. Jazz Choir Cabaret – The Jazz Band is providing pre-concert music on Sunday evening, February 12th from 4:30-5:00p.m. Jazz Band members should be there at 4:00p.m. Julie will send out the announcement to Jazz Band families again. Jody will confirm call times each evening for Jazz Band and Jazz Combo with Mr. Zinn.
- VI. Old Business – none
- VII. New Business –
  - A. John Horn will be inquiring who wants to continue in their Band Boosters leadership positions. His daughter is graduating and we need to make plans for his succession or find ways to have him continue as President while honoring the bylaws. He is open to doing what is best for the group. Please share thoughts with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.



Respectfully submitted,  
**Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary**