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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2012 MSU ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

**Date:** Sunday, April 29, 2012

**Location:** Fairchild Auditorium, MSU Campus

**Register At:** [eventbrite.com/event/2686392071](http://eventbrite.com/event/2686392071)

#### Reunion Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Registration & Hospitality

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal

*Find a seat at the part you feel comfortable performing.  
Music will be emailed to registrants in advance.*

12:00 p.m. Lunch, on your own

*Optional Event:*

*Brunch Buffet at the Kellogg Center  
See page below for details*

2:30 p.m. Arrive for Concert

*Arrive backstage and take your seat on stage.*

3:00 p.m. Concert

*"Dress-up" clothes requested.*

#### Optional Event: Brunch Buffet at Kellogg

**Time:** 12 p.m.–2 p.m.

**Location:** Kellogg Center

**Price:** \$14.95/person

Please register at the Eventbrite site when you register for the Reunion. Pay for your brunch directly to the Kellogg Center when you arrive.

### 2012 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

**Date:** Saturday, October 13th

**Homecoming — MSU vs. Iowa**

**Time:** TBD

### 2012 ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

**Date:** Friday, October 12th

**Time:** TBD

*Keep checking the web site and the next issue of the Encore for more information.*

## a Message from the President

It's great to be a Spartan Band alum! The MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion and Annual Fall Reunion in 2011 were both terrific events to be involved and participate in. Over 300 alumni returned to campus for the two events. Graduates from 1947 through 2011 made up the bands, and former directors Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron, John Whitwell, and Bill Weidrich joined our current MSU Directors to make the days special. These events are a great way to evoke special memories of "ivy covered halls" and make some wonderful new memories. The camaraderie, music-making and fun combined to offer a memorable day back on campus. I hope you'll join us at one or both on Sunday, April 29th and Saturday, October 13th this year!

Between our two annual reunions, the MSU Alumni Pep Band provides music for MSU Athletics over the holidays when the MSU Spartan Brass is on holiday break. 165 different players participated for MSU Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Hockey, and the Izzone Alumni Reunion. Alumni Band Special Events Coordinator Jack Nelson always does a great job of making this happen.

The Spartan Marching Band had a remarkable season. They travelled to the first-ever Big Ten Championship game in Indianapolis on December 3rd. Even though the final result was frustrating for the green and white faithful, the band had a fantastic trip at the Outback Bowl in Tampa. They participated in a heart-stopping triple-overtime 33-30 victory over the Georgia Bulldogs, giving MSU its first bowl win since 2000.

The MSU Wind Symphony has earned two prestigious performance invitations: the College Band Directors National Association Convention at Central Michigan University on February 23, at 8:00 pm in the Staples Family Recital Hall and the American Bandmasters Association Convention, at Butler University in Indianapolis, on March 1, at 8:00 pm in the Clowes Memorial Hall. Both of these very special performances are open to the public. Director Kevin Sedatole and Associate Director John Madden would be thrilled to see MSU Alumni Band members at the concerts.

The continued excellence of the MSU Bands is largely a result of our terrific directors. We are very fortunate to have them working with the young men and women in the MSU Bands. They represent the highest level of university leadership in bands in the nation, and their remarkable talent, leadership, and dedication continue to help earn the MSU Bands accolades and honors from around the country.

If you live near Lansing, we invite you to become involved in helping the Alumni Band. There is always a need for volunteers. Please contact MSU Alumni Band Vice President Stacie Detgen at [detgens@cablespeed.com](mailto:detgens@cablespeed.com) or 517-231-0352.

➔ **All former members of any MSU Band are cordially invited and encouraged to become members of the MSU Alumni Band. Learn more by visiting our website at [www.msualumni.com](http://www.msualumni.com). Return to campus soon and Go Green!**

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## Freshman Band Jackets Fund Established

### Yerrick family donation funds all 80 freshman 2011 jackets

By Jim Barry: Excerpts from the MSU Band Fan "Spartan Fanfare." Issue 21, Sept. 9, 2011.



Photo by: Klm Hopkins

In the fall of 2011, a generous gift was made to the freshman members of the Spartan Marching Band.

When freshmen marching band members completed their dress rehearsal during Preseason, they earned the opportunity to buy their own SMB jacket. This year's freshmen were fortunate to be the recipients of Ken and Carole Yerrick's donation to cover the cost of all 80 jackets.

