



# Kirby Band Notes

July, 2021

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kirby Band family,

What a year we have had, not so much with busyness, but not knowing what to do. Now that New York is “opening up” our schedules are becoming more back to normal with rehearsals, parades and concerts. Our schedule almost looks like it did in 2019!

I would like to say “thank you” to all the board members for helping me to learn this “job.” The band has a great group of people leading this group! Thank you to Amanda for her great leadership and knowledge of music to help us to be our best. Most of all, thank you to each of you for being willing to have rehearsals outside. It has been more work, but the rewards have been wonderful. Thank you for being willing to adjust so others feel welcome and comfortable in a group. Thank you for your love of music and your dedication to Kirby!

We have some busy weeks ahead and I for one, am looking forward to making the best music that we can for our enjoyment and for the enjoyment of our audience.

Take care and see you soon.

Deb

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I want to start off my quick message to you with a Jim Halton quote: “I love Kirby Band!” I picture Jim every time I say or think this. We have a pretty amazing group, and I’m so thankful for each one of you. The fine arts world has been hit pretty hard due to the pandemic. It caused us to not have rehearsals in the fall, winter and a good chunk of the spring. When we were able to start rehearsals in May, you all came excited to get back to making music.

While we have a few members who haven’t been able to return (and you’re missed dearly), our group has grown this year! We have several members who checked out the group last summer and are back for this season. We have some brand new members, and we even have some returning from taking a few years break from the group!

We have a busy summer season ahead of us! I hope you’re all as excited about it as I am! Thank you all so much for your time, dedication, enthusiasm and your friendship! I love Kirby Band!

Amanda

## **NEW MEMBER NOTES**

Please welcome the following new and returning Kirby Band members:

Don Ross saxophone Milan, PA  
Seth Gorsline trumpet  
Debbie Russell flute N. Orwell, PA  
Danny Teeter trombone Sayre High School, Sayre  
Nancy Bendinsky French horn, Wyalusing

Also we are pleased to have Siara Tompkins, trumpet, Vicki Shipman, flute, and Jules Shay, trumpet, playing with us this summer on their break from college.

Welcome one and all!

## **THIS 'N THAT**

Congratulations to Sandy Carlin and Dana Terrill on their wedding! Congratulations and best wishes!

Congratulations to Grant Smith on his graduation from Sayre High School! Grant will be attending Millersville University in the fall.

Congratulations to Kalei and her husband on the birth of their daughter Allisyn Elizabeth Van Riper. Baby Allisyn was born on June 16 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. The proud new Grandmother is Sandy Ridley!

The Kirby Band extends sympathy to Don Ross on the loss of his father.

Congratulations to Donna Smith, who recently won Best Front Porch in Athens!

If you have anything for the next Kirby Band Notes, please send your article or idea to Sherry Spencer, [jspencer1@stny.rr.com](mailto:jspencer1@stny.rr.com).

## **PLAY AWAY**

There are several opportunities to play with other groups this fall. One is the Liberty Classic Community Band scheduled for the weekend of October 8-10 at the Hotel Genetti in Williamsport, PA. Col. Arnald Gabriel, 96 years young, is again going to direct. He has been exercising so that he is in shape for conducting. The check in time for the weekend is 4:30PM- 6PM on Friday evening. The band rehearses Friday evening, Saturday, and plays a concert on Sunday afternoon. The size of the band has been capped at 100.

If you are interested in attending this fun event, contact Judy Shellenbarger, [judyshell@aol.com](mailto:judyshell@aol.com) ASAP. More information is available on the Repasz Band website [www.RepaszBand.org](http://www.RepaszBand.org).

The 32nd annual Mid-Penn Band Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11th, 2021 at Central Oak Heights in West Milton. Registration is at 3:30, and rehearsal is from 4:00pm-5:30pm. A dinner is provided to band members after, and our concert begins at 7:00pm.

The festival is a little later than usual due to the pandemic and COH opening later in the year. However, our concert date, 20 years after 9/11, will afford us the opportunity to focus on an inspiring patriotic program.

If you don't know what Mid-Penn is, it's a band festival started by the former director of the Sunbury City Band, Russel Williams, as a way to bring members of several local community bands together. However, anyone is welcome to participate- you do not need to be a member of a community band! We normally field an ensemble of around 100 members. It's a great time and a fun experience.

Please register at the link below, and pass the word on to your friends! Hope to see you there.

[Registration for the 2021 Mid-Penn Band Festival](#)

For those who like to plan ahead, the Assoc. for Concert Bands will hold its annual conference May 3 - 8, 2022, in Santa Fe, NM. Captain Christina Muncey from the US Air Force Band, Washington, DC, will be conducting the Convention Band. For more information visit the website at [www.acb2022.org](http://www.acb2022.org).

# SCHEDULE

S	<b>Monday July 19</b>	<b>Concert - Outside</b>	<b><u>Sayre Healthcare Center</u> <u>Left off Lamoka Rd.</u> <u>Across river from old K-Mart off Rt.</u> <u>220</u></b>	<b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>
S	<b>Monday August 2</b>	<b>Concert</b>	<b><u>Kirby Park</u> <u>Nichols, NY</u></b>	<b>7:00-8:00 PM No Intermission</b>
S	<b>Saturday August 7</b>	<b>New Date - Parade</b>	<b>Spencer Picnic Spencer, NY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
S	<b>Monday August 9</b>	<b>Concert</b>	<b><u>Kirby Park</u> <u>Nichols, NY</u></b>	<b>7:00-8:00 PM No Intermission</b>
S	<b>Monday August 16</b>	<b>Concert</b>	<b><u>Kirby Park</u> <u>Nichols, NY</u></b>	<b>7:00-8:00 PM No Intermission</b>
S	<b>Wednesday August 18</b>	<b>Concert - Rescheduled from June 30</b>	<b>Hickories Park Owego, NY</b>	<b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b>
S	<b>Monday August 23</b>	<b>Concert - This concert will be presented by Ain't Misbehavin'</b>	<b><u>Kirby Park</u> <u>Nichols, NY</u></b>	<b>7:00-8:00 PM No Intermission</b>
S	<b>Wednesday August 25</b>	<b>Concert</b>	<b>Howard Elmer Park Sayre, PA</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:30 PM</b>
S	<b>Monday September 6</b>	<b>Parade Only</b>	<b>Labor Day parade Nichols, NY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>