



The FANFARE



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Spring Concerts & Awards Banquet Coming Soon!!!

Mark your calendars if you haven't already --the spring jazz band concert will be held May 14, at 6:30 in the Black Box Theater. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The concert and symphonic band will hold their spring concert on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 in the Black Box Theater. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Band Booster membership card holders are free.

Bands and Color Guard Awards Banquet

On Friday, May 4, the Pitman Bands and Color Guard will hold their First Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner at the War Memorial building on East Canal Drive in Turlock. Band and Color Guard students will be admitted to the dinner and banquet for free, but all other guests will be charged \$10 per presale ticket to offset the cost of the dinner and awards. You will be charged \$25 per ticket at the door the night of the banquet, so we strongly suggest that you purchase your tickets in advance to help with planning. Tri-tip, baked potato, salads, coffee, punch and dessert will be served for the meal, and Mr. Modesto will be handing out several band and color guard awards. In addition, the Band Boosters will announce the winners of senior scholarships that same evening. It should be a very enjoyable evening, so please plan on attending to show your support!

Band Scholarships Available

Seniors – Band scholarships are available! Complete the short application by April 29th and turn it in to Mr. Modesto for consideration by the Band Booster Scholarship Committee.

Mandatory Band Booster Meeting

Please, please, please, unless you absolutely cannot attend, we need you to come and vote at our general election and spring board meeting on May 17, 7:00 PM in the band room. At least 20 percent of the official

booster families need to be represented (by voting) in order to make this election official. The non-profit status of our group depends upon our organization doing business according to the by-laws. This election is an important part of the process. So please, come and at least vote! This will be our first item of business and you are welcome to leave if you need to once you've voted.

Attention Seniors!

If you can donate your old marching shoes, dresses, and tuxedos back to the band after our spring concerts, please do so. These items can be used for those that cannot afford to purchase them next year. Thank you!!!

Attention Students!

Please pay any outstanding bill you may have for uniforms, shoes, tickets, etc. Outstanding money/tickets owed will be put on the school fines list. Anyone on it is unable to receive their yearbook, report card, attend school functions, or get their diploma. Please see Mr. Modesto to find out if you have anything outstanding and get them cleared as soon as possible!

Graduation 2007

The Symphonic and Concert Band will be performing at Pitman's graduation ceremonies on June 1, 2007. The ceremony will be held at Pitman High School and is a MANDATORY performance for all band students. Mr. Modesto will give the band more details in the coming weeks.

Silver Lake Band Camp

There is still room at Silver Lake Band Camp. Each year, campers come from all over to attend this wonderful camp. Many Pitman students have attended in the past and have really had a blast! You can find out more information and the application form at www.silverlakebandcamp.com.

Tentative Band Camp Dates

The tentative dates for band camp for the 2007-2008 school year will be August 6-10. Please mark your calendar and make sure you set this week aside as it is MANDATORY for everyone to attend!

Outback Steakhouse Fund Raiser -- Success!!!

By Debbie Van Pembroke

The PHS music department and the PHS band booster organization have a tremendous amount of support both in the larger community and within the band family. Many individuals, businesses and organizations pitched in to help make this fund raising effort a success. The band alone cleared just over \$4,500 and the orchestra cleared an additional \$800. All-in-all, it was a great event and lots of fun!

For everyone who made this happen – thank you. It was truly a team effort on the part of many people. We are grateful to each of you:

Outback Steakhouse donated the equivalent of \$10,260 over and above what we paid them for the meal for food, cooks and wait staff used during our sit-down and take-out dinners.

Starbucks Coffee donated 200 servings of coffee, cups and fixings for the dinner and bags of coffee beans for the raffle.

The First United Methodist Church donated the hall, dishes, silverware and some miscellaneous items free of charge.

Jeff Faria washed dishes for several hours after the meal was over.

Norman and Helen Clark generously allowed us to borrow their darling western decorations and to Helen who even helped us decorate the day of the dinner.

Rachel Day allowed us to borrow her extensive toy horse collection to decorate the tables.

Save-Mart Grocers provided the band a place to sell tickets during the two weekends prior to the sit-down dinner. The staff there is wonderful!

Modesto Bee provided free advertising of the dinner.

Cash donations for our fund raising effort:

Foster Farms -- \$400 cash donation.

Doctors Medical Center -- \$250 cash donation.

Jack and Cathy Doo -- \$100 cash donation.

JKB Homes -- \$240 cash donation.

Shop Hazards, Inc. -- \$250 cash donation.

Check Into Cash -- \$40 cash donation.

