

# Pioneer Band Association

# NOTES

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## FROM THE PODIUM

### Where do we go from here?

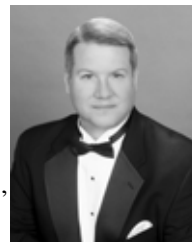
Gala has been one of our most successful fund raisers to date, but now that Karen and John Field have stepped down (not due to the work load of Gala, their daughter Jessica is graduating this spring) where do we go from this point forward?

By all accounts Gala is a big success. Financially it has grown each year since the first. In terms of popularity, each and every year we hear more and more comments like; "This is a wonderful event.", "I can't believe that all of this is for a high school band program.", and "What a night, great music, great times, and great deals." (Have you ever heard that about the candy sale?). We hear over and over, time and time again, Gala is so professional, so stunning, so amazing! So, now what? At present we do not have a Gala chair-person, group committee, etc...) I know several people in the PBA that would do a fantastic job, and it doesn't take that much time. Some yes, and right before the event, a bit more, but if you were to (as they say) spread the wealth, it would be so easy. If there were to be a "Gala-Committee"; a group of parents each with their own responsibilities with regards to Gala, it would be EASY! We already have a decoration chair (on her last year), Karen and John have everything you need, written, with "easy to follow instructions" and should you feel that we need a fresh perspective, go for it! But first we need you to GO FOR IT!!!

### Are you interested?

Please contact Gloria Wilson (who is banned from applying!)

Please keep an eye on the Band's Web site! We have had to cancel two rehearsals and a PBA meeting due to the weather. Should traveling become treacherous, we will post cancellations and changes on our web site. Also, please remember to sign-up to volunteer for the MSBOA District festival, hosted by the Pioneer Bands on Saturday March 8th, 2008. The first Band starts at 8:00 a.m. and the last Orchestra (yes I said Orchestra) wraps it all up around 7:00 p.m.!



All the best, *David A. Leach* Director of Bands

## NEW YORK TOUR INFO for Symphony, Concert and Jazz Bands

Please remit all payments directly to New Horizon Tour and Travel. You may send a check or pay on line. Go to [www.nhtt.com](http://www.nhtt.com), click on Customer Access and then Individual Billing Customer Access. You will need your participant ID and password, both located on your billing statement. If you have any questions regarding your bill, contact **New Horizon Travel at 1-800-978-9400**. Date for upcoming final payment: **3/14/2008 Final Payment**.

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## NYC Hotel Stay/Carnegie Hall Tickets

Separate tickets for the Symphony Band Concert at Carnegie Hall on April 27 at 2pm, can only be purchased directly through Carnegie Hall, when they go on sale **March 24th, 2008!**

At this time, New Horizons Tour & Travel can offer a 4-night Hilton Hotelstay (where the students are staying) plus concert tickets to Carnegie for \$575 per person based on double occupancy. However, at the time of request NHTT will have to confirm with the hotel to make sure rooms are still available!

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