



Welcome

We use this newsletter to share band news with all band members.

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From the Editor

Hello NNVBers, it is a great summer but it is going by so quickly. Before you know it, September 5 will be here. I know that you are practicing diligently every day though.

A BIG THANK YOU to every one who helped put this successful year together. We are really fortunate in having extremely dedicated volunteer music directors. Thank you Glenn and David.

Our thanks to the Concert Band of Cobourg for permitting us to use its rehearsal hall. Thank you to my fellow directors, the Fundraising Committee (great job guys!), the YardBirds who look after the grounds at 612 D'Arcy, Ken Clement, Dave Hutzel and the many others who help us make our way through the year.

Our June concert was a great success, artistically and financially. I received compliments from several attendees who enjoyed our music. According to Howard Sagermann (Treasurer) the ticket sales totaled \$3215 with 72 tickets sold at the door.

Thanks to: Doris Heffernan for organizing the refreshments; Howard for handling the ticket distribution; Trish program distribution, the ticket takers (whose names escape me – must be the heat), the Concert Marshalls (Bill and Howie), and all the people who helped with setup and tear down. Well done and thank you!

Helping Hands needed!

The success of the New Ventures Band is due to many individuals volunteering their time and skills. We have been fortunate so far but we need more hands. After four years of operation, some original volunteers are tired and ready for a break.

The **Fundraising Committee** (FC) has been very successful in meeting the operating funds shortfall that keeps our growing band going. Without the money that this committee continues to raise, our fees will have to go up.

Recently several FC members have advised that they are ready for a break. We must have replacement members to continue this vital work. Please get involved. We really need some help here.

I mentioned at the social that I have been on the band executive since the beginning and I will not be standing for re-election at the September AGM. Not that I will disappear, I have the newsletter, website and my oboe.

Elsie Board has served as Secretary & Membership Director since the beginning and will not be standing for re-election. Thank you Elsie for all your work over the years.

In conclusion, we need two new directors and several people to help with fundraising, promotion, etc.

Directors, Fund-raisers, other tasks: Many hands lighten the load, so please...

**Paraphrasing JFK: ask not what your band can do for you,
ask what you can do for your band. Please help.**

Summer 2018 cont'd.

Rehearsal Schedule at the Band Room 612 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg

Intro:

Wednesday 6-7 pm

Mezzo:

Thursday 7-9 pm

Avanti:

Wednesday 7:15-9:15 pm

Swing:

Thursday 530-7 pm

Ensemble:

Thursday mornings as
needed

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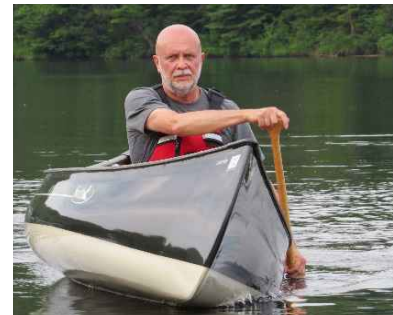
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ANNUAL FEES: Following much discussion at our June board meeting, and considering your survey responses, we approved a motion to raise the fees to \$100.00 per year with the option of paying \$50.00 in September and \$50.00 in January. New members joining the Band in January the fee will pay \$60.00.

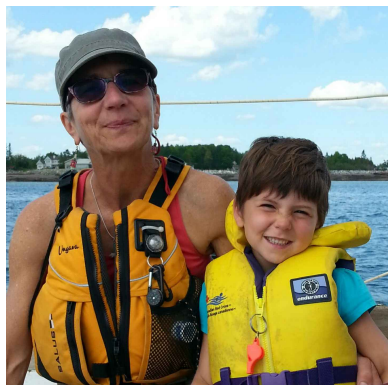
Band Community Spotlight: **Avanti Clarinet, David Mitchell**

I grew up in Barrie and started playing clarinet in high school there; it was also my major instrument while in the Music Education program at Western. I taught secondary and elementary instrumental music in London, taught in several elementary schools in Simcoe County and served as Vice-Principal and Principal there and in Kawartha Pine Ridge. I am now retired and live in Roseneath Landing with my wife Lisa and together we maintain frequent contact with family and friends. In addition to music, I enjoy personal fitness, canoeing and canoe tripping, and take regular lessons in drawing, painting, Ojibwe and Balintawak.



Editor: please note that David will be directing the Swing and Mezzo bands when Dave Marshall is away in the winter.

Band Community Spotlight: **Avanti/Swing Flute, Avril Bull-Jones**



I started to play flute and learn to read music with NNVB in the fall of 2014 as a complete beginner! I had sung in choirs, played guitar and ukulele but have never learned how to read music. The amount I have learned to date is amazing and being part of the band is wonderful. It pushes my growth as a musician and energizes me after a crazy day at work. I am enjoying the comradery of my band mates and directors.

I am an artist, educator, outdoor adventurer, grandmother and am married to the man I met at The Ontario College of Art in Toronto in the 70's. We live in a small house with a large studio/wood shop in the country north of Cobourg. I love my flute because it fits in my backpack. I practice in a storeroom on my break at school or on the beach just down the road from where I teach and I take it on road trips. Unlike creating a painting I can be creative for awhile and be in the moment and emotion of the music and then pack up quickly!

Mark your calendars

- **Wednesday, September 5th:** **Intro and Avanti Bands**, First Rehearsal and our annual **Open House** for prospective new members
- **Thursday, September 6th:** **Swing & Mezzo Bands**, First Rehearsal
- **Saturday, December 1st:** Celebrate the Season concert at Trinity United Church
- **Saturday, June 1st 2019 :** 3 pm Venturing Forth concert all bands at Trinity United Church. Set up and dress rehearsal will be earlier same day.