As a member of the trombone section from 1959–62, Ken holds the SMB very near to his heart. "The SMB experience has provided lifelong memories," he said. "Although I was a chemistry major, I had a music scholarship, that meant I played in the marching band, concert band, and orchestra."

Thanks to the start from the Yerricks, there is now a special account set up to receive donations specifically for band jacket purchases. Already, MSU mens' basketball coach Tom Izzo has made a significant

donation to the fund. Coach Izzo, another great supporter of the SMB, hopes to inspire others to do the same.

➔ **MSU Alumni Band members can use the new check box on the concert band or fall reunion registration forms, or by contacting Linda Conradi, Asst. Director of Development /Alumni Relations, MSU College of Music at [conradi@msu.edu](mailto:conradi@msu.edu).**

## Make Music April 29th at the MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion

Former members of all MSU Bands return to campus each year for the MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion. This year's event on Sunday, April 29, 2012 promises to again offer a great day of camaraderie and music-making. Fairchild Auditorium will be the site of the morning gathering, refreshments and rehearsal. At noon we will break for a State Room luncheon at the Kellogg Center, followed by the 3:00 pm concert back at Fairchild. On the podium will be former MSU band directors as well current directors Kevin Sedatole and John Madden.

➔ **All former members of any MSU Bands are warmly welcomed to join us. Please visit the MSU Alumni Band website at [www.msualumniband.com](http://www.msualumniband.com) for music information when available as well as a <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2686392071> to register.**

## MSU Alumni Band Annual Fall Reunion Date Announced – Homecoming 2012

The 2012 fall reunion date has been announced: Homecoming, Saturday October 13, 2012, MSU vs. Iowa! Make plans to join former members of the MSU Bands from across the decades. Everyone is cordially invited to join us for a day of fun, music, meeting and making friends. On hand will be our current and former band directors, and representatives from MSU Administration, Athletics, and Alumni Association. Evoke some of your special memories and make some wonderful new memories!

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## Beryl's Beat *winter* 2012

**Alderman, Pete** ('99 *Snare Drum*) is student teaching in math at Western High School in Jackson County. **Dala** ('98 *Color Guard*) teaches fifth grade at Bean Elementary in the Western School District. They have two kids - Lily (7), and Adam (5).

**Andrews, (Shaw) April** ('03 *Baritone*) has almost completed her Masters in Arts and Teaching for Secondary Education. She hopes to teach high school biology and has three beautiful children.

**Barry, Linda** ('74 *Flute*) and **Jim** ('73, & '83 *Trumpet*) share that after 35 years living and teaching 10 minutes from MSU, sold their house in Okemos (in 2.5 weeks!). They now have a "retirement" ranch condo in Northville. They are closer to both sides of the family and an hour from MSU, but 30 minutes from "that school down the road." Son **Mark** ('06, *BM in Jazz Studies*) continues to pursue his musical ambitions as the drummer in Lord Huron based in L.A.

**Brown, Bruce** ('82 *Big Tens*) After 27 years of teaching in Ft. Lauderdale, is finally sending one of his grads up to be a Spartan ... look for him swinging with Prof. Whitaker in the Music Bldg!

**Coltrane, Chuck** ('62 *Piccolo*) and **Linda** (*Clarinet*), both played under Falcone's Concert Band, and the Oakway Symphony, in Farmington, MI for nine years in the 70s. Chuck was principal flute in Greensboro (NC) Philharmonia for last 27 years. They were in the (first)1985 MSU Tour Band to Italy, and in the 2004 Tour Band to Netherlands, Belgium, Paris.

**Cook, Angela** ('93 *Oboe*) is a senior environmental, health & safety consultant at Golder Associates. She and Kevin celebrated 16 years of marriage and are busy with sons Thomas (13) and James (10), baseball, basketball, soccer, band and choir.

**DeMaagd Meredith** ('07 *Alto Sax*) married **Jeff** ('07 *Trumpet*) this summer in Ft. Worth, TX.

**Draeger, Timothy** ('85 *Tuba*) and **Rachel (Hyde)**, ('84-'88, *Color Guard*) are happy to have all three of their daughters playing in school bands. Melody, the oldest, is a freshman and plays bass drum for the Lake Fenton HS marching band for director and former SMB member, Ryan Gonder, while Rachel coordinates the flags. The younger two, Libby and Katherine, play oboe and saxophone at St. John School for director and former SMB'er Sean Spicer.