Thanks to Debbie and Dylan Olson, Michele West, Mark Heald, Jack and Cathy Doo, Steve and Shelley Meier, and Debbie Van Pembroke for helping coordinate the above cash donations.

Many band and orchestra parents and community supporters donated items for the raffle:

Jon Michael Terry Photography

Mariposa Winery

Scott Renshaw

Rita Holt

Pastor Dave

Stevinson Ranch Golf Club

Carlo Rossi Winery

MiCasa Fine Mexican Cuisine

Red Robin

Chili's Grill and Bar

Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill

Reflection's Car Wash

Denny's

Angelica Grishaw

Alan and Kelley Day

Dave and Charlene Perry

Ruth and Jon Terry

Roxanne Robbin

Jack and Cathy Doo

Linda Squires

Mark Heald

Gloria Ramirez

Evonne Kwok

Art and Penny Godwin

Ted and Debbie Van Pembroke

Ruth Terry attended all the planning meetings; coordinated with the Methodist Church to allow us to use their space and dishware; helped with ticket distribution; sold tickets, both donated raffle items and helped prepare the baskets; sold raffle tickets; transported items to the church the day of the event; helped set-up and clean up; ran emergency errands; washed dishes; coordinated the kitchen clean-up after the event; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Kelley Day attended all the planning meetings; created and printed all tickets; sold tickets; coordinated donation of all decorations for the event; donated raffle items; sold raffle tickets; printed the "thank-you" placemats; transported items to the church the day of the event; helped set-up and clean up; picked up the coffee from Starbucks before the event; ran emergency errands; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Jon Terry photographed this event so beautifully and created a DVD to document the event for posterity.

Roxanne Robbin attended all the planning meetings; sold tickets; donated raffle items and spent hours helping create the baskets; made phone calls to parents and students about ticket sales; organized creation of signage for the event using a graphic artist; ran emergency errands; helped run the raffle; helped clean up; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Cathy Doo helped us despite a grueling commute to Fresno every day. She formulated the original idea to use a restaurant for this fund raiser; donated raffle items and enough cellophane and ribbon to wrap all the raffle baskets; sold tickets; came to planning meetings; and had numerous ideas that we used to help maximize the profit from this fund-raiser.

Ted Van Pembroke attended all the planning meetings; worked with and coordinated the efforts of the fund raising team and Outback to make sure the dinner was set to run smoothly; coordinated the kitchen and meal service the night of the dinner; assisted with the funds and ticket accounting; donated raffle items and spent hours helping prepare the baskets; transported items to the church the day of the event; helped set-up and clean up; ran emergency errands; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Sharon Winkler coordinated ticket sales and tracking for the orchestra; sold tickets; helped set-up, decorate and clean up; ran emergency errands; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Suzanne Weiser helped "The Posse" (the student servers) during the sit-down dinner; sold raffle tickets and helped clean-up after the dinner.

Allison Cox solicited donations from businesses and restaurants for the raffle; helped set-up and clean up; ran emergency errands; and did numerous other tasks to make this event successful.

Debbie Espinoza, our webmaster, helped us advertise this event on the website.

"The Posse" all "took the oath" and helped set up, serve and clean-up after the dinner.

The Jazz Band and String Quartet performed fabulously at the dinner.

Ruben Modesto pushed ticket sales and prepared the jazz band for a wonderful performance.

Don Grishaw pushed ticket sales and prepared the string quartet for a great performance.

Gloria Ramirez, Linda Squires and Kathy Schwarberg donated consumable items and use of equipment (coffee urns, beverage containers, ice chests and the like) to help us at the dinner.

Band, Guard and Orchestra Students and Parents sold tickets.

Penny Godwin and Elaine Hildebrand each worked a morning at Save-mart to supervise ticket sales.

Debbie Van Pembroke coordinated the efforts of all.

Anyone I overlooked in this list. Please know that your contribution was valued even if I managed not to get you on this list.



Donors of Note

A **Big Pitman Pride**

Thank You

goes to:

Squires Custom Framing for their donation of **\$100.**

Thank you so very much. Your financial backing is the energy that runs our organization and keeps the band going strong.

Band Booster Elections Coming Up!

Would you like to work with a group of parents, students and teachers with an interest in furthering music activities and education at Pitman High School? Would you like to use your leadership skills to help the Pitman Band and Guard be successful next year? If you are interested in being nominated for President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Mark Winkler at MARKWINMD@aol.com; Penny Godwin at godwins4@charter.net; or Debbie Van Pembroke at dburch@earthlink.net right away. Elections for upcoming officers will be completed very soon.

