

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands
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Picnic Day



Photo by Katie Horn

♪ Band Director Fred Lange's Final Message ♪

One last time...

This is my final column for the DHS Band Booster Newsletter. I can't say that I am looking forward to writing this because this program has meant so much to me and my life. We still do not know what will be happening to the DJUSD music program next year -- no decisions have been made. There are many intangibles that must be considered and, unfortunately, they have kept me in the dark.

I think a great deal of thanks needs to be given to Mr. Clyde Quick for his work with the bands this year. The fact that he shouldered a huge amount of the band chores this year shows that he is serious about assuming this position next year if it is offered to him.

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Enough of this...

In the last newsletter I gave my thanks to the great number of parents who have worked tirelessly to make our program a success. I mentioned only a few of them by name, but for every one of them, there was a score of folks who worked just as hard – so my thanks go out to all of you.

Many have asked what I plan to do in my retirement. Right now I have no real plans, but as I have said before, my wife has played “second trombone” to the needs of the DHS Bands. It is now her turn.

Another question I have been asked is why I spent 40 years of my life teaching music. My answer is somewhat complicated. You see...

MUSIC IS A SCIENCE – A conductor’s score is a chart that indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony, all at the same time.

MUSIC IS MATHEMATICAL – It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions, and this must be done instantaneously.

MUSIC IS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE – Most of the terms are in Italian, German or French. But further, music notation is a language in itself, where complex ideas and emotions are expressed by symbols.

MUSIC IS HISTORY – Music reflects the environment and times of its creation, or even nationality or ethnic identification.

MUSIC IS PHYSICAL – Music requires the coordination of fingers, hands, feet, lips, diaphragm, etc. in the production of sound. This must be done instantaneously as the performer interprets what is on the page.

MUSIC IS ALL OF THESE, BUT MOST OF ALL, MUSIC IS ART – It allows a human to take all of these dry, boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate.

THAT IS WHY I TEACH MUSIC.

Not because I expect each student to major in music; not because I expect them to play their instrument all of their life; not so they can relax and have fun...

BUT,

so they will be human, recognize beauty, be sensitive, be closer to the infinite beyond this world, have something to cling to, to have more love, more compassion, more gentleness... in short, to have more life.

Fred Lange, Band Director



DAVIS SENIOR HIGH BANDS PRESENT

**2012 SENIOR
CONCERT**



**AND
RECEPTION
HONORING
BAND
DIRECTOR
FRED
LANGE
UPON HIS
RETIREMENT**

**CONCERT : MAY 7, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

**BRUNELLE PERFORMING ARTS
THEATER , 315 W. 14TH ST
(DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS)**

**RECEPTION AFTER CONCERT IN
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CENTER**



**PLEASE JOIN US TO SAY THANK YOU TO
FRED LANGE. CONCERT IS PRESENTED
FREE OF CHARGE.**

For questions, contact Joyce Hamaguchi at dhsbttreasurer@gmail.com or (530) 757-6336

The Davis Enterprise

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Retiring band leader puts a coda on his career



Fred Lange, longtime music teacher and band and orchestra leader at Davis High School, reflects on his contributions to school music programs as his retirement nears. Sue Cockrell/Enterprise photo

After many years — including countless concerts, band trips and other events involving thousands of young students — Davis High band leader Fredrick Lange is retiring.

Lange came to town as a UC Davis student in 1966.

“I was a math major, but I found I was spending all my time in the music building,” he recalled. He soon changed majors.

“I was in the first class to use what was then the new UCD Music Building,” he added. Art Woodbury and Larry Austin were in charge of the band then. Lange became the voice of the marching band, and played trumpet with a pep band (The Mavericks). He also arranged music and played with the concert band and orchestra.

The university didn’t offer a specialization in bands, so Lange did his graduate work in musicology, studying with Theodore Karp. Lange received a departmental citation as an outstanding student in 1970, and completed his master’s degree in 1974.

It was during those years that he fell in love with a fellow student named Pat, who became his wife. They were enrolled in the same classes, since she also was studying musicology.

After finishing at UCD, Fred Lange got a part-time job teaching elementary music at Holy Rosary School in Woodland, and added a part-time job at St. James School in Davis. Pat opened a piano studio. Fred taught private trumpet lessons.

