



January, 2008

**DOWNERS SOUTH BANDS
RING IN THE NEW YEAR!**



President's Letter

Happy New Year to all Band Families! We hope that all of you had a restful break and wonderful holidays.

On behalf of all the Mustang Band Boosters, I would like to commend Glenn Williams and all of the Fine Arts staff and students for their outstanding work on the Holiday Concert and Art Show. The music was glorious and very well performed; the artwork was an amazing display of talent. All of the teachers and students should be congratulated for their efforts. It is work such as this that reaffirms the importance of the arts and how vital the arts are to students' growth and development. My congratulations to all of you!

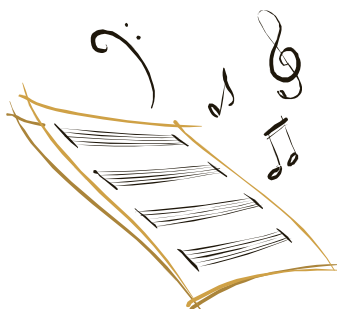
With the start of the New Year, the Band Boosters are making plans for next school year and the marching band season. The Boosters have been able to provide a great deal of support to the band program over the years only because of the dedication of the parents. In order to continue the level of excellence of the band program, many people are needed for jobs both large and small—there are no unimportant jobs! We have many parent volunteers who will soon be leaving us because their students will be graduating. Consequently, we are looking for parent volunteers to replace them. Many of the jobs can be shared with another person, and we do have positions that are not year round commitments so that work schedules can be accommodated. If you can only volunteer for one or two events, that's fine, too. Many hands make light work!

The four years of high school pass very quickly, and if your student is involved in any of our bands, you know how hard they work and how important the band is to them. Come join us and help continue our legacy of service in support of the band program. You'll find the experience rewarding in many ways!

Our monthly Board meetings are open to anyone interested in attending, so this is your invitation to our next meeting which is February 4, 2008. Be sure to also watch the Booster website and Blackboard for information about the band and notices from the directors. We're looking forward to working with you!

Very truly yours,

Marla Hoffmeyer, President
Mustang Band Boosters



Directors' Corner

Germany Trip Update

Thanks to our 34 DGS students who have been making payments toward their upcoming trip to Germany and the Czech Republic this coming June. A group of 80 students and 11 staff will be traveling from June 7 through June 20 this coming summer for the trip of a lifetime to visit our friends at the Musikschule in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, and then travel on to Prague and Dresden to end up in Berlin. It is a fabulous trip and those of you who would like to seek more information, please visit the trip blog site at www.d99honorsband.blogspot.com



Hawaii Trip planned for 2008-09 School Year

Yes, it's true!! It is time for the DGS band to return to our most beautiful 50th state this coming school year. A trip is being planned for the week after Christmas, 2008 to visit Oahu, Hawaii including the famous Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbor. Winter break 2008 is similar to this year, so the trip will most likely take place between Saturday, December 27, 2008, and Friday, January 2, 2009. This trip is open to all students in band, marching band, jazz band, color guard, percussion ensemble, etc. In short, it is wide open for any student who is a participant in any part of our program. Last time we traveled to Hawaii in 2000, we had 198 travelers. More information about this will be coming out in March. Stay tuned, and start practicing your hula dancing!!!

Open House 2008

The open house for the incoming class of 2012 has been planned for two nights, Monday, January 28, 2008, and Wednesday, January 30, 2008. These two nights are for all students (suggested alphabetically but open either night for any students) who will be coming to DGS next fall as freshmen from O'Neill, Jefferson, Lakeview and Eisenhower, as well as students from local parochial and private schools. We look forward to meeting the families and students of interested music students before the main event begins at 6:00 pm in the choir room, B-126. At this time we will present an overview of student involvement in our music program and then break into separate meetings for interested band, choir and orchestra students. This all takes place before the general meeting in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Students and parents will also meet their school counselor and then tour the building to find out more about all the academic courses that DGS has to offer in the gymnasium, as well as all of the activities and athletics in the field house. Everything you always wanted to know about DGS will be on display that evening so come and enjoy yourself and meet new friends. Please feel free to e-mail our band directors if you have any questions: croselieb@csd99.org gwilliams@csd99.org rhornish@csd99.org You can check everything out on the school website at www.csd99.org/south/music See you then!!

Craig Roselieb

Marching Mustang Recruitment Underway

It is that time of year when we start looking for new Marching Mustangs. With 43 seniors graduating, we are going to “beef-up” our recruitment efforts for this year. I will be visiting the four junior highs and meeting with the 8th graders. They will get to see a video and PowerPoint of the Band as well as receive a new flyer which will describe what it means to be a Marching Mustang. Two students from each school will be joining me to be a part of the presentation, one a current freshman and the other a senior who has participated in marching band for 4 years. Our annual open house will be held on January 28 and 30 where we will have another opportunity to meet the students and their parents. Prior to the start of each session, we will have a special meeting in the choir room for all incoming music students. There will also be live performances in the auditorium each evening. If you know any current 8th graders, be sure to put a good word in for joining the Marching Mustangs.

