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## 2004 Alumni Band Fall Reunion

**Saturday, September 11, 2004**  
**Game Time: 1:00 p.m.**

*(Subject to change. Please check the alumni band web site, or your local paper the week of the game, and adjust this schedule accordingly.)*

<http://www.msu.edu/~alumband>

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| 7:00–7:45 a.m. | Registration (IM West)                                   |
| 8:00 a.m.      | Rehearsal starts   |
| 9:30 a.m.      | Drill rehearsal<br>(Dem Hall Field)                      |
| 10:30 a.m.     | LUNCH  |
| 11:25 a.m.     | Run-through on Adams<br>Field (formerly Landon<br>Field) |
| 11:45 a.m.     | March to the stadium                                     |
| 12:15 p.m.     | Enter tunnel with pass<br>(go to seats)                  |
| 1:00 p.m.      | Kickoff  |

*Parking available at the corner of Kalamazoo & Harrison.*

## MSU Alumni Band Commissioning Project

The MSU Alumni Band Board believes in and is firmly committed to supporting ongoing commissioning projects by the MSU University Bands. At the January 2004 meeting, \$2,500 was pledged for 2004. A minimum of \$500 per calendar year will be added to this fund by the board. Also, an additional line will be added in the registration form for each reunion (fall and spring) so members will have the opportunity to donate to this important project.

## a Message from the President

Wow! The year goes by so fast! Here it is, June, and we are already planning our next Alumni Band Fall Reunion. Time sure flies. The spring reunion was a huge success! With almost 100 alums attending, it was one of the best concerts we have had. Thanks to John Madden and his able staff, things went smoothly. We were able to premiere the MSU Alumni Band March, written by Spartan alum Jake Sikorski, and guest conductor Monte Sheedlo did a great job conducting America the Beautiful. Thanks to all those who attended, it was fun!

The fall reunion is September 11, 2004, vs. CMU. If you have not been able to attend this event lately, why don't you make plans and come join us? Sign up for the golf outing on Friday, or watch the Spartan Marching Band rehearse and then join us for dinner at the Williamston Roadhouse. Last year's event was great, and we anticipate having an even bigger group this year.

Be sure to return the fall reunion forms as soon as possible to reserve your spot in the block, and bring the entire family for a weekend of MSU Alumni Band fun! Also, if you have changed either your e-mail address or your mailing address, please let us know. We are trying to update our files, and this will help ensure that our communication to you is timely and accurate.

This will be my last message as the alumni band president, as my two-year term expires this year. It has been an honor and a privilege working for you on the executive board. Thanks to Beryl, John Madden, John Whitwell, Wes Broadnax, and all the other board members and long time associates. I have enjoyed working with this great group of people. Due to their ongoing efforts, I know the MSU Alumni Band will continue to grow and flourish. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the MSU Alumni Band!

Go State!

**Jim McCaffrey, President**  
MSU Alumni Band Association

## a Special Honor...



At the College of Arts and Letters Awards Convocation on May 6, 2004, Professor John L. Whitwell was awarded the Paul Varg Alumni Award. The award is presented to a faculty member in the College of Arts and Letters who has gained a national reputation in his or her discipline through scholarly and/or creative contributions and who has communicated these insights to students.

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## Notes to Share

**Ken and Ann Bloomquist** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day 2004. Their children, Leslie, Laurie, and Danny (and their spouses) had a surprise dinner party for them.

**Jane Gruber Church** (*Alto Sax '75, '77*) past president of the MSU Alumni Band Association has taught instrumental music at East Lansing High School for the past 24 years. This spring she was honored by MSBOA as the High School Band Director of the Year for 2004. She also had an article from "Camper to Conductor" published in *The Instrumentalist* magazine in March 2004. She and husband Rick are building a home in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

**Edward Deeb** (*Clarinet '56-'60*) president of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association was honored on March 18, 2004 by the Detroit Urban League at the Distinguished Warriors 25th Anniversary Dinner.

**Nancy Nelson** (*Alto Sax '74, '77*) teacher at Williamston High School in Williamston, MI was recently honored by Alpha Delta Kappa (International Teacher's Honorary Sorority) with the Excellence in Education Award for 2004 for the State of Michigan and will go on to the North Central Regional Competition.

## From the Alumni

**Ambs, Cheryl** (*Mellophone '86*, Dearborn, MI, completed her 4th year of teaching at Bethany Lutheran School in Detroit, MI. She served as athletic director of the school this year, coached volleyball and indoor track, and umpired for softball games.

