

# Bruin Bandstand

2007-2008

Lake Braddock Bruin Band Boosters, Inc.

## Goodbyes and Hellos and Lots of Love Along the Way

*Hello Everyone,*

The Spring Concerts were a huge success and really demonstrated the breadth in which our children can perform. I was overwhelmed by the complexity of the pieces and felt drawn into the passion of the music. I will never forget the sense of a dramatic landing at Normandy as we listened to Concert I perform "Lonely Beach"; Mr. Barnes really pressed the children and the results were spectacular. Thank you Mr. Barnes!

Spring is over and we now roll into summer. It is time to say "goodbye" to all our seniors and "hello" to our rising 9th Graders. I had the pleasure of meeting a few of the soon to be HS Band parents at the Middle School Concert and even managed to have a few parents volunteer; what a wonderful sign of things to come.

The banquet was a huge success. It was great to see so many students receive rewards. Thanks to all the Student Officers, Mrs. Bobbi Hess, and the group of volunteers who made it happen.

I also want to take the opportunity to once again recognize the Boosters Senior parents who put in that extra time beyond the norm and devoted countless hours to the band band program. Kudos go out to:

**Melissa Graves** - Melissa was the Co-Chair for Hospitality, Color Guard Liaison, and did a fantastic job running the Bistro during the middle school festival, which was a mega fundraiser for the band this year.

**Nancy & Robert Mackow** - As e-Communications and Phone Tree Chairperson, Nancy kept everyone informed by sending out numerous Band Announcements over email. She also was a Closet Mom, Member of Pit Crew, and Chaperone.

Robert not only chaperoned and worked on the Pit Crew, he also provided many of the pictures you've seen on Band website, and as a doctor he provided medical assistance as needed on our Spring Trips. They could both be counted on to step up whenever help was needed.

**Nancy Sinclitico** - Nancy was our Chaperone Chair; she took a complicated task and made it simple for everyone to understand. She made sure everyone had a seat on the bus and was accounted for on all our trips. Her greatest achievements are the Spring Trips where she somehow managed over 24 Chaperones and over 150 students and still got us where we need to be, in one piece and on time.



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**Mawi Nutley** - Mawi oversaw the White House Ornaments sale and made this fundraiser a great success. She will continue to coordinate White House Ornaments next year.

**Felicia Norman**- Felicia took over the Scrip program and made it a huge fundraiser for the students' accounts. She dedicated countless hours to keeping the records accurate and made herself available at all hours to anyone needing to pick up scrip. She also spearheaded, along with Mawi Nutley, the "Mr. Holder for Teacher of the Year" Campaign.

**Ken Rice** -Ken did the photography for the Band. He went to every competition, football game and several social events, and captured these moments for placement on our DVDs .

**Debbie Overson** - Debbie worked newsletter production. She was responsible for copying and delivery of over 200 band newsletters each month. She also chaperoned, worked in the uniform closet and was a carpool driver for many events.

**Barry & Linda Oxford** - Both Barry and Linda were members of the Pit Crew and also chaperoned many events. Barry kept the traffic flowing at our Car Washes



and Linda worked on uniforms. Both provided assistance whenever it was needed.

I also want to thank Carolyn Green for taking the lead and putting together the Jefferson Cup awards and Special Gifts to Directors, Secretary, and Alumni.



This summer "The Lake Braddock Bruin Band Boosters, Inc." will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The

certificate of incorporation was signed August 3, 1983. The initial Directors of the Board were: Richard Timpf, Nancy Banks, Bruce Cole, Denny Cupp and Elinor Coy. If you have been or know anyone who has been part of the Boosters anytime during our 25 years of incorporation and have an "I Remember When" story, please send it to me. I would like to publish some of them in the newsletter over the next year.

Special Thanks to Laura Nelson for creating the wonderful Boosters' 25th Anniversary logo that you see on the front page.

Well, I can't believe the time has passed so quickly and we are coming to the end of the year. It really has been a very enjoyable experience serving as your president and I look forward to next year. I have met so many wonderful people and worked with the best team anyone could ask for; truly a professional volunteer organization.