In 1976, Lange started teaching at Woodland Christian School, keeping duties at Holy Rosary and St. James. Eventually, Lange went full-time at Woodland Christian.

The passage of Proposition 13 in 1978 dealt a severe blow to music education in the public schools.

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“When Prop. 13 came in, they cut out elementary music,” he recalled. “Margaret Neu and I put together a program through (the city of Davis Department of) Community Services. Students paid \$4 a lesson. We had a little band that met after school. My wife says we taught in the breezeways ... any place we could.

“We did that for about four years. Mark Inouye (now principal trumpet with the San Francisco Symphony) was a student who benefited from those group lessons,” Lange said.

The Langes also were involved with groups like Davis Comic Opera Company. Fred directed several productions and Pat served as the rehearsal pianist. And of course, she almost always attended Fred’s band concerts.

“I think I’ve missed one,” she said with a laugh.)

Then in 1986, David Murphy, then principal at Davis High, offered Lange a job teaching band two periods a day. Lange took the job, while retaining duties in Woodland. His schedule became very full, with some of his Davis High ensembles rehearsing during lunch.

Lange built up the Davis High band program over 26 years, starting with a few dozen students, and with instruments in short supply. There were years when he felt he got little administrative support. Lange believes it is important for the school principal to attend concerts and hear the students play; not all principals have done that.

But the enrollment grew, and now the band program typically attracts 150 to 190 students, and the rehearsal room is well stocked with instruments.

“This could not have happened had it not been for the Band Boosters,” Lange said. “They made it happen.”

Why leave now? Lange mentioned his childhood case of polio as “one of the reasons.” He’s long used a scooter to get around, but at this point “I can’t do as much as I’d like to do.”

There’s also a 40th wedding anniversary celebration coming up in August, which needs to be planned.

But mostly, Lange is proud of the progress he has seen among his students — some of whom have gone on the best music conservatories in the country.

“The sky was the limit. And I shot high. And the kids never let me down,” he said.

“Band — and music — provides something that no other class can match,” Lange said. “Music is a multi-subject thing — it is mathematical, it’s history, it’s physical, it’s an art. It’s that important.

“And band provides a home — there are music students who would not be in school, if not for band. It’s a class they look forward to. The camaraderie. The trips, like this year’s trip to New Orleans. I hope that I’ve touched their lives in some way.”

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DHS Band Calendar

May ‘12

5/7 Mon	Symphonic & Concert Bands ~ “Senior Concert”, and Reception Honoring Mr. Lange & 2012 Seniors	7:30 p.m. 9:30-10:30 p.m.	IPAB Vet’s Mem Center
5/9 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30 p.m.	DHS PA-3
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 calendar is always conveniently located at www.DHSBandBoosters.com

♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Hello Fellow Band Boosters!!

Wow, what an April it has been! This was definitely one for the record books and photo albums.

We took the Jazz Band to New Orleans to the French Quarter Jazz Festival in early April, from Tuesday to Sunday of Spring Break (along with the Jazz Choir). Quite an amazing trip! We played everyday (Washington Artillery Park, Lusher Charter School, University of N.O., Dutch Alley in the French Quarter, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church) giving many people a tremendous musical treat. There was one set of FQJF professional musicians who heard the band and had to investigate. They thought it was a professional adult group and were blown away when they saw it was our high school Jazz Band. We offered to have them sit in with us, but they just said "No, no, we want to hear this!" It was quite a fun and proud moment. We also had various members of our group that participated with some other groups and performed as a small combo on the streets. One such street gig landed the small group a fun gig at a private party, with a command performance the following night at a bigger version of the private party. Pretty cool!! You can't plan those into an itinerary, but it sure adds to the Cajun flavor of the trip! We enjoyed the local food, the local music, and the local wildlife, which was exhibited quite noticeably during our swamp tour and we met Nosee, the 9 foot female alligator that was blind in her right eye and looked hungry! All hands and feet in the boat please! We all made it out of the bayou safely and returned to friendly Davis.