**Aurand, Charles H.** (*Clarinet '54, '58, '71*), Tucson, AZ, is retired and currently playing in both the Tucson Civic Orchestra and the Sonora Winds as well as several chamber music groups.

**Barry, Jim** (*Trumpet '73, '83*), Okemos, MI, completed his 30th year as a high school band director, with the last 28 years at Okemos High School. Wife Linda (*MSU '70*), completed her 27th year teaching elementary school. Son Mark is a drummer, majoring in jazz performance at MSU. Daughter Kimberly is a fifth-year senior, majoring in psychology at MSU. Jim took the Okemos High School Band on performance tours to England, Scotland and the Hawaiian Islands, and currently serves as state chairperson of ASBDA and as district eight vice-president of MSBOA.

**Bessolo, Amy Schimmel** (*Mellophone '87*), Waterford, MI, says that life is busy with a two-year-old but loving every (almost) minute of it! She still works part-time as a landscape architect. They are happily living in their new two-year-old home in Waterford on Otter/Sylvan lakes.

**Boitel, Jr., Earl C.** (*Trumpet/Coronet '56*), Sandusky, OH, recounts Professor Leonard Falcone once saying, "1952 thru 1956 were most exciting years what with new green & white band uniforms, introduction of the "kick-step" and performing at two Rose Bowls, 1954 and 1956."

**Braman, Russ** (*Baritone '91-'93*), Clawson, MI, shares that he and Barb have a beautiful baby girl, Elise Nicole, born in the winter of 2002.

**Catherman, Rick L.** (*Trumpet '90*), Chelsea, MI, is director of bands at Chelsea High School. He is active with the MSBOA as state chair for the conducting symposium, district vice-president for adjudication and as state secretary-treasurer for the ASBDA. He and his wife Susie keep busy with their daughter Olivia (5).

**Chrisenberry, Julie** (*Mellophone '89*), Howell, MI, is a member of the Livingston County Community Band.

**Conaton, Chris** (*Mellophone '99*), Clinton Township, MI, teaches middle school choir and elementary music in the L'Anse Creuse school district.

**Craig, John E.** (*Snare Drum '71*), Holt, MI, states that of his four sons, two are married; that he has two grandchildren; one son lives in California with a B.S. degree; one son teaches at the University of Wisconsin; one son lives in Connecticut; and one son lives at home and strolls with his dad on Saturday home games.

**Dalton, Melissa Strong** (*Trumpet '94*), Oxford, MI, has been married to Scott Dalton (*Trombone '94*) for five years. They have lived in Japan for three of those years. She teaches Spanish and Japanese at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion, MI. Scott is a manager in the purchasing department at Alps Auto.

**Durham, Robert A.** (*Trumpet '87, '93, '97*), Ann Arbor, MI, and his wife Cathy celebrated their 10th anniversary this past year. They have three great kids: Olivia (8), Annemarie (7), and John (4). In spite of their proximity to "cockroach central" they have several other Spartan families in the neighborhood. He enjoys his work in the neurochemistry lab of CNS Pharmacology at Pfizer R&D in Ann Arbor.

**Dye, James** (*Drum Major, Trumpet '46-'50*), Saginaw, MI, writes that his family is well, and that all their children and ten grandchildren live in Michigan. James has been retired 10 years and enjoys golf and visiting warmer weather in the winter.

**Elliott, Thomas** (*Baton Twirler/Flute '03*), Corunna, MI, received his B.M. in music theory and composition in 2001, and his M.A. in musicology in 2003. His thesis was entitled "Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 8—A Gift to the Nation, 1906-1910."

**Emmons, Dennis L.** (*Clarinet '65*), North Muskegon, MI, and his wife Sue Sexsmith ('64) are both retired and traveling. Trips have included Alaska, Scotland, England, New Zealand, and South Africa (where Dennis' safari hunted five animals successfully!)

**Fauth, Greg** (*Coronet '69*), Naperville, IL, this year celebrated 30 years as a dentist (21 as a periodontist). He practices in Aurora, IL and still follows MSU and the Spartans closely.

**Foster, Stacie E.** (*Color Guard '99*), Jackson, MI, earned her master's degree in education from MSU in 2002. She teaches third grade in Battle Creek.