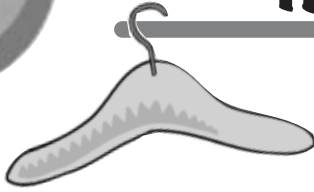


Thank You,

Carlotta Dallstream  
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cdallst@cox.net

photos courtesy of  
Carlotta Dallstream and  
Felicia Norman

# Hung Up in the Closet



*Breathtaking! No other words needed to describe our final concert.*

Always an interesting day in the closet, and the concert was certainly no exception. Most did not have electricity and were missing several key components of their uniforms. One shoe, a blue and a black sock, no white tux shirt, no iron, lots of wrinkles, but we pulled through.

Thank you to everyone who has helped this past year in the closet. It would have certainly never run as smoothly as it does, if I did not have a wonderful team of moms and dads, hanging, straightening, turning, sweeping, throwing and just plain laughing and having fun.



Thank you to the kids for following the rules and the changes, and for your politeness. It has been a pleasure to be able to get to know all of you.

Thank you to the Mackows (Nancy, Robert and Tom) for always being willing to help in the closet and for always making sure that I never left the building alone at night.



*Susan Stanger • Closet Mom*  
703-764-9480 • [lbclosetmom@yahoo.com](mailto:lbclosetmom@yahoo.com)



*photos courtesy of Felicia Norman*



## OUT WITH THE OLD

The newly retired Lake Braddock Marching Uniforms are being sold to make room for the new uniforms.

Marching Jacket \$10

Marching Hat \$10

If you would like to own a piece of history, please contact Susan Stanger at 703-764-9480 or [lbclosetmom@yahoo.com](mailto:lbclosetmom@yahoo.com). Uniforms will be sold on a first come, first served basis and we can't guarantee that you will get your exact uniform, but will try to get one close to your size if possible.





# Thank You, Phone Tree Volunteers!

By Nancy Mackow,  
Phone Tree Chair

Phone Tree Volunteers, thank you so much for being the band's 'emergency alert system' ever in the ready to cascade pertinent information down to our band families. I so appreciate your willingness to be a Phone Tree volunteer this past year. Your readiness provided a valuable service to the entire band. This year we 'dodged the bullet' as we had no need for phone tree messages to be passed, but I am no less thankful as you all were willing and ready in the event that we did need to pass a message along.

### A Big Thank You to Phone Tree Volunteers:

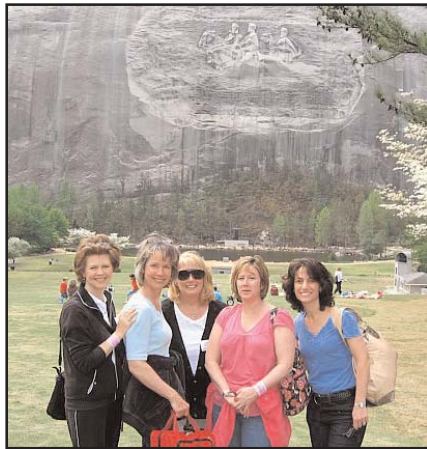
Janice Baltz · Lisa Hunt · Deb Bauer · Kathy Leach  
Judith Bleacher · Cynthia Maltenfort · Lisa Brunson  
Colleen McQuillen · Laura Conover · Susan Metcalf  
Sonja Curry-Johnson · Leslie Minor · Laura Nelson  
Amy Darger-Stewart · Sue Eby · Linda Oxford  
Carolyn Fasana · Mui Pollman · Ria Foster  
Robin Ringler · Mia Gai · Vickie Sands  
Sharon Gottlieb · Fran Underwood  
Maureen Gray · Tammy Weissberger

I am 'graduating' this June, and Tim Grayson will be taking over as Phone Tree Chair. You saw how easy it was this year, so if you are willing to be a phone tree volunteer again, I'm sure Tim would appreciate it. As you know, we now have a mass email system for non-urgent reminders, that Tim will also be in charge of, which should seriously decrease the use of the phone tree to only truly urgent messages. Thus, the job of phone tree volunteer is even easier than it used to be. However, that fact does not decrease the amount of volunteers needed. It just means that they will have fewer (maybe no) messages to pass on. It's not easy gathering 26 volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer again (you have to admit, it was easy and a bit exciting being on the front line of possible breaking news) or if you have never volunteered, but want to provide a valuable service to your child's band without leaving your home, please contact Tim Grayson at [graysonfam@verizon.net](mailto:graysonfam@verizon.net) after June 17th. Don't forget; phone tree volunteers hear the news first!

