

# *THE BLUE DEVILS*

## *“Devil’s Pride”*

*Booster Club*

*January 2007*

Dear Booster Members:

The year 2007 has begun with excitement and expectations. What a year it is going to be with so many wonderful things to look forward to.

The first Full Camp was held on January 19-21<sup>st</sup>. It was a joy to see the young people in attendance. The Corps members make everything we do worthwhile.

Thanks to Booster members who have renewed their memberships for the current year. We are also grateful to the new members. There are those who continue to make donations in addition to your membership dues; thank you for being team players from a distance.

We are excited that DCI Finals will be in California this year. We shall work together to help make this a joyous and successful event. The Western Regional will be held at Stanford on August 4, 2007. We hope to see many of you there. Also, on Friday, August 3, will be the Celebration Party, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Blue Devils. The Booster members shall solicit prizes for the Silent Auction during that event. You will hear more about this in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you at some of the sites during the Corps’ Summer Tour. Thank you for caring!

Mary L. Cloyd, President  
Blue Devils “A” Corps Booster Club

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### **JANUARY – FIRST CAMP**

With the weather in the Bay Area being so miserable for the past several weeks, we were more than a bit concerned about how it would be for the camp. As it turned out, the whole weekend was actually quite pleasant – A very welcomed change!

We estimated there were around 150 kids at this camp, approximately 25 being “call backs.” We knew it was going to be a very emotional weekend for us when we saw 15 tubas/contras, about 13 snare drummers and we couldn’t tell about the rest of the large horn line and pit sections. We knew there were going to be some very disappointed people at the end of camp. It’s always amazing how quickly you can get attached to these young people and when they hurt, you hurt. It is especially bad when it is an age-out year and they don’t make the Corps. Of course, for one reason or another, there are always quite a number of changes in the roster each year, so some of these may be back at a later time in the year. And then there is always the joyful part of the weekend when the words “Welcome to the Blue Devils” are uttered. Shame we can’t have a camera available at this particular time to capture the emotion.

The Corps assembled together on Sunday afternoon for the first ensemble session of the year. Wish we could tell you all about the music and the show theme, but unfortunately we got no information. All we know is that it sounded pretty good. The instructors were very pleased with the amount and quality of work that was accomplished.

As in the past, the Booster Club sponsored the Saturday breakfast. Thank you to all the members who came by to help with the cooking and cleaning duties. If the opportunity arises, please feel free to come on by and say hello. We also welcome any assistance we can get during the camps. Meals served are Saturday: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner -- Sunday: Breakfast/Lunch. If the Corps is rehearsing at DVC during lunch, the kids usually make up an all-you-can fix sack lunch to save them from having to spend time getting from DVC to the BD Hall.

Our second camp is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, February 9-11. Once again we are asking our local people to possibly open their homes to house some of the members. The Holiday Inn in Concord has been good about giving our Blue Devils a reduced room rate for these weekends, but there are many who just cannot afford the cost of getting to Concord each month and then renting a hotel room. Remember, all the kids really need is a place to sleep (floors can be wonderful) and a place to shower. If you are able to assist with transportation, that would be wonderful. However, we try to have the members take care of their own transportation arrangements if at all possible. If you can help, please give Pete Emmons a call at the Blue Devil Hall.

### **“B” CORPS CIOPPINO DINNER - AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!**

If you are in the area, like Cioppino or just enjoy a ton of fun and dancing, you don't want to miss this event. The annual Cioppino dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at the Fairgrounds in Antioch, CA. The cost is still \$40/person and well worth it. From what we have seen over the past couple of years, this has to be one of the most well organized events from the very start to the finish – We are impressed! All tickets are being sold in advance and no tickets will be available at the door. This event sells out quickly, so get your reservations early. For any questions you may have or to make reservations, contact the Blue Devil office or call (925) 625-2132 or 625-0594. While this is a “fund raiser” for the “B” Corps, it certainly is a “fun raiser” for the rest of us.