**Gillett, Jeff** (*Trumpet '86*), Phoenix, AZ, recently transferred with his company, Houston's Restaurants

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Inc., to Phoenix. He and his wife, Kathy, have four children: Will, Jack, Drew, and Kate.

**Girard, Rita** (*Bass Drum '89*), *Mason, OH*, has been happily married for 10 years to Art Pancioli, and provides prenatal care in a non-profit women's center.

**Goff, Dan** (*Snare Drum '66*), *Lansing, MI*, reports that his son and daughter-in-law celebrated their first wedding anniversary, while Iris is retired. They both still enjoy the Lansing Concert Band.

**Gould, Susan Wiegandt** (*Alto Sax '91*), *Rockford, MI*, and family moved to Rockford from Comstock Park in November 2002, and have a new baby—Issac Jerome—born in the spring of 2003. She is in her 13th year as band and orchestra director at Greenville High School. Their daughter Ilene, just started kindergarten.

**Gulick, Matthew L.** (*Trombone '89*), *Ithaca, MI*, after 14 years in emergency medicine as a paramedic is now going to nursing school.

**Halls, Brad** (*Snare Drum '87*), and **Heather** (*Alto Sax '88*) *Waterford, MI*, report that Brad is a software development manager for EDS and webmaster of the SMB website. Heather is a stay-at-home mom, elementary school PTO president, and participates in craft shows.

**Hamilton, Elizabeth** (*Color Guard '00*), *Lansing, MI*, shares that after one year of marriage she and husband Chris are moving from Marshall, MI back to Lansing, MI so that Chris can attend the Mid-Michigan Police Academy for fall 2003.

**Haston, Lisa** (*Alto Sax '78*), *Lansing, MI*, completed her Ph.D. in educational administration in May 2003 from Michigan State University.

**Healey, Michael J.** (*Snare Drum '77*), *Scottsdale, AZ*, reports that he and Kelli live in Scottsdale, AZ. They have four children: Patrick (22), Kathryn (19), Keegan (16), and Clairen (10). They spend their summers at their Torch Lake home and hope to someday make Michigan their year-round home again.

**Herman-Stimson, Bernadette** (*Tenor Sax '97*), *Ypsilanti, MI*, is a veterinarian in Allen Park, MI. She works at a six-doctor practice called Southpointe Veterinary Hospital. She and husband Jeff (*Trumpet '99*) have two dogs.

**Hogan, Melissa L.** (*Alto Sax '88*), *Lansing, MI*, is in her 8th year as a high school counselor at Pottersville High School and her 14th year in education. She has spent over five years as a volunteer support group facilitator at El's Place. She stays active in local and state professional counseling organizations by serving on various committees and projects. She also keeps her hand in music as the accompanist for the PHS Choir and as an active PHS music booster.

**Hooper, Pat Belleville** (*Flute '72*), *Roscoe, IL*, teaches instrumental music (concert and jazz bands) for grades 5–8 in northern Illinois.

**Hutting, Lori** (*Alto Sax '92*), *Dimondale, MI* sold the family farm she never had:> (*Encore error—our apologies.*)

**Klein, Jeff** (*Mellophone '95*), *Waterford, MI*, is working as a litigator with Asher, Kullen & Kassats, P.C. in West Bloomfield, and plays horn in the Farmington Community Band.

**Landree, James H.** (*Trumpet '49*), *Elmgrove, WI*, continues to lead and play in amateur swing bands in the area. He also conducts a jazz lab for beginning improvisors.

**Lecy, Melissa "Missy" (Mason)** (*Trombone '85*), *Apple Valley, MN*, may be raising a future fracker for the SMB. Daughter Mackenzie (11) now plays trombone and is carrying on the family t-bone tradition from mom, aunt Melody Mason (*Trombone '81*), grandpa Ed Mason (*MSU PhD '62*), and great-grandpa Dwight Mason. Will son Erik (8) join the ranks, too?

**Levine, Joseph** (*Clarinet '50–'62*) Retired on June 1 as professor at MSU. Joe is a member of the executive board of the MSU Band Alumni Association. His wife Roberta, and daughters Shoshie and Michie honored him at a brunch at the University Club of MSU on May 23, 2004.

**Lewis, Steve** (*Trumpet '70*), *South Rockwood, MI*, retired in the spring of 2003 after 32 years teaching middle school algebra in Monroe. Patti is retired after 30 years teaching elementary school in Wyandotte. Penny (*Color Guard, '01*) is a food and beverage manager at Walt Disney World in the Magic Kingdom.