Then, less than two weeks later, we boarded busses and took the Combined Band down to San Diego for the Spring Band trip. This was another awesome time, loaded with fun and continuous activities. We left last Thursday around noon, getting in to San Diego around 11:30 pm. We started off the trip Friday in Sea World, where Katie Ibsen represented Davis High well by correctly answering various animal trivia questions that were given to her and her competitor, Seamore the sea lion. A great clinic with the UCSB Band Director (Bob) provided and excellent opportunity for our students to show the strength of the Davis High School music program. Bob was quite amazed to hear that many of our Seniors and Juniors had conflicts and were not able to make the trip. This was one of the best high school bands that he has heard and had the opportunity to work with. After a tour of the music building, we met up with the UCSD Pep Band (all of which were at UCD's Picnic Day just the week before) and had a fun exchange with them. Their trumpet section (4 guys) were very gracious hosts and serenaded 3 of our front line young ladies. All in all, it was a great time playing songs back and forth with their Pep Band! Saturday was a Pep Band gig at Seaport Village, a Midway concert performance, and a beach/park party with a great bonfire to wrap up the day. Sunday was the San Diego Zoo, a concert performance at Seaport Village, and a farewell dinner/party. And finally, Monday was a visit to Grauman's Chinese Theatre & the Hollywood Walk of Fame, where we saw Scarlett Johansson's star being prepared, had lunch, and made the long drive back home. Another great trip completed!!

And though we've had lots of fun on these trips, the Band Booster officers have also been meeting and talking about next week, next month, and next year. **The only way to continue to provide our kids with the opportunity for great learning, travel, and fun musical experiences, is with the help of parents like you.** It doesn't take much, and every little bit helps to distribute the amount that the entire group needs and wants to do. **So please take a look on the next page at the list of Officer and Committee Chair positions that are still available.** If you are interested and want to get more information on any of the positions, please let me or any of our current Committee Chairs know (all are listed in previous newsletters). We'd be happy to give you a flavor of the fun we have helping the students.

May is going to be another busy month with concerts, end of the year prep, and getting ready to say "Goodbye" to a fantastic music educator and friend. We've been blessed with Mr. Lange's ability and energy for 26 years now, and are constantly amazed at the level of performance of our bands. People know us, or know of us, all around North America... pretty darn impressive! Now we'd like to work to keep this tremendous program alive for our kids. **Join me in thanking Mr. Lange for everything that he has done for so many years. Please plan on attending our May 7th Senior Concert and the reception following at the Veteran's Memorial.**

Cheers,
~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President



2012-13 Band Booster Officers & Chairs

OFFICER POSITION

<u>OFFICER POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	—open—
President Emeritus / Consultant	John Horn
Co-Vice President	Julie Hochman
Co-Vice President	Wes Young
Secretary	—open—
Treasurer	John Ebeler
Assistant Treasurer	—open—

COMMITTEE / CHAIR POSITION

<u>COMMITTEE / CHAIR POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Coconut Grove Coordinator	—open—
Coconut Grove Assistant Coordinator	—open—
Concert Coordinator	—open—
Concert CD / DVD Orders	Michael George
Concert Program Developer	—open—
Concert Refreshment Coordinator	—open—
Direct Donation Drive Coordinator	—open—
Direct Donation Drive Assistant	—open—
Facebook Coordinator	—open—
Jazz Band Coordinator	—open—
Jazz Band Liaison	—open—
Jazz Band Trip Coordinator	—open—
Jazz Combo / Choir Liaison	—open—
Newsletter Editor	—open—
Online Auction Coordinator	—open—
Pep Band Coordinator	—open—
Photographer	—open—
Picnic Day Parking Coordinator	—open—
Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers	—open—
Play-A-Thon Coordinator	—open—
Publicity Coordinator	—open—
Rent-A-Band Coordinator	—open—
Scrip Coordinator	—open—
SignUp Genius Administrator	—open—
Spring Trip Coordinator	—open—
Website & Listserv Coordinator	Wes Young

Please contact John Horn if you are interested in helping out next year!

Band Boosters Meeting Agenda May 9, 2012 Wednesday 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

- I. Approval of April 2012 Minutes
- II. Music Director's Report
- III. Student's Report - Pep Band
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Direct Donations
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip
 - B. San Diego Spring Trip
 - C. Senior Concert Pass-Down
 - D. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales
 - E. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers
 - F. Scrip Update
 - G. Others?
- VI. Old Business
 - A. 2012-13 Calendar & Plans
 - B. 2012-13 Officers & Committee Chairs
 - C. Officer Elections Plan
 - D. Others?
- VII. New Business
 - A. 2012-13 Fundraising New Direction
 - B. Education Code vs. 501(c)3 Non-Profit Law
 - C. Others?