### **SILENT AUCTION ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

As mentioned in Mary's letter above, the Booster Club has been requested to help in obtaining items for the 2007 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blue Devil Silent Auction. This event will be held August 3, the Friday night before the DCI West show that will be at the new (and fantastic) Stanford Stadium. Suggested donations are hand-crafted jewelry, paintings or other quality art or crafts items, gift certificates to businesses that are nationwide or located in major areas of California, or services. Auction items can be large, such as a trip, or personal from you (vacation home or timeshare). If you have a connection to a place that can donate or would like a complete list of donation suggestions, please get in touch with our Vice President Yvonne Moss ([yjmsounding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yjmsounding@sbcglobal.net)). Yvonne can send you forms and a letter of introduction. We should be getting more information on this and other events in the near future. If you are planning to be in attendance for the 2007 activities, stop on by – you just might find something to make a bid on.

## **DCI RULES PROPOSALS**

A meeting was scheduled on January 25-28 in Atlanta to consider 10 new rules proposals. We will try to get an idea of what was discussed and what rules will go into effect when we next have the opportunity to have a representative from the BD office attend our monthly meeting. If you have Internet capability and care to look into the proposed rules, Michael Boo has articles on the DCI.org site you might find interesting.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the 2007 Booster club is off to a good start. We certainly appreciate the support that is shown for our efforts to provide for these young people. Would you believe we have members who have been with us since the 1970s when the Booster Club was first established by Jerry Seawright? If you ever have questions as to what we actually do, or have suggestions for future endeavors, please be sure to let us know. This is your Booster Club whether you live locally or across the U.S., Canada or England, and we welcome your input.

If you haven't sent in your \$20 for the new year as yet, it isn't too late. Dues may be sent to our Membership Chairman Katie Wills at 1036 Bermuda Drive – Concord, CA 94518.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers for 2007 was held at the January meeting. The 2006 officers will once again be serving in their respective capacities for 2007.

## **SUPERBOWL CELEBRATION**

We couldn't let this event go by without a potluck and reason to get together for a chance to relax. Even though our local teams are not involved, we can still have a good time cheering on the players. Charlotte Hollenbeck has graciously agreed to have us at her home for the afternoon. If you think you will be able to join us, please give Charlotte a call to let her know what you would like to bring as a sharing dish (925) 672-0602.

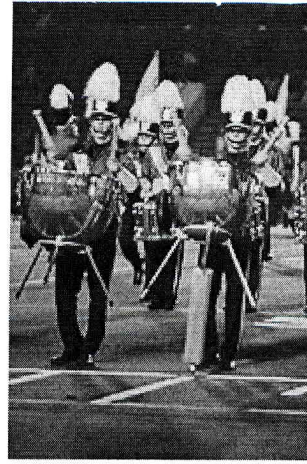
## **HERE AND THERE**

### **A 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fact published on the DCI site:**

“According to a legend as published in a 1992 Drum Corps International Yearbook, Blue Devil members ate a roast beef dinner prior to their DCI World Championship wins in 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1980. The Corps ate ham prior to the 1978 finals competition and took third place.”

Even through the 1980s, the roast beef dinner was always a must. However, this is one of the traditions that has unfortunately gone by the wayside over the years. Wish we could remember exactly what dinner was in 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999 and 2003 – No matter what it was, we know it had to be something good as our cook crew has always made sure Finals Dinner was something special.

**While looking back in history, here's a picture of a couple of drummers from the 1975 Corps. Carrying the huge drums and keyboards on the field during the performance was what was done in the 1970s and early 1980s. Of course, the keyboards were considerably smaller back then! We are certainly glad the "pit" area was established.**



1975 Blue Devils

### **Our next Booster Club Meeting**

**TUESDAY – February 6, 2007  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
I-HOP Restaurant – Martinez, CA**

#### **2007 Booster Club Officers**

President	Mary Cloyd
Vice President	Yvonne Moss
Secretary/Treasurer	Sonja Williams
Membership	Katie Wills
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