

# BLUE DEVILS

December 2010



## 2010 BLUE DEVILS AWARD BANQUET

The 2010 year ended with quite an awards banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. While we were expecting around 248 people in attendance, we wound up with 263! Needless to say, the hotel staff was really put to the test in providing enough food and seating for everyone. We aren't sure how they did it, but that they did and we were very appreciative of their extra efforts.

What a pleasure it was for us to have so many family members, friends, Board Members, and donors in attendance -- many traveling quite a distance. We even had three members from Japan and one from Canada! We have been so used to seeing the members in rehearsal clothing and here they were all dressed up and looking so great.



As the members entered the ballroom, the ladies received the traditional white rose bouquet and the gentlemen a white carnation boutonniere. The ballroom was filled with a variety of colorful balloons anchored by blue velvet holders. On the wall were four uniformed silhouettes. Table decorations included a small bouquet of flowers, small mirror pieces from the uniforms and a miniature mirror (!) on a black stand.

At each seat were two pages of pictures taken mostly during Finals Week, a program listing the 2010 age outs and a delightful poem by Norma Merrill dedicated to "The Mirror."



Our one-year age outs received a framed silver nameplate on a blue velvet background and the multi-year age outs received the traditional plaque with the eagle, shako buttons, chain and silver nameplate. The nameplates were engraved with Blue Devils, the member's name and years marched in the "A" Corps.

Plaques were presented to performers in the various categories and certificates were given to the new members of the Blue Devil Hall of Fame. Awarded "Performer of the Year" awards were Katrina Shore (*Percussion*), Garret Faccone (*Brass*) and Mitchell Hautea (*Guard*). The Director's award was given to Eric Ebert, Alex Hancock (*Brass*), Mitchell Hautea (*Guard*) and Andrew Rogers (*Drum Major*). It was really no surprise to anyone that the "Blue Devil of the Year" award went to our Drum Major Brian Howard. Brian did an outstanding job as Drum Major for 5 years.





Once again the Booster Club was happy to provide Yearbooks for the marching members. Not only did they receive their yearbook, each received their DCI patch plus a great pin

depicting the four years BD had undefeated years. This pin was designed and given to the members and staff by our dear friend and former BD member **Ronny Hirata**.



Putting on a banquet of this size takes a number of people working in all areas and we give a big Thank You to everyone involved.



Banquet weekend is also audition time and once again we had a multitude of people trying out for the various sections. We understand there were 17 people trying out for the one Drum Major spot.

We personally had the opportunity to get acquainted with two young men trying out for the DM spot and three ladies from Japan trying out for hornline spots. It's great when a young person is told to come back in January and heart breaking when they aren't.

However, the common response has always been, "I'll be back to try again next year." Without exception the weekend is considered a great learning experience.

## A COUPLE OF CHANGES IN PLANS

We don't know the details, but we have been informed the proposed trip to Malaysia had been cancelled. We have a feeling timing might have been a hurdle in the decision to cancel the trip that was originally scheduled for the first part of December.



Many Corps members had gotten their passports, etc. One way to look at it is now they will be ready for any trips planned in the future.

We also learned the Blue Devils will not be participating in the July 4 celebration at the Rose Bowl.

## IT'S EARLY, BUT MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12** – Blue Devil Family Day – Diablo Valley College – Pleasant Hill, CA.

We had a great turn-out last year with so many family members and friends. We usually start the day with pictures of the 3 Corp by Jolesch Photography, a fantastic potluck at the park and an evening of entertainment by the three BD Corps members. Great day and truly a "Family" event. Tickets on sale now from the BD Hall.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24** – Mid-Cal Tour of Champions – Buchanan High School - Clovis, CA

We are looking forward to seeing The Cadets, Phantom Regiment, Blue Knights plus several of the California corps. Tickets will be on sale in January.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 25** – DCI West – Stanford University – Palo Alto, CA

What a great day this is. Tickets will be on sale in January. If you can, check out the tickets that include the fabulous BBQ before the show. Well worth it!

