

RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND

Live The Dream Through Music

President's Notes

February 2010

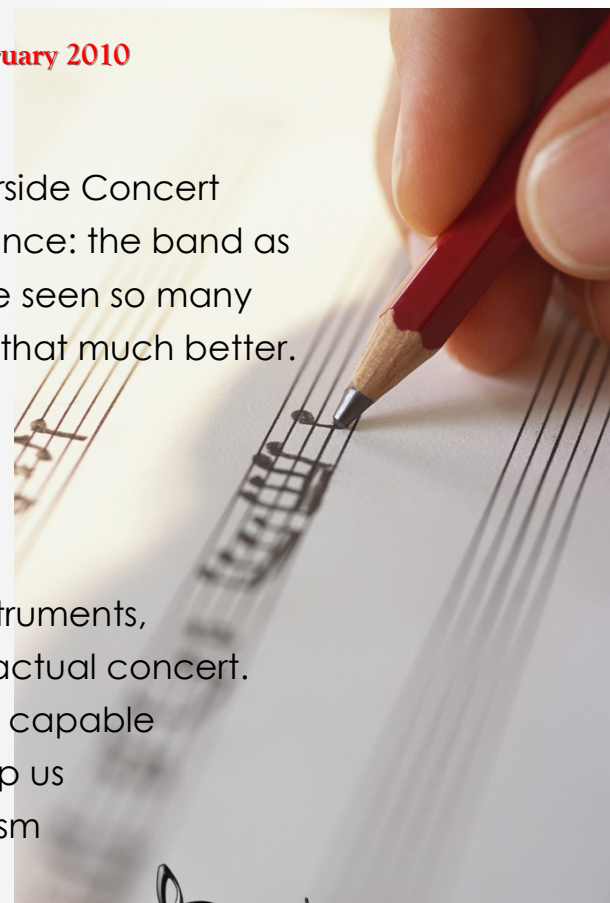
This year is starting out busier than ever and the Riverside Concert Band is definitely succeeding in its pursuit of excellence: the band as a whole, within sections, and individually as well. I have seen so many individuals going that extra mile just to make the band that much better. This hard work really pays off! We're going to be challenged, both physically and musically, this concert band season.

It is so important that each one of us does our part to rise to this challenge each time we play our instruments, whether it's at rehearsal, practicing at home, or at an actual concert.

We've already proved through our efforts what we are capable of achieving, and your attitude and hard work will help us reach our goals in this year ahead. Pride and enthusiasm for what we do and who we are goes a long way, and can overcome any roadblocks we will face.

Let's get out there this year and give our audience something to cheer about!

Thomas Brown
Band President



*Rehearsals are Tuesdays -
7:00 to 9:30 pm*

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NOTE:

All rehearsals in February
will be at the Foothill School.

On **MARCH 9th** we will rehearse once
at the new La Sierra Sr. Center.



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Director's Notes

Transcriptions of orchestral pieces are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. Some arrangements sound well for winds to play and others are a struggle to perform well. In the finale from the "New World Symphony", we have a winner.

Antonin Dvorak was born September 9, 1841 in what is now the Czech Republic. He died on May 1, 1904. During his life he came to the United States and lived here from 1892-1895. He lived in New York City and his job was the Director of the National Conservatory of Music in New York (it went out of business in 1911). However, Dvorak's main goal of coming to America was to learn about Native American and African American music, so he could incorporate this music into his own style of music. Thus, he began work on the "New World Symphony #9" in the winter of 1893. The work was premiered at Carnegie Hall on December 16, 1893 by the New York Philharmonic. It was considered a smashing success. Dvorak never used actual Native or African American songs in his symphony, but rather his interpretation of this music ("Goin' Home" is like spiritual music) and the energy of Native American Rhythms are all incorporated throughout the symphony.