**Martel, Alice** (*French Horn*), *Lansing, MI*, has been in veterinary practice for 23 years. Her most recent musical interest is the five-string banjo.

**Mau, Ann (Benda)** (*Trumpet '87*), *Warren, MI*, was married in July 2002. Her husband, Ed (*Tuba '86*), accepted an assignment in Japan, and they have been living in Yokohama since March 2003. They are enjoying weekend explorations of the country and expect to live there for 2–3 years.

**McCall, Bruce** (*Oboe '72*), *Knoxville, KY*, is back to running his woodwind repair business full-time. He presented a Handson Oboe Adjustment Workshop at MSU in March 2004 for Jan Eberle's oboe students, the same workshop he gave at the 2003 International Double Reed Society (IDRS) convention.

**McKenzie, Don** (*Alto Sax '95*), and **Angela** (*Alto Sax '94*), *Ypsilanti, MI*, enjoy everyday with new daughter Sydney, born in the winter of 2003.

**Middel, Molly** (*Big Ten '00*), *Aurora, IL*, lives in the Chicagoland area and loving it! She works as a food service manager and as a youth director for her church.

**Millar, William L.** (*Drum Major '58*), *Saginaw, MI*, is a retired small business owner.

**Morehouse, Robert L.** (*Trumpet '56*), *Midland, MI*, teaches band at the Midland Academy part-time. This will be his 4th year there. He has fun with it and it gives him time to play golf in the afternoon. Terry is doing fine, as well as his two granddaughters.

**Ness, Tim** (*Tuba '00*), *Pottersville, MI*, has headed down the path of firefighting. He is currently working on his paramedic certification.

**Oliphant, Jim** (*Tenor Sax '69*), and **Kathy** (*Piccolo '69*), *Royal Oak, MI*, became grandparents in 2003 twice (both boys)! One lives in Florida with daughter Kristine and husband Tom; the other lives in South Lyon with son Alan (a band director in Novi) and wife Michelle. Their own baby is off to Northwestern University to study horn performance.

**Osborn, Michael** (*Tuba '92, '99*), *Howell, MI*, is entering his twelfth year as director of bands at Maltby Middle School.

**Penhollow, Erik J.** (*Trumpet '88*), *Westland, MI*, is the head coach of his son's travel hockey team.

**Piche, Steven A.** (*Trumpet*), *Miramar, FL*, is the kitchen manager of a major golf resort in south Florida. He just relocated there in November of 2002.

**Pulter, Dan** (*Snare Drum '81*), *Haslett, MI*, is an attorney in Lansing. He has been married to Paula for 18 years and she is a schoolteacher in Okemos. They have two children: Daniel, a freshman snare drummer at Haslett High School, and Elizabeth, a sixth-grade beginning flute player.

**Rafferty, David W.** (*Trumpet '64*), *Kalamazoo, MI*, is a photographer for Trader Publications, has been with the Kalamazoo Concert Band for 32 years, with the "Good Vibrations" pop band for 15 years, and is involved in choir, music/TV gear, and genealogy.

**Reeves, Jodi L.** (*Mellophone '85, '93*), *Lansing, MI*, works as an ER nurse at Sparrow Hospital and looks forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

**Rice, Bob** (*Sousaphone '72*), *Oak Park, MI*, married Marilyn Smendzuiik in the fall of 2002. Marilyn is a MSU Human Environment and Design graduate.

**Rider, Daniel C.** (*Alto Sax '77, '80*), *Sugar Land, TX*, went to regional final of the MSU game in San Antonio.

**Sachs, Bill** (*Alto Sax '67*), *Sterling Heights, MI*, retired in June from Warren Consolidated Schools with 35 years of service. He taught at the same school for 29 years, Grissom Middle School.

**Salow, Ronald** (*Coronet '51*), *Novi, MI*, and wife Elaine had a wonderful weekend with the Jazz Train to Chicago sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters.

**Schemm, Leonard** (*Alto Sax '69*), *Bloomfield Hills, MI*, is opening a brand new band room with all the trimmings, including a recording studio!

**Scott, Lisa Hinrichs** (*Mellophone '84, '87*), *Fort Wayne, IN*, writes she and Todd (*Mellophone '85*) recently moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana and are outnumbered by Hoosiers!

