



# Kirby Band Notes

August, 2019

## Notes From The President

We're winding down another busy summer with Kirby Band. We have had lots of concerts and parades, and once again the band sounds great this year, thanks to everyone's hard work. Thanks go particularly to Don and Amanda for keeping us in line and making us better each week. I would also like to thank all of our student musicians. It's great to have your involvement even though I know you all are very busy with school activities.

As I'm writing this, we still have a Monday night concert as well as the "Ain't Misbehavin'" concert in Nichols on Wednesday, August 28. Also, the Nichols Old Home parade and concert are on depending on the condition of Kirby Park. Sandy Ridley has heard that the work on Kirby Park will be completed by Labor Day! We are also getting requests from all over the area for the band to play. We have a great reputation for high quality as well as putting on an entertaining show.

Thanks for all your hard work!  
Jon

## THIS 'N THAT

Our 2019 season started early this year when we played at an Enforcers hockey game in Elmira in late March. This was our first time to play at a hockey game. It was a little different, and of course, fun!

We have had many parades and concerts from Memorial Day and throughout the summer months. We appreciate the Nichols United Methodist Church providing a location for our August concerts while Kirby Park was being renovated. As of now, we are planning to play in the Nichols Old Home Day parade on Labor Day in Nichols. Following the parade, we will play a concert in the renovated Kirby Park.

Thanks to Kathy Rote's daughter, Sarah Rote, and Dave Barton's granddaughter, Evie, for joining us this summer. Also thanks to Sandy Ridley's daughter, Kaelie, for joining us during the summer.

Again thank you to those who help in so many ways as the Kirby Band sets up and takes down for parades and concerts! Whether you set up and take down chairs or stands, your help is appreciated!

Mark your calendar now for our annual Kirby Band Annual Dinner meeting at Donoli's in Apalachin on

Saturday, September 21. More information will be coming in your September newsletter!

Best wishes to trumpet player Matt Magelssen of Waverly who moved back to Oklahoma during the winter. Congratulations to Siara Tompkins, who graduated from Waverly High School in June. Siara will be attending SUNY Polytechnic in Utica, NY. She plans to become a civil engineer.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new Kirby Band members who have joined Kirby Band since last September.

The Smith Family: Joel, saxophone, Sayre; Grant, baritone, Sayre; Lily, saxophone, Sayre.

Dana Terrill, trombone, Newark Valley. Dana also plays with the Maine Band.

Ella Chilson, trombone, Sayre.

Jacob Twigg, flute, Sayre.

Please welcome back these band members: Jim Sweitzer, trombone, Owego; Don Ross, saxophone, Milan, PA, Donna Smith, flute, Athens, PA.

Welcome to the Kirby Band!

## PLAY AWAY

Throughout the year there are opportunities for band members to play with other bands, improve their skills, and meet band members from other bands. Here are a few for you to consider.

Liberty Classic Community Band Festival will be held October 11- 13 in Williamsport, PA. This will be the tenth annual festival under the direction of Col. Arnald D. Gabriel, US Air Force, Ret. The Band Festival will be held at the Genetti Hotel and Conference Center with a concert on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Community Arts Center. The Repasz Band is the host band for the festival. Unfortunately, the registration deadline of Aug. 15 has already passed, but consider this for next year! For more information check out the Repasz Band's website, [www.repaszband.org](http://www.repaszband.org).

The Association of Concert Bands will hold its national conference this coming year in Virginia Beach, VA, March 18 – 22, 2020. The Virginia Wind Symphony is the hosting the Anchors Away ACB 2020 conference at the Founders Inn and Spa. Col. Brian Walden, US Navy Band, Ret. is the conductor for the conference band. The Virginia Wind Symphony awaits your arrival on March 18, 2020. Make your plans, make sure you register, sign up for the reduced rate rooms at a spectacular southern hotel, pack your bags and instrument, and all aboard for “Anchors Aweigh 2020”! For more information visit the conference website [www.acb2020.org](http://www.acb2020.org) .

The Community Band at Sea has scheduled a cruise of New England and Canada from September 10 -19, 2020. Band members rehearse during the cruise and play concerts at different points. Talk to Dave Barton and Sandy Carlin, who have both taken a Community Band at Sea cruise! For more information, contact World Music Tours, phone 831-633-4847 or email [worldmusicstours@aol.com](mailto:worldmusicstours@aol.com) .

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Sept. 2	Labor Day Parade Nichols, NY Concert to follow at 11AM	10AM
Saturday, Sept. 21	Annual Meeting and Banquet Donoli’s, Apalachin, NY	6PM Social 7PM Dinner
Saturday, Oct. 26	Halloween Parade Towanda, PA	7PM Report Time 6PM
Friday, Nov. 29	Christmas Parade Sayre, PA	TBA
Monday, Dec. ?	Concert Athens United Methodist Church Athens, PA	7PM
Monday, Dec. ?	Christmas Party Kinsman Hall 915 Front St. Athens, PA	6PM
Friday, Dec. 13	Tinsel ‘n Lights Valley United Presbyterian Church Waverly, NY	7:30PM Report Time 6:30PM