

BLUE DEVILS

"DEVIL'S PRIDE"

Booster Club Newsletter

October 2008

Dear Booster Members,

This is just a message to stay in touch, and to say "hello." Hope you and your family are doing well.

The Booster Club activities continue, as always, to keep us busy. Thanks to those who are always willing to make a difference. What you do enables us to continue to do wonderful things for the Corps members.

There are several more 49ers fundraisers as follow:

Sunday, November 16, 2008 – 49ers vs. St. Louis Rams

Sunday, December 7, 2008 – 49ers vs. New York Jets

Sunday, December 28, 2008 – 49ers vs Washington Redskins

We need at least 12 volunteers for each of these games. Please help, if you possibly can, to make these events a success.

The "A" Corps banquet will be on Saturday, November 29, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. This is always an exciting event because it is the members' evening of recognition. Hope to see you there.

The Devil's Food cleanup will be on Saturday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. Please come to the Blue Devils Hall to help. Teamwork makes the job easier for everyone involved.

Time is rapidly approaching for election of officers for the Booster Club's Executive Board. Please think of those you would like to serve you for the year of 2009.

We hope to see those of you who can attend the next meeting in November.

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



IT'S BLUE DEVIL BANQUET TIME

The Blue Devils "B" Corps will finish up their fantastic year with an awards banquet to be held on Sunday, November 9 at the Back Forty Texas BBQ in Pleasant Hill, CA.

There will be a social hour from 1:00-2:00, lunch at 2:00 and awards immediately following.

The cost is \$35/person and reservation must be in by November 1. If you might be interested in attending, please contact Linda Henderson at gotdrums@pacbell.net.



And, of course, the "A" Corps Banquet as Mary mentioned above. Any questions, please contact Sonja Williams at williamssonjab@hotmail.com. Be sure to indicate Blue Devils in the subject line. We have our fingers crossed that all the new airline restrictions, and price increases will not deter our members from attending.

The Marriott does have a reduced per night room rate of \$105 plus tax (single or double occupancy) for anyone attending the banquet and identifying themselves as being with the Concord Blue Devils. Reservations need to be made by November 8 by calling (800) 828-5613.

"B" CORPS WORKSHOP

A workshop for brass, percussion and color guard will be held at Glenbrook Middle School in Concord, CA on December 13 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Blue Devil "B" Corps. There will be a participation fee of \$10 (no charge to current members).

For more information, please contact Rick Odello at (925) 689-2918, Ext. 3900 or rodello@bluedevils.org



OUR KIDS ARE JUST EVERYWHERE

It was recently announced that former member **Blair Williams** will be joining the Sacramento Mandarins as the Percussion Caption Head for the 2009 season.



Blair was a member of the Mandarins snare line in 2000 and 2001 and came to the Blue Devils in 2002 and 2003.

Blair has worked with many groups and is presently on the design teams for Enochs and Los Banos High Schools and is currently the Director of Bands at Beyer High School in Modesto, CA.

If you go on the BD forum, you will recognize Blair's mother as "Drummom." We would like to take this opportunity to thank Booster Club member "Drummom" for helping to keep us pretty up to date on many of the happenings; the information

is always helpful and accurate.

While we were very disappointed in losing **Tim Jackson** as a member of our percussion staff, we were proud to learn he will be joining the Bluecoats as their Battery Coordinator. Tim marched with the Blue Devils from 2003 to 2006. During this time Tim captured the DCI I&E Multi-Tenor championship an unprecedented four consecutive times! Tim has been a valued member of our staff since aging out and we wish him well.

Former member **Glen Crosby** will be joining the Academy staff as the Percussion Caption Head and Program Coordinator. Glen marched Blue Devils from 1981 to 1984 and has worked with many DCI corps, including the Garfield Cadets, SCV, Blue Knights, Glassmen, Velvet Knights and Capital Regiment.

(We have so many extremely talented former members such as these three teaching other corps, at times it feels as though we are competing with ourselves!)

CONGRATULATIONS JERSEY SURF - AND WELCOME!