*Thanks again to the volunteers who helped me this year and congratulations and goodbye to those of you with graduating seniors!*

## CORNER

CHAPERONE



### Nancy Sinclitico • Chaperone Chair

*As a senior parent this is my final newsletter article. I would like to thank all the parents that chaperoned for me (and the band) over the last 3 years. My replacement is Lisa Brunson. I have known her for 5 years and know she will be a great asset to the Band Boosters. Her phone number is 703-455-0796 and her email address is [brunson7@cox.net](mailto:brunson7@cox.net).*

*Lisa will be needing chaperones for band camp in August.*

*If you are interested please contact her.*

*Thanks again for allowing me the opportunity to get to know your children. We had a great time.*



photos courtesy of Nancy Mackow



## SunTrust My Cause still in effect!

Open a checking account and use the debit check card, SunTrust will donate \$100.00 to any non profit organization.

Lake Braddock Band's charity organization is listed as THE LAKE BRADDOCK BRUIN BAND BOOSTERS INC and the 501(c)(3) Charity/Tax Identification Number is 52-1369540. Once you have fulfilled the requirements and submitted your redemption form online, please email Sharon Gottlieb at [sharon@logicmark.com](mailto:sharon@logicmark.com) so she will know to look out for the \$100 SunTrust donation to the Band in your name. Go to <https://promotion.suntrust.com/mycause/index.asp>

*Also, there are several major employers in the area, such as Exxon-Mobil, Fannie Mae and Wachovia that will donate on behalf of employees to non profit organizations such as the band Boosters.*

## Scrip.....



*Thanks to Monique Fraedrich  
for taking over the Scrip program!*

*Her contact information is:  
703-440-8655  
[craigfraed@msn.com](mailto:craigfraed@msn.com)*



**Thanks to all who participated  
in the Entertainment Sales this  
year. It is really a great way to  
quickly add to your  
student's account. Look for us at the  
picnic in August!**

**Pam Lieber & Judy Bleacher  
Entertainment Book Co- Chairpersons**

2007-08 was another successful year for the White House Ornament fundraiser with almost 2,400 WHO sold, thanks to the more than 80 band families who participated.

Special thanks to the following alumni families and friends who continue to support the LB bands: Fred Adkins (of the Quilt Patch in Fairfax) Larry Burns (of the Apothecary in Springfield), Phil and Ann Cardace, Janice Coleman, John Flahive, Larry Mikesell, Don Palomaki, Kristi Steel, Pat and George Stephenson, and to Ms. Wilma Broz whose help has been invaluable.

*I wish you all a lovely summer break! See you at the picnic!*

*Mawi Nutley  
BBB WHO Fundraiser*



## Check out the band website [www.lbband.org](http://www.lbband.org) All Summer Long...

*It's the place to find the most updated information,  
forms, instrument exchange, alumni news, uniform  
details, scrip order forms, photos and  
much more!*





## Thanks for the Memories

For the past few years I have been writing the Lake Braddock Band email reminders, but I am 'graduating' soon, so I want to introduce you to Tim Grayson who will be taking over my position in the fall. Look for his emails in your inboxes next school year.

Besides the eCommunications, Tim will also be taking over the Phone Tree and Alumni Updates.

Though I may be writing another band reminder in the summer, I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all of you and tell you how much I enjoyed serving the Lake Braddock Band and working with your wonderful children and all of you. I've had a lot of fun - laughing in the uniform closet when a tall student came in wearing - obviously by mistake - another child's uniform several sizes smaller, wondering why his uniform didn't feel quite right; watching long haired guys getting their hair done in pigtails to fit under the marching band hats; collecting uniforms in the dark closet when the power went out after a football game; and watching a certain closet mom trying to clean the grass stains off of the seat of a student's white marching pants moments before a competition - while he was still wearing them (desperate times call for desperate measures).