~ MAY 9th ~
**This is our LAST
Band Booster meeting
for 2011/12!**

♪ Pep Band Student Director's Message ♪

Hello all,

It's finally May and the year is wrapping up! The Pep Band sounded great at the Picnic Day Parade and had two awesome performances in San Diego.

I have had a fabulous year working with all of you! Good luck with finals and AP tests, and thank you all for a wonderful year!

Jenny Horn, Pep Band Student Director

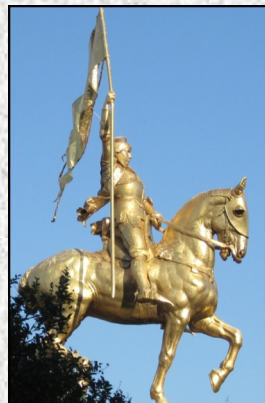




*"Laissez les bons
temps rouler!"*

**Jazz Band Trip
to New Orleans
~ April, 2012 ~**

~ photos by Lauren Boulanger & Tracy Skinner ~



MUSIC NOTES

San Diego Trip



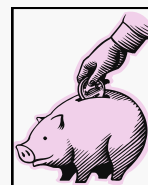
Scrip

The San Diego Band Trip was a huge success! The Combined Band and Pep Band played expertly, and as is typical on these adventures, the audiences were surprised by how professional the groups sounded. On the USS Midway, the performance was piped throughout the ship, and some folks came up from below decks just to see who this group was. The hotel commented on what a wonderful group we had, and that they have never had a high school group that was so well-behaved. We kept the kids quite busy on the trip, but always had a lot of fun. We performed with the UCSD Pep Band after a solid 2-hour music clinic with the UCSD Director. We also had our first ever Pep Band performance on a band trip at Seaport Village, which was very well received. The kids seemed to really enjoy the band beach BBQ event, with the campfire, iridescent glow worms, glow-in-the-dark Frisbee, and other games. And of course, SeaWorld and the San Diego Zoo were a hit as well. Many new friendships were formed and everyone in the group seemed to get along very well. Musically, socially, and educationally, the trip was an all around success!

Katie Horn, Band Trip Coordinator

Many thanks once again to all of you who are using Scrip! You are truly making a difference. For those of you with graduating Seniors, please continue to use Scrip and to keep up your enrollment over the years in the Scrip programs. What a wonderful - and truly effortless! - way to continue to support the amazing Band Program at DHS! Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 530-304-2577 or lynnerumery@gmail.com.

With best wishes for a lovely summer,
Lynne Rumery, Scrip Coordinator



Honoring Fred Lange's Retirement

The annual **Davis High School Bands' Senior Concert**, which traditionally **honors the accomplishments of graduating seniors**, will have special meaning this year ~ as it **will also include a celebration of the distinguished career of Director Fredrick Lange, and will be his last concert as conductor of the Symphonic Band.**

The concert will be on **Monday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Brunelle Performing Arts Theater, on the Davis High School campus. The Symphonic Band will perform several numbers, followed by the full Combined Band, which includes members of the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. The **concert will be followed by a reception in the adjacent Veteran's Memorial Center, in honor of Band Director Fred Lange**, who is retiring at the end of this school year after many years at the helm of the award-winning band program at the high school.

The concert and reception are offered free of charge. The public is invited to enjoy the music of the bands, and to say thank you to Mr. Lange for his many contributions to music education at the high school, as well as in the elementary music program.

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Mr. Lange's final concert at Davis High School, "Jazz On A Summer's Eve", will be coming up on Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brunelle Performing Arts Theater. On that evening, the Jazz Band performance will include an original piece of music commissioned by the DHS Band Boosters for this occasion by composer/arranger Eric Richards of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln School of Music. Mr. Richards will perform with the Jazz Band, with Fred Lange at the podium at the concert.

Please help us to publicize the May 7th Senior Concert and Reception by printing the poster on page 3 of the newsletter and sharing it with others at your place of business or other places that you frequent!