**Dutchik, James** ('76 '79 *Alto Sax*) shares that his daughter will be a freshman at MSU... following in Dad's footsteps!

**Facktor, Ronald** ('62 *Alto Horn*) and **Patricia** ('62 *Clarinet*) enjoy their family (son, daughter and seven grandchildren). None of them play any instruments but they are all involved in sports.

Ron and Patricia stay active in bands, orchestra and musical theater in the Kentucky occasionally running into MSU Alumni. Ron plays french horn in a number of ensembles and enjoys it. He still works for the State.

**Fisk, Al** ('78 & '85, *Trombone*) is retiring from teaching vocal music (after 34 years) in Hazel Park Schools this spring. He remains active in the Barbershop Harmony Society as a Music Judge (has judged two international contests) and quartet/chorus coach. His quartet, The Detroit Sound Co., was state champion in '97. He is married to his lovely physical therapist bride (Bonnie - 26 years) in his hometown of Rochester, MI. He is active in his church (where his brother Rob is the pastor) and plays trombone in the worship team. He lives a blessed life and thanks God every day for such!"

**Gilbert, Dean** ('86 *Trombone*) finished 25 years of teaching band at Lakeview Community Schools.

**Gould, Bob** ('90 *Trumpet*) started his fifth year teaching in the School of Journalism at MSU. He actively plays in the Greenville Danish Band and the Flat River Big Band. His wife Susan is starting her 21st year teaching band and orchestra at Greenville Public Schools. They keep busy with their two awesome kids; Ilene, 13 and Isaac, 8.

**Grojean, Alison** ('08 *Trumpet*) after two years of subbing, got a teaching job in East Lansing, MI. She teaches middle school english at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School.

**Haldeman, Candice** ('03 *Mellophone*) and fiance Austin welcomed their first child, Tatum, this past spring.

**Hogan, Melissa** ('88 *Alto Saxophone*) enjoys life as a mom and 21 years as an educator. Her daughter, Francesca, shows marching promise but seems to find interest in percussion/tubas (alack!) or sometimes alto sax like her mother. She enters kindergarten this fall!

**Hughes, John** ('72 *Mellophone*) is very proud of his son who is carrying on the tradition of marching in the mello section of the SMB!

**Kiter Steven** ('91 *Trumpet*) is enjoying his fifth summer outside of Fort Worth, TX with wife Gretchen and pups Lucia and Nicholas.

**Kitter, Scott** ('83 *Alto Sax*) has lived in Chicago going on 10 years now. He is a proposal manager for HP. He and his partner are active in church and exploring the best city in the world.

**Korpi, Ed** ('89 *Tuba*) traded in playing curling for road cycling and rode in his second century ride this summer.

**Leach, Joel** ('63, '64 *Percussion*) retired from his position as professor of music at California State

University, Northridge (LA) after 42 years. He previously taught at Texas Tech Univ., Michigan State Univ., and at a Lansing Jr. High School. His teaching career subject matter included music business, jazz, percussion and instrumental music. He is the author of four music books, a book on how to find low airfares, and the nation's biggest seller on earthquake preparedness. He remains active as a musicologist for Hollywood studios, and as consultant and expert witness dealing with music copyright infringement.

**Morell, Todd** ('79 *Cymbals*) works at Dart Container in Mason, MI as a project leader. Empty nesting with my wife Cheryl. Loving it!

**Murawski, Mark** ('82 *Tenor Sax*) is doing well in my 19th year in Arizona with a wife of 14 years and 2 boys, Troy (11) and Tyler (9).

**Pushman, Todd** ('91 *Tuba*) and wife Barb are celebrating 19 years of marriage. Both daughters are doing great. Daughter Alicen is threatening to follow her Dad's footsteps and join the SMB Tuba section in 2015.

**Rimpau, Joy** ('75 *Baritone BC*) played in the instrumental ensembles for the Diocese of Lansing Diaconate and Presbyteral Ordinations in 2011.

