



# *Kirby Band Notes*

September 2022

## **From the President**

What a year we have had, good and bad. Losing Mike was definitely the hardest issue for us to deal with. He always had a smile and a kind word. Having to restrict everything we did was a challenge from rehearsing to concerts and parades. Our numbers are down but we are still carrying on.

I am grateful to have Dennis and Renee join us and to have had the high school and college students also. I am also grateful to have so many dedicated members that show their love of music and the Kirby Band.

It has been wonderful to see the people attending the parades and how much they enjoyed our playing; it really does make it worthwhile.

Playing "in the round" was fun and it kept us playing which was good for my spirit and my lips.

There will be changes this coming year, but I am sure the changes will be good.

Thank you for all your support in my few years as president. You are a great group, and I do think of you all as my Kirby Family.

Deb

## **From the Director**

It's my favorite time of year... concert season! The setup and teardown in the heat I could live without but being able to share our musical gifts with the community makes it worth it. Music puts a smile on the faces of both the audience and the performers. Music can turn a rough day into a much better day.

Welcome to our new members and welcome back the members who have returned after taking some time off! Good luck and best wishes to the several students who are leaving for college. We hope to see you all again over semester breaks.

Our group may be slightly smaller than we've had in the past, but our sound is big, beautiful, and expressive. There's been songs that we've rehearsed that have given me goosebumps. I can guarantee it wasn't due to the temperature. We all make beautiful music together. Thank you all for your dedication, enthusiasm, and musicianship this season. I can't wait to share everything we've been working on.

I love Kirby Band!

Amanda

## Annual Meeting

The Kirby Band Annual Meeting will be held on September 12 at 6PM at Kirby Park in Nichols. A picnic style catered meal will be provided. The meal is for a Kirby Band member plus one guest. The deadline for reservations is September 7. Please contact Janine, Sandy R., or Deb to make your reservations.

## Play Away

The Eleventh Liberty Classic Band Festival will be held October 7 – 9, 2022, in Williamsport. Although the registration has closed, there will be a concert on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM at the Community Arts Center. The conductor for the Liberty Classic is Col. Arnald Gabriel.

Col. Gabriel is said to have been exercising his arms so that they will be strong for conducting. If you cannot attend this year, Williamsport is not that far away so you could go down for the concert. You can always put this on your “to do” list for next year! More information about the Liberty Classic can be found at [www.repaszband.org](http://www.repaszband.org).

## This ‘n That

Welcome to Renee Thomas, saxophone, from Barton. We are glad to have you playing with us!

Welcome to Dennis Cole, drummer, from Johnson City. We are glad to have you playing with us!

Congratulations to Danny Teeter, who graduated from Athens High School. Danny will be attending Mansfield University this fall.

Congratulations to Vicki Shipman, who graduated from Mansfield University, with a major in Psychology.

Don't put your instruments away because we have a few parades coming up! Plus rehearsals will resume on September 19 at 6:30PM.

## Calendar

|              |                        |                | Time   | Report Time |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|--------|-------------|
| September 5  | Labor Day parade       | Nichols        | 10 AM  | 9AM         |
| September 12 | Annual Meeting/ Picnic | Kirby Park     | 6 PM   |             |
| September 19 | Fall Rehearsals begin  | Rehearsal Hall | 6:30PM |             |