Jeanette Natzle, Publicity Chair



~ photos by Robin DeRieux ~

All Bands Trip
to San Diego
~ April, 2012 ~



🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ April 4, 2012 🎵



- I. Approval of Minutes – The March 2012 minutes, as published in the April Band Boosters newsletter, were unanimously approved.
- II. Music Director's Report – Mr. Lange said the Jazz Band gave an excellent performance at Coconut Grove and the Capital Jazz Project concert. It would have been nice to have more of an audience at the CJP event. The adjudicated concert was wonderful. The piece was stunning, especially with the special effects of the humming crystal glasses. Mr. Quick said it was a very positive experience for the bands to work with Mr. Lehr at the concert. There are lots of events coming up in April and May.
- III. Student Report – Students have completed waivers to participate in the Picnic Day parade. The lacrosse community loved having the band perform at their break-the-record game. The softball team would like to have the band play at their last home game. Sheila Allen will get dates to Jenny Horn and will talk with the coach about this possibility.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Hamaguchi provided a mid-year financial report. Details are available upon request at dhsbbtreasurer@gmail.com. Clint Neagley's family and friends have donated a total of \$1,410 in his name. We voted to reallocate funds from general fund to other specific funds. Proposed transferring from the general fund to music fund \$6,000, student travel \$1,700, San Diego \$4,000, and New Orleans \$3,750. A motion to transfer these monies from the general fund as proposed was made and seconded. It was unanimously approved.
- V. Committee Reports –
 - A. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers – nothing to report.
 - B. Senior Concert – Music cords for seniors at graduation are stored in the band room office. John Horn will research ordering more, if needed. At the concert on Monday, May 7th, parents of current sophomore and juniors are needed to sit at the admissions desk to collect donations. This will be a free concert. Joyce H. will inquire with Peggy if she is willing to do flowers for seniors this year. We should recruit a sophomore parent to do that with her.
 - C. CD/DVD Sales – nothing to report.
 - D. San Diego Spring Trip – The trip is all organized and it will be great. Mr. Lange says the school district requires the Directors to be the only persons to view and hold the medical forms and medicines on the trip. Mr. Lange and Mr. Quick want all meds be in a labeled ziplock bag and in their original prescription bottle along with a 3x5 card with student's name. These are to be submitted to the Band Director on the day of departure. Parents have already been in San Diego scouting out sites.
 - E. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip – Final preparations are being arranged. The drum equipment, keyboard, and other pieces will be shipped ahead. We need people to come to DHS to help transport items to the airport at 12:30p.m. on Thursday 4/5/12. Mr. Lange will be collecting medications from Jazz Band students at 11a.m. on Tuesday before departing for New Orleans. See notes above under San Diego Trip for details.
 - F. Jazz Combo Concert – This event has been cancelled this year.
- VI. Old Business –
 - A. Calendar – The 2012-2013 calendar has been created with a few final details to be confirmed. The football schedule is still coming to us. The lacrosse team would like to have the Pep Band on a more regular basis next school year. Catherine Miller will keep us informed on dates
 - B. Officers/Committee Chairs - John hasn't had the time to devote to this while preparing for New Orleans trip. He will be working on it next week. He will be sending out an email announcing which positions we need filled.
- VII. New Business –
 - A. New Amplifier – We have acquired a new bass amplifier with a case.
 - B. Year-End Events – Events related to Mr. Lange's retirement were discussed.
 - C. Replacement of DHS Band Director – The DHS Principal will attend the next Band Booster meeting on May 2nd to receive our input on hiring a new Director. John updated us on his discussions with DJUSD administration on the hiring process.
 - D. Proposed Scholarship – We discussed the idea of offering music scholarships to honor Lange. Julie Hochman shared proposed guidelines for selection. Julie would appreciate any thoughts emailed to her.
 - E. Band Auditions – The new Director will need to receive support on conducting band auditions. Additionally, students in other high school music groups need to be notified of auditions in a timely manner.
 - F. Year-End Expenses – We reviewed the expenses associated with the year-end events honoring Mr. Lange's retirement. Director's student awards \$750, Fred's retirement budget \$5,700 (grant received \$2,200, \$3,500 from Fred Fund; minus (-) Eric Richards composition & clinics \$3,500, gift \$784, reception \$600, scholarship \$1,000) brings general fund down to \$13,395. John Horn will contact Sheri Wall about her interest in participating at the reception.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