**Sams, Ronald** ('72 *Trombone*) currently serves as director of city investigations for the city of Montgomery, AL — a liaison between the city of Montgomery and Maxwell Air Force Base.

**Shubel, Courtney** ('03 *Big Tens*) teaches second grade in Williamston, Michigan. Daughter Luci was born in May 2011. Son Nolan tells everyone that he is going to play in the SMB drum line — his car tunes are the songs from any SMB CD!

**Thoma, August** ('75, '76 *Alto Sax*) is director of bands and adjunct instructor of music at Rochester (MI) College. He continues as director of music ministry at St. John Fisher University Parish in Auburn Hills, MI. He also works as a tour director for Brightspark Travel.

**Walsh, Brian** ('86 *Baritone*) & Shelly are very proud as daughter Brianne, who received her masters in August 2011 from the University of Chicago. She will work at MSU while applying for her Ph.D. Son Jake is a senior at Northwood University and will graduate in May 2012.

**Williams, Moya** ('79 *Alto Sax*) lives in Alabama in SEC hell, and waiting to retire to a Big 10 friendly environment in a few years.

**Woloson, Sus** ('85 *Trombone*) is a contract technical writer working different assignments and does video production at local access cable TV in Troy. Playing and jamming with friends whenever possible!

## Since *Our* Last Issue



Attendees of the 2011 Golf Outing during the Alumni Band Fall Reunion. To view more photos visit our web site at: [www.msualumniband.com](http://www.msualumniband.com).

## MSU Alumni Band Winter Tailgate *in* Grand Rapids



Members of the MSU Alumni Band performed on February 2nd for the MSU Winter Tailgate Party sponsored by the MSU West Michigan Alumni Association. Coach Dantonio, Athletic Director Mark Hollis, and former Spartan Football players TJ Duckett, Jeff Smoker, and Mitch Lyons were on hand to raise funds for the MSU Football program. More than 600 Spartans attended the event, including the 10 musicians. Pictured with Athletic Director Mark Hollis are Bob Gould, Bob Rice, and Sheri Manett on trumpet, Susan Gould and Susan McCaffrey on Alto Sax, Dalin Clark on Tenor Sax, Ken Nelson on Trombone, Ron Gibbs on the double Euphonium, Jim McCaffrey on drums and Frank Sanborn on Tuba.

## MSU Alumni Touring Band Announces 2013 Concert Tour

Scotland 2013 – June 16 departure – may seem far away but not so far away. Those interested should be thinking of sending their deposits soon to Lauralee Campbell at Classic Travel in East Lansing.

Ken Bloomquist will be conducting his very last MSU Tour Band on the 2013 Scotland trip. He is fully ready to go and looking forward to making this trip a truly memorable one. So far, 23 musicians have signed on. Many have responded that they wish to be a part of his last time on the podium, having conducted the first tour band trip to Italy in 1985.

Players who have signed on as of Feb. 1, 2012 are: Flutes – Susan Amb, Diedra Garlock; Oboes – Jenny Schwab, Bill Teel; Clarinets – John Kostoff, Leanna Rice, Carolyn Sherrill, Susan Wisser; Bass Clarinet – Don McCorkle; Bassoon – Sue Thurow; Saxes – Jack and Nancy Nelson; Horns – Dale Bartlett, Stacie Detgen, Willard Verdun; Trumpets – Cheryl Amb, Jeff Kressler, Bob Rice; Trombones – Peter Kressler, Erik Nielsen; Tuba – Mary Erickson; Percussion – Les Dale, Allison Shaw.

### April tour band luncheon/meeting:

Sunday, April 29 is set for the MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion. On that day, the concert band participants will be lunching at Kellogg Center before the afternoon concert. (Information will be coming to those alumni who receive the *Encore*). Dale Bartlett will be organizing a luncheon/meeting for the tour band participants as well (as was done last year). He would like our luncheon/meeting to take place, also, at Kellogg Center. More on this later. Join us. It is always a blast!



## Follow Us Online!

Stop by the MSU Alumni Band's newly designed web site. You'll find information about upcoming events, a digital copy of the newsletter, email addresses of members, and lots of pictures! [www.msualumniband.com](http://www.msualumniband.com). Check out "Michigan State University Alumni Band" on Facebook.com!

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