Although we are only playing the 4th movement of the piece, we can still bring our energy and musicianship to the performance of this music. This transcription is somewhat challenging, but giving a great performance of Dvorak music is its own reward.

Musically yours,

T. McPherson

RCB Director



~ La Sierra Rehearsal ~

Hey everyone! I just wanted to remind you that we will be at Foothill Elem. every Tuesday at 7 PM up until March 9. Then, **on March 9, we will be at the new Senior Center at the corner of La Sierra Ave. and Gramercy in Riverside** at the same time to try out the facility.

See you at rehearsal!

~ Linda Baker (Bass Clarinet)

RCB

"Goin' home, goin' home,
I'm a goin' home;
Quiet-like, some still day,
I'm jes' goin' home."

"It's not far, jes' close by,
Through an open door;
Work all done, care laid by,
Goin' to fear no more."

Join us on

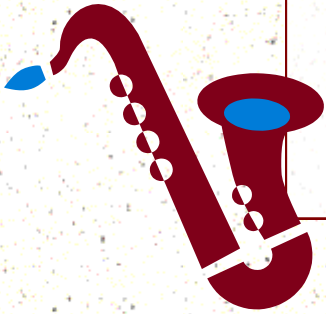


Board Notes

The next board meeting will be:

Thursday
Feb. 18th, 2010
6:30 pm

More Fire Thai Restaurant
2955 Van Buren Blvd, #F
Riverside, CA 92503
(in the shopping center at
Van Buren and Lincoln.)



February Birthdays:

Sandi Fulgrabe
Katheryn Knowlton
Christopher Renfro
Clay Wilkinson
Jessica Swanson
Gregory Cary



Keep up the good work!

= **Recycle** =



Bring your old empty ink cartridges
to band.

Tom has them recycled
and the funds generated
go to the band!



It's a good deal!

Rehearsal and Concert Information:

All February rehearsals
are at the Foothill Elementary School location.

February Concerts:

Saturday, Feb 6th - Riverside Dickens Festival
Sunday, Feb 7th - Riverside Dickens Festival
Sunday, Feb 21st - Nixon Presidential Library

Mark your calendar and check our web site
for more information!

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The Riverside Concert Band
would like to gratefully acknowledge the support
of the following organizations:

Riverside Arts Council
City of Riverside
Stronghold Engineering
Alvord Unified School District
Riverside Parks and Recreation

2009 - 2010



Support the band by purchasing the
"Shop Riverside" card at rehearsal!
They cost \$15, offer discounts at over
200 merchants, don't expire until
December 2010 and
**\$10 of the purchase price goes directly
to our organization.**

AND

Remember to register your
Ralphs or Food for Less value card.
For every penny you spend,
our band earns money.



News from the Past:

This article appeared
104 years ago in the
Los Angeles Herald
April 23, 1906

ATHLETICS IN RIVERSIDE

High School and Band Contests
and Other Outdoor Features



RIVERSIDE. April 22 — “Pomona high school won the interscholastic cup from Riverside yesterday afternoon by the very decisive score of 9 to 1. Paxton made the only safety for the local school.

The girls' basketball club of the Riverside high school, chaperoned by Mrs. Van Slyck, went to Coldwater canyon yesterday for a picnic. This diversion was promised the girls of the club by Prof. Rae if they would win the interscholastic cup. They won both the cup and the picnic.

Miss Theresa Wilbur of Los Angeles, international student secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association, addressed the girls of the local association this afternoon at the vesper service.

Both the Sherman Indian band and **Riverside Military band** gave outdoor concerts this afternoon that brought out crowds of people to hear really excellent programs.”



WORD SEARCH

Some Brass

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H B N B G M V K V F L C Y I R
X C O J A V P I U K W C J P O
H W P K V D U E U W S N Q S C
E N O T I R A B T I H W W V I

BARITONE

CORNET

FRENCH

HORN

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

TUBA



Grace Notes ~ "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

-Henry David Thoreau, Walden

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