

BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

November 2008



CHRISTMAS DINNER/MEETING

Dear Booster Members,

Our December meeting will be held at the home of Yvonne Moss on Tuesday, December 2.

This will be a potluck dinner, which always turns out great and the meeting portion is always short.

For anyone wishing to participate, there will be a gift exchange after dinner.

If you are able to join us, please give Yvonne a call at (925) 229-3699 for directions and to let her know what you would like to bring for the potluck.

Hope you can join us for a relaxed and fun evening!

49er GAME AND “NINER NOISE”

Members of our Booster Club, friends and parents of Winter Guard members worked in the concession stand at the 49ers football game recently (*they won the game, thank you!*)

As we mention periodically, this is our major source of income and we certainly did appreciate the extra help. Since the Blue Devils organization consists of a

fairly large number of people, we don't often get the chance to meet parents and volunteers from the other Blue Devil entities, so having the opportunity to meet some new people was certainly a pleasure.

We only have a couple more football games to go, and then we start in on the Giants baseball season. If you can help, let us know.

Another thing that was fun was the fact that members of our “C”



Corps drum line were once again invited to perform with their big brothers and sisters from the “A” and “B” Corps drum lines before and during the game. From where we were stationed, it was possible that we could watch some of the activity before the game. The “C” Corps members were outfitted with special red shirts just for the day and were they proud to be wearing them.

Our “Niner Noise” group has always been extremely well received by the audiences, but that day the crowd went wild watching the combined group.

It is obvious these kids have a ton of fun during these performances. We yelled and screamed (of course) and made sure most of our customers knew they were “our” kids.



DEVILS FOOD CLEAN-UP DAY

What a day this was! We met at the Blue Devil hall early in the morning with all our cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, etc.

While Pete Emmons, Terry Maurer, John Silva, Doug Peterson and Toby Bush worked away on our staff bus (“Lone Star”), the support bus (*the “NEST”*) and the exterior of Devil’s Food, Carol Vargas, Mary Cloyd, Betsy Fowler, Sheryl Miles got busy cleaning the inside of the food truck, going through the inventory, etc.

Then John brought in the power washer *inside* the food truck to give the area behind and all

around the cooking area a good cleaning.

There was water everywhere and we worked hard keeping the back portion of the truck dry...we did not do so well keeping ourselves dry.

We were tired and wet, but we were happy with what we had accomplished at the end of the day.

Our luck held out weather-wise and we had a fairly nice morning and rain started in as we were leaving. Many thanks to all our helpers; we couldn't have done it without you.



2008 AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, November 29 at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek, CA. We are working fast and furious getting ready for the dinner and anticipate a great evening capping the end of one of the most fantastic seasons ever and are excited over the opportunity to see "our kids" one more time.

There is a slight possibility of some rain, but this definitely will not dampen our spirits. Copies of the "Inside the Blue Devils – 2008" DVD will be available for purchase at the banquet.

NEWSLETTER

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let us know.

We normally have the newsletter produced in color and with great pictures (*thank you, Hans*) but cannot make the mass mailing in anything other than black and white – sorry about that (\$\$).

Once in a great while we might have a computer problem (*or is that operator problem?*) and the newsletter would then go out via U.S. Postal Service.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

May be sent in to Membership Chairman Katie Wills. Still \$20 per year per family. You will probably be getting a letter from

Katie in the near future. Your support is very important to us whether you live locally or across the nation or overseas.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Let us know if you might be interested in running for one of the offices or have someone in mind you think would be good and might be interested. The election of officers will be held at our January meeting.





CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL

Our Association officers have been working diligently regarding the recently signed Senate Bill prohibiting non-profit groups' use of the electronic Bingo machines in California effective January 2009.

As this is a good portion of the Association's revenue, it is definitely a vital issue as it could have a drastic impact on our financial situation.

We hope to have some information available for the newsletter at a later time.



EUROPEAN TRIP

At this time, the "A" Corps trip to Europe next year is still in question. Once the Corps gets to Europe, expenses are pretty well taken care of – the problem is the extreme cost of the airfare getting there.

Everyone is working hard on this problem and we are hopeful the trip will be able to be made.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

The Las Vegas Marching Arts 24/7 will compete as a Winterguard Independent A unit this next year and is currently seeking another experienced instructor. Their show title is "Ocean's 10 -- before the heist" and will be a comical look at some of the robbers who have yet to perfect their skills.

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Randy Warner at (928) 767-4895 or lasvegasmarchingarts.com.

As we have mentioned before, Randy has driven for the Blue Devils, Vanguard and Velvet Knights.

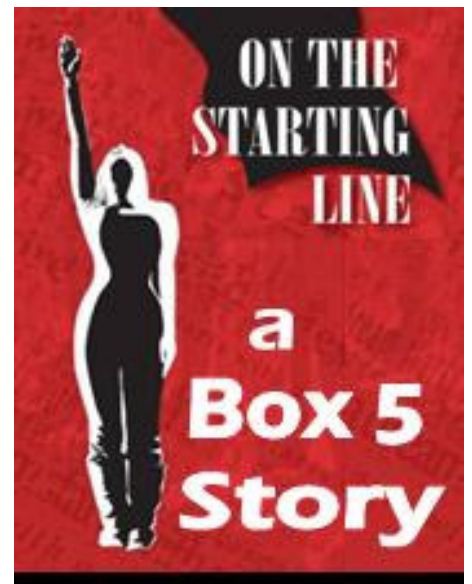


Since moving to the Las Vegas area, he has been working on getting a drum corps started in the Las Vegas area plus a myriad of other projects that sound great for the performing activities.