Following a unanimous vote of DCI World Class member corps, Jersey Surf was officially approved as a World Class unit, effective with the 2009 season.



Jersey Surf will celebrate its 19th anniversary this year, has been awarded the "Spirit of Disney Award" three times and has been a nine-time finalist in Divisions II & III (bronze in 2008 and silver in 2007).

The corps will be doing more regional touring to be able to provide an alternative to high school and college students who might not be able to participate in a World Class corps doing more extensive touring.



"THE GAMES"

Members of our 'C' Corps have once again been invited to join the 'Niner Noise' drum line at the 49er game on November 16.

'Niner Noise' performs before and during the games and have proven to be a great hit with the people attending the games. We hear all sorts of positive comments from people as we are working at the concession booths -- and, of course, we pop a few buttons explaining how these are



just a few of our fantastic musicians.

The football and baseball games are our major source of revenue and when we have more people working at the games, we make more money.

The money received from the games goes directly to provide such things as the "Property of Blue Devils" T-shirts, After Finals Brunch, ice cream socials on tour, Corps BBQ before tour, yearbooks, peanut butter and jelly at Mars, etc.

Speaking of PB&J – the Booster Club's expenses for providing PB&J at Mars during the all-day rehearsals gets to be way up there. If you have any connections with someone who might be able to see about company donations, please let us know.

At times our Booster Club members have brought jars of peanut butter to the meetings and often donate to the cause. We are appreciative of any and all help. PB&J may seem like a small thing, but many of kids have little or no money to spend during all days and many times this is their lunch and after

rehearsal snack.

We cannot begin to tell you how much these kids rely on and appreciate the availability of PB&J. At times, some of the Booster members try to bring extra goodies for lunch, plus the Booster Club provides an all-you-can-eat steak BBQ for the Corps right before leaving on tour.

If you can help out with either of these projects, please give Booster Club President Mary Cloyd a call at (925) 846-0802.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009

Audition dates, locations and contact personnel are posted on the Blue Devils web site.

As the information often changes after the newsletter is published, it is best to check there for the most up-to-date information.

The basic financial obligation for the 2009 "A" Corps season will be approximately \$100 Annual Registration Fee, \$1,800 Tour Fee and \$800 for the proposed 3 week European tour.

Depending on the European trip and early pay incentives, the range could be \$1,500 to \$2,800. Full details may be obtained on the BD web site.

For information regarding the "B" and "C" Corps, please contact Rick Odello:

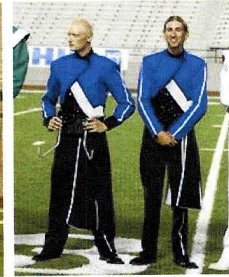
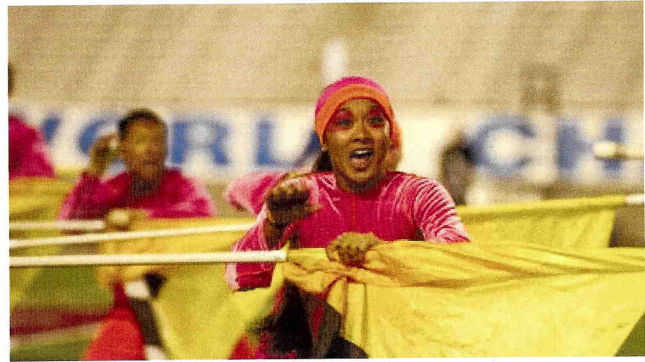
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WE COULD USE A LITTLE HELP!! DEVIL'S FOOD CLEAN-UP

As mentioned above, Saturday, November 8, has been set as our annual "Devil's Food Clean-Up Day." Each year the Booster Club takes on the chore of getting our food truck as spick and span as possible.

This includes scrubbing out the coolers, mopping the floors, cleaning the ovens, straightening out the cupboards, taking inventory, etc., etc. – sort of our "Spring Cleaning," only in November.

If you can, we would certainly appreciate all the help we can get. We hope to start around 8:30 a.m. and the truck is located at the rear of the Blue Devil Hall.



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OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008
I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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