## 2011 CAMPS

Our first camp is scheduled for January 14-16. Many "call-backs" will be attending this camp. If you are able to possibly house any kids or available to pick any up at the BART stations and get them to and (hopefully) from rehearsals, please get in touch the **RACHEL SILVA** who will once again serve as Housing Coordinator. Rachel may be contacted at (925) 580-7052 or email:



[rachel@bluedevils.org](mailto:rachel@bluedevils.org). Great way to get to know some of these kids.

**FUTURE CAMPS:** February 11-13, March 18-20, April 29-30 & May 1, May 27-30 (Memorial Day Camp).



As always, if you are available to help out with Devil's Food duties at any of the camps for any length of time, we would LOVE to hear from you.

Please contact Sheryl Miles at: [smiles@bluedevils.org](mailto:smiles@bluedevils.org).



## ERIKATURES

**Erik Skinner** (*Blue Devils mellophone 2004-2007 & Devils Food 2008-present*) baffled many members on tour with his creativity in writing on the water & gatordade coolers what was in them.

Recently he started making caricatures of BD members in action.

Our editor Hans

Kloppert has asked Erik to provide an Erikature for our Newsletter every month. Here's one from his archives to start with: trumpet player Adam Hancock tossing away. Beside marching Blue Devils Adam also did WGI.

## BOOSTER CLUB WEB SITE

It has been some time since the Booster Club web site has been updated – for which we do apologize. However, Yvonne Moss informs us that the site has been updated and it will now be a place to get monthly updates, look at pictures from recent events, find out about upcoming activities and get the telephone numbers and email addresses of our current officers. If you haven't been to this page or want to get an update, please visit soon.

If you want to add information to the page or send pictures, email Yvonne at:

[mossyvonne52@gmail.com](mailto:mossyvonne52@gmail.com).

Be sure you write something related to the pictures so Yvonne won't have to guess. Yvonne also sends her thanks for everyone's support.

## FUTURE BALLGAME FUNDRAISERS

Yvonne has really been busy recruiting helpers for our major fundraiser – The Giants baseball and 49er football games.

Income received from working these games is vital to the Booster Club being able to provide for the Corps members. We are getting a good response



from representatives from our Winter Guard and the Santa Clara Vanguard Boosters. However, the more "A" Corps people we have, the more goes into our treasury as funds are prorated.



If you are local, please consider talking to Yvonne about future games (*next one is January 2, 2011*). We give a huge and sincere thank you to everyone who worked these games in the past. You are definitely appreciated.



## BOOSTER CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was a combination meeting/potluck/gift exchange.

We kept the meeting short, probably overindulged in the great food and had a thoroughly enjoyable time with the gift exchange.



This is one meeting we always look forward to. Our appreciation to **Ken and Ronni Collmer** for graciously hosting the evening.



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## BLUE DEVILS TOUR 2011

- June 18 - Saginaw, TX
- June 19 - Round Rock, TX
- June 21 - Rio Rancho, NM
- June 22 - Mesa, AZ
- June 24 - Clovis, CA
- June 25 - Stanford, CA
- June 26 - Stockton, CA
- June 28 - Atascadero, CA
- July 2 - Walnut, CA
- July 3 - Riverside, CA
- July 6 - Ogden, UT
- July 9 - Denver, CO
- July 10 - Omaha, NE
- July 12 - West Des Moines, IA
- July 13 - Sioux Falls, SD
- July 16 - Minneapolis, MN
- July 17 - Rockford, IL
- July 18 - Kansas City, MO
- July 21 - Denton, TX
- July 22 - Houston, TX
- July 23 - San Antonio, TX
- July 27 - Hattiesburg, MS
- July 29 - Murfreesboro, TN
- July 30 - Atlanta, GA
- July 31 - Charlotte, NC
- August 3 - West Chester, PA
- August 4 - Lawrence, MA
- August 6 - Allentown, PA
- August 7 - Piscataway, NJ
- August 8 - Buffalo, NY

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**On behalf of the Booster Club officers,  
we send you our best wishes for a  
most wonderful Holiday Season  
and hope your Christmas was  
the merriest and the New Year  
will bring tons of happiness  
and health.**

### NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011

**I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA**  
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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