One project is trying to get a drum corps show in the Las Vegas area this next year to show them what we are all about.

"ON THE STARTING LINE"

If you happen to go on the DCI web site and see an ad entitled "On the Starting Line," check it out. This is a short trailer on a production written and directed by former Blue Devil member Wendy Menara with original



music composed by former Blue Devil member Key Poulan.

Love the synopsis: "This story offers a rare glimpse into the dramatic and exciting world of pageantry competition, where excellence is the only acceptable standard and young performers, perched on the brink of adulthood, learn to balance the joy of youthful invincibility with the demands of rigorously disciplined training.

Contemporary and forcefully honest, this is a modern coming-of-age narrative woven through a colorful pageantry of music in motion and stunning displays of precision Drum Corps artistry." We have to admit we gave Wendy a teasing about the corps uniform being a different color as the production features our neighbor, the Santa Clara Vanguard. Very well done production.

"SYSTEM BLUE"

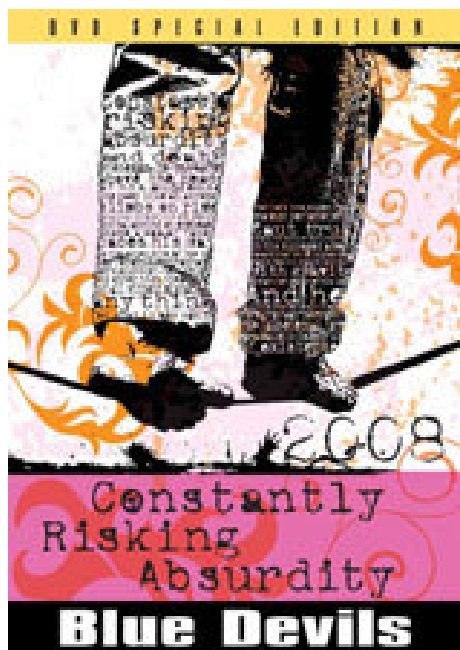
The Blue Devils are excited to announce they will be in Southern California December 13 and 14 at the Damien High School in La Verne, CA to conduct a weekend clinic featuring Blue Devil performers





and staff.

This clinic will be for all sections, Brass or woodwinds, battery or front field percussion and color guard. Brass auditions for the 2009 Blue Devil Corps will also be held. Information regarding registration and further details can be found on the Blue Devil site (bluedevils.org).



"INSIDE THE BLUE DEVILS" 2008 DVD

With the Blue Devils putting on one of the most talked about and creative shows of the season, this DVD will be one you definitely will want for your collection.

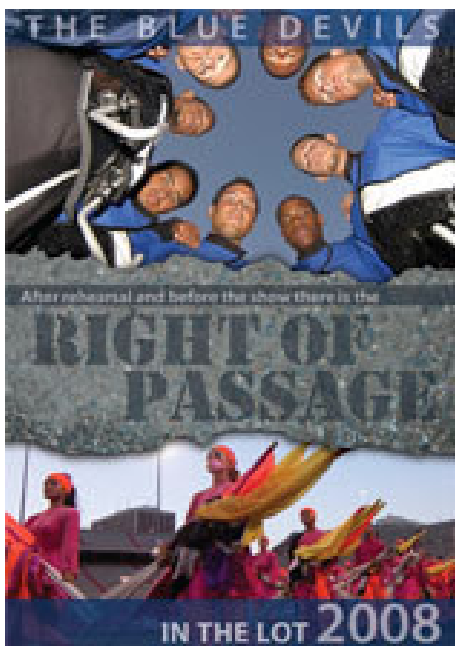
Shot entirely in HD, it gives you an idea of what it is like to be in the middle of the arc, getting the full impact of the powerful sound of the Blue Devils.

Copies may be ordered on-line, by calling the Blue Devil hall.

The trailer can be watched on the Blue Devils website.

Another DVD production will be released early December: **Right Of Passage - In the Lot 2008**

The time between the practice field and performance field is a "Right of Passage". It takes a



person from rehearsing to preparing for performance perfection. This DVD a unique documentary capturing every section of the 2008 Blue Devils in their pursuit for a World Championship - "In The Lot".



Have you ever wondered how The Blue Devils prepare for a World Championship performance? What happens after rehearsal and before the actual performance? What is involved in the process to prepare 150 people to perform in front of 30,000 fans?

This DVD chronicles the warmups, member thoughts and perspective, last minute staff instructions, speeches and the unique show outside the show that takes place "In the Lot".



OUR NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008
 Home of Yvonne Moss – Martinez, CA
7:00 P.M.

OFFICERS:

<p>Mary Cloyd President</p> <p>Sonja Williams Secretary</p> <p>Katie Wills Membership</p>	<p>Yvonne Moss Vice President</p> <p>Pat Worley Treasurer</p> <p>Penny Ross/Norma Merrill Sunshine</p>
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