I still get chills when I hear the whirling sounds and opening notes of "Close Encounters" (2004), the cadence of the drumline as it approaches the Stadium, see the color guard drop to their knees and shoot their legs out in the bottle dance (2007), and hear the 'exploding bombs' (drums) surrounding me at the (2007) Symphony # 1 "In Memoriam, Dresden, 1945" performance.

I recall when I saw my then 9th grade son on the first day of Band Camp. He was the smallest of the bassline and there he was, wearing the largest bass drum. I laughed and asked incredulously, "They didn't really give you the biggest drum to play, did they?" He proudly replied, "Yep!" I'll never forget the first time I saw him in a marching uniform and I know I watched the first parent show through tears.

I've enjoyed chaperoning three spring trips and riding roller coasters with 'adults' who dared me to let go 'no hands'. I'll miss when I'm at the closet door and I turn around saying, "Number?" and I'm greeted by the big happy grins of Danielle Gunderson and Chris Duong. I will miss being at Band Camp and watching the half time show evolve from a rag tag bunch of baggy-short-wearing, sweaty kids in a parking lot to a perfectly uniformed, first class, fabulous sounding production under the bright lights of the football stadium.

I would not have had many of these experiences, gotten to know your wonderful children, and met so many great parents, if I had not gotten involved and I encourage all of you to consider volunteering with the Lake Braddock Bruin Band Boosters. You'll be glad you did.

Thanks,  
Nancy Mackow



# 2007~2008 YEARBOOK DVD

The Yearbook DVD captures the Marching Band in action all season, including Tag Day, car washes, the Senior Game, performances, and the end-of-year slide show. We also still have some Competition DVDs available. This year's Competition DVD includes a feature that celebrates the 27 continuous years of VBODA Honor Band awards Lake Braddock has earned.

**Still  
a few left!  
Call now!**

Questions? Email Su Pankow at [pankowsu@verizon.net](mailto:pankowsu@verizon.net) or call (703) 455-1305

## Instrument Petting Zoo

### Another Great Day for LB Orchestra and Band Students

A special thanks to the orchestra and band students who volunteered at the May 18 Instrument Petting Zoo (IPZ.)

Due to construction on the Atrium Level at the Kennedy Center, the IPZ took place in front of the Millennium stage. The smaller space didn't deter the attendees or our fine participants. Flexible and enthusiastic, all who attended did a superb job!



Participants included: Aaron Green, Erick Pope, Alice Dallstream, Tae Lee, Caralyn Moore, Catherine Shuster, Conor Nelson, Daniel Jones, Emily "YuYu" Schatz, Emily Wilson, Holly Stanger, John Fitzmaurice, Karen Phumisithikul, Katie Franzel, Kelly Stanger, Kelsey Sinichko, Loretta Wilkerson, Liz Diessner, Michelle Pankow, Nathan Brown, and Tory Robinette.

Also thank-you to our drivers and/or chaperones who included:

Alice Dallstream, Cindy Brown, Dan Stanger (back-up driver,) Doris Vaiana, Duane Schatz, Laura Nelson, and Nancy Moore.



Next year's calendar is on the web at

[www.kennedy-center.org/nso/programs/family](http://www.kennedy-center.org/nso/programs/family)

Mark your calendars now for:

**Saturday, September 13, 2008** *The Kennedy Center's Open House, 11:30AM - 5PM*

**Sunday, October 12, 2008**  
*Family Concert, 11:00AM - 3:30PM*

**Sunday, March 15, 2009**  
*Family Concert 11:00AM - 3:30PM*

**Sunday, May 31, 2009,**  
*Family Concert, 11:00AM - 3:30PM*



It's a community service opportunity that does make a difference in children's lives.

*Thank-you,  
Doris Vaiana  
IPZ Coordinator*

*photos courtesy of Laura Nelson*



# Band Calendar



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## August

- 11 - 15      Marching Band Camp: Percussion & Color Guard (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)
- 14 & 15     Marching Band Camp: New Band Members
- 18 - 22     Marching Band Camp: Everyone (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)
- 25 - 29     Marching Band Camp: Everyone
- 28          First Home Game!

### ***Editor's Note:***

*Look for the next newsletter to come out on or about August 1.  
Have a great summer!*

Laura Nelson, Newsletter Editor



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