**Shafer, Shirley L. (York)** (*Baritone '55*), *Lapeer, MI*, has great memories of friends and teachers at MSU. She loves it when former students relate their memories of music experiences to her, and looks forward to reading music better after her cataract surgeries.

**Sikorsky, Jake** (*Trombone*), *Battle Creek, MI*, works at the VA Medical Center music therapy department, assisting the therapist with what needs to be done. He played trumpet and bass drum in the Post Band this past summer and is still looking for that significant other.



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**Stimson, Jeff** (*Trumpet '99*, *Ypsilanti, MI*), enters his 2nd year of teaching band at Three Fires Middle School in Howell. He also runs a summer band program for 6–12 graders, and is working towards his masters in music education.

**Stukey, David** (*Bass Drum '97*), and **Julie** (*Color Guard '96*, *Dewitt, MI*), share that Julie continues to work in video production at Mirage Technologies in Lansing. David teaches social studies at St. Johns High School. Their son Nicholas is always on the move, and they have purchased a new home on Lake Geneva in Dewitt, MI.

**Taylor, Frank** (*Percussion '40–'46*), was head of instrumental music at Monroe High School for 31 years. He is now 87 years young, retired, and married to the same gal for 64 years.

**Texter, Tracy (Irish)** (*Trumpet '82*, *Middleville, MI*), writes that her oldest son is playing in the drumline at NMU. She plays horn in the Thornapple Brass, a quintet of friends in Barry County and she works as an RN at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

**VanDyke, Harrison (Herb)** (*Trumpet '76*, *Lansing, MI*), finished his teaching career at St. Francis High School in Traverse City as band director. He retired in 1993. He continues to play trumpet. He has ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Voelkner, Tricia Renea (Barnes)** (*Tenor Sax '97*, *Farmington Hills, MI*), is the instrumental music director at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, MI. She has a daughter, April (2½).

**Walsh, Brian** (*Baritone '86*, *Grand Ledge, MI*), has been married to Shelly for 17 years. Their daughter Brianne is active in cheerleading, and their son Jacob's basketball team won district's in their category.

**Welch, Robert** (*Tenor Sax '79*, *Grosse Pointe Park, MI*), is an associate professor in the department of emergency medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine. After 17 years in medicine, he plans to start a master's degree in biostatistics at U of M. He and his family love to travel and he continues his part-time mountain climbing and other outdoor activities.

**Weyersberg, Kurt G.** (*Baritone '81*, *Sterling Heights, MI*), has been married to Lynn for 21 years (fellow MSU alum), and living happily with their 11-year-old black lab Timbre.

**Williamson, Bob** (*Tuba '85*, *Evergreen, CO*), is senior vice president of sales for EMN8, Inc.,—automation technology for the food service industry. Bob, Christy and their children: Nelson (4), Chrissy (18 mo.) and Clee (5 mo.) enjoy life in Evergreen CO.

### In Memory of...

**Collins, James** (*French Horn & Trumpet '38*, *Mount Vernon, WA*), played in the Sun City Concert Band for 15 years. Died April 20, 2004.

**Miller, Keith** (*Flute*, *Scottsdale, AZ*), died in November 2003.

## Friday Night Fanfare

Kick off alumni band weekend by meeting with fellow alums at the 2nd Annual Friday Night Fanfare at the Williamston Roadhouse (right off I-96 at the Williamston exit)! Last year was a big success and this year promises to be even more fun. To reserve your spot, mail this form by August 21, 2004, with a \$5 deposit. Dinners are between \$10–20, with a cash bar. Questions or suggestions? Contact Jim or Susan McCaffrey at: (616) 915-9191 or ratherfly98@yahoo.com.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Preference:     Chicken     Beef     Seafood     Vegetarian

**Be sure you have enclosed \$5.00 deposit per person for dinner! You can make a check out to MSU Alumni Band! Please send this form to: Susan McCaffrey, 2237 Tradition NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505**

### The MSU Alumni Band needs Your Help!

We need a large, open truck or trailer to carry 25 to 50 alumni band members in the 2004 Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2004. If you can help us, or know anyone who can possibly help us, please call Jack Nelson at 517-655-3627.



### Surf on over to our web site

Next time you're on the web, stop by the MSU Alumni Band web site. You'll find information about upcoming events, a digital copy of the newsletter, email addresses of members, and lots of pictures!

<http://www.msu.edu/user/alumband>

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