The Boosters need your ideas and abilities – come be a vital part of the organization!

A Big THANK YOU to our Giants Game Volunteers!

- **April 3, 2007:** Shelley and Steve Meier, Linda Squires, Penny Godwin & Cathy Doo.
We made \$1,200 working this season opener game in addition to \$285 in tips!!! Good job!
- **April 7, 2007:** Penny & Art Godwin, Sam & Pauline Graham, Cathy Doo, and Maranita Zare.

We will start recruiting for our June games soon. Call Penny Godwin 634-9606 if you are interested in working a Giant's homestand game. We would like for each family to contribute their time to work at least one game per season for each child in the band.

A big thank you goes out to Gloria Ramirez who has been getting our marching uniforms to and from the cleaners. This, as you might imagine is no small task, but she has been doing it almost single-handedly. Also, we would like to thank Charlene Perry for her efforts in sorting through the returned, newly cleaned uniforms, and matching them back up on the racks. We really appreciate all of the time and energy both of you have given to the band!!!

Drum Roll Please....

Congratulations are in order! A round of applause, please for:

- **Color Guard.....**
 - Won 4th place In Antioch with a 69.5 score!
 - Competed in Pleasanton, but we have not yet received word of the score.
- **Drum Line.....**
 - Won 5th place In Antioch with a 68.9 score!
 - Won 2nd place with a 72.15 score in Livermore
 - Competed in Pleasanton, but we have not yet received word of the score.
- **Drum Major, Joe Perry.....**
 - Won Championship drum major for military drum majors, and L pattern In San Mateo for NCBA. He also took second place in the Master's division.
 - Won third place in the Majors division and second place in the Masters division at the Fairfield Drum Major L pattern competition.
 - Competed in Vallejo (awaiting score and results).
 - Won first place in Military drum majors, L pattern, and Masters in Livermore.
 - Scored a superior on his CMEA solo at CSU Stanislaus.
 - Check out <http://www.onlinedrummajor.com/infocenter.html> drum major salutes and watch a video of Joe's salute.

Great going, everyone!

Who Can Help?

The boosters need someone to take over the database fund raising project. The person who takes over this project will need:

- To have a computer and the Microsoft Access database program either already installed or the willingness and space to install it;
- Either knowledge of managing a fund raising database or the willingness to learn;
- About 40 or so hours of time during the summer to prepare and mail a database solicitation mailing to the database before the beginning of the school year;
- Time to follow-up, enter information into the database after receipt of income, update names and addresses if mail is returned, and to prepare and mail thank you letters to donors;
- Track and report income;
- Coordinate of donor information for insert into concert programs (if this is a provided as a perk of being a donor during the 2007-08 school year).

Training will be provided to the new volunteer. Please contact Debbie Van Pembroke at 209-669-8068 or dburch@earthlink.net. This position will be vacant as of June 1, 2007. Thank you!

FYI...

Ashley Falzone, a graduate of Turlock High 2 years ago who is attending Cornell University, is seriously ill and is in ICU. Her parents are Toby and Barbara Falzone, who some of you may know. Please send your good thoughts and get well wishes to them. The family has been very active with the band programs at Turlock Junior High and Turlock High School for many years.

2007 Pitman High School Band and Guard Schedule			
Revised 4/14/07			
Date	Event/Activity	Place	Time
APRIL 2007			
April 6-15	Spring break		
April 19 (Thursday)	Band Booster Meeting	Band Room, Pitman	7:00 PM
April 20 (Friday)	NCBA Band Festival	CSU Stanislaus	Concert band performs at 10:30 and symphonic band is at 1:30 (bands may switch times if we have too many conflict with sports)
April 28 (Saturday)	CMEA Band Festival	Weston Ranch	TBA – but approximately noon to 7:00 PM. More to come...
MAY 2007			
May 4 (Friday)	Senior Awards Banquet	TBA	TBA
May 5 (Saturday)	CMEA Jazz Festival	CSU Stanislaus	TBA
May 14 (Monday)	Spring Jazz Concert	PHS	6:30 PM
May 21 (Monday)	Spring Band Concert	PHS	6:30 PM
May 17 (Thursday)	Band Booster Meeting	Band Room, Pitman	7:00 PM
JUNE 2007			
June 1 (Friday)	Graduation	PHS	TBA
June 21 (Thursday)	Band Booster Meeting	Band Room, Pitman	7:00 PM
AUGUST 20	SCHOOL STARTS!!		