Music, Music, Music in February

There will be a whole slate of concerts this month for every taste in music. On February 8, the North and South High jazz bands will be joined by the Jazz Ensemble from Northern Illinois University for an evening of exciting jazz. The concert begins at 7:00 PM in the DGS auditorium. The following day, February 9, the Jazz Lab Ensemble travels north to the Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival at New Trier High School. Concerts and events run all day long with the evening concert being broadcast live on the internet at www.ntjazz.com. Valentines Day on February 14 features our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble with guest conductors Mr. Belford Hernandez and senior Cory Parkinson. The following week, February 21 our Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony are in the spotlight with a wide array of exciting band music. Both of these concerts start at 7:00 PM. On Saturday the 23rd, the Wind Ensemble travels to Lemont High School to participate in the Midwest Music Festival where they have received Division I ratings for the past several years. Finally, on Monday the 25th, the Wind Ensemble will be performing with the Eisenhower Junior High Symphonic Band and the Lace School beginner band in a fund-raiser at Eisenhower. The event hopes to obtain enough money for new playground equipment at Lace school. This event will be a dinner/concert and tickets can be purchased in advance. As the final details become known, information will be sent to all Wind Symphony families. Enjoy!

Students Selected for Lifetime for of Music Award

Congratulations to seniors Lauren Barounis (flute), Kevin Larson (bassoon), David Luetger (percussion), Mark Medek (trumpet), and Ben Sorce (trombone) for being selected to perform with the North Shore Concert Band. The North Shore Band is a professional concert band comprised of musicians and music educators throughout the Chicago land area. The musical director is Dr. Mallory Thompson, who is also the Director of Bands at Northwestern. Each year select high school students are invited to perform with this prestigious organization. This represents the largest number of South High students ever selected to perform with the Band. The concert will be held in the beautiful Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus in Evanston on Sunday February 10 at 3:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.northshoreband.org> where you can also hear sound clips of this fine musical organization.

Ron Hornish



Jazz Opportunities

On Friday, February 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM, living jazz legend Jimmy Heath will be here performing with our South High Jazz Ensembles, the North High jazz ensembles, and the world renowned Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble directed by Ron Carter. Tickets will be available at the door or from any DGS Jazz Student. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. This is an event you won't want to miss – come out on a Friday evening and hear some of the best live jazz the Chicagoland Area has to offer right here in your own backyard.

On the following day, February 9, our two jazz bands will attend different regional jazz festivals. Jazz Lab Band will attend the Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival at New Trier High School. In addition to performing for judges for comments and critique, the students will get to hear the world renowned Chicago Jazz Ensemble, led by trumpeter Jon Faddis. The students will also bring the results of our Build-A-Band campaign, which as of this publication date has generated more than 30 instruments!!

On the same day, our Jazz Ensemble will attend the Evanston Township High School Jazz Festival. This group will perform for judges' comments and critique and a rating. These students will be treated to hearing the DePaul University Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Bob Lark, featuring jazz living legend Phil Woods. Parents are welcome to attend either of these events to support our students and to hear some great jazz music!!!

Kudos

Special thanks to everyone who worked to make the Jazz Café a success. Jeff and Jennifer Horvath led the team that provided hospitality for the NIU Band and helped to turn our Cafetorium into a "Café" for the evening performance. This event is ONLY POSSIBLE through the work of parents – on behalf of the students, please accept our sincere gratitude!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Glenn Williams

District 99 Students Bring Live Jazz to Downers Grove Nightlife

There's a new jazz quartet on the local music scene and the musicians have their roots in District 99. In fact, the members of "SideFour Jazz" are current students of Downers Grove High Schools - South and North. This fall, DGS musician Darren Horvath (saxophone) and DGN musicians JJ Jehangir (drums), Mike Benning (bass) and Kyle Stephens (keyboard) united their talents to share their love of jazz. Playing together regularly with the Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage and having performed publicly in other combos, the quartet decided they had a great chemistry and were at the point where they were needed to further explore the possibilities of jazz performance. With a little managerial help and guidance from parent Jeff Horvath, the quartet introduced live music to the new Stillwater Restaurant & Wine Bar located at 5141 Main Street in Downers Grove where they regularly appear the first Saturday of each month from 8 p.m. to 11 pm. In true jazz improve style; you never know who might show up to play a few tunes with SideFour Jazz. This is an act you won't want to miss!

Jeff Horvath



FOFA FORGING BAND CONNECTIONS

Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA) at DGS for several years has purchased an ad in the Music Bowl program book, but did you know that FOFA has supported the Mustangs Bands in these ways recently?

- \$1,000 towards the Don Owens' commission for Wind Ensemble/A Cappella Choir in May.
- \$500 towards the purchase of new concert tubas.
- \$500 towards the 2007 Wind Ensemble All-State Convention Performance
- \$1,000 towards new practice room music stands

FOFA is seeking ways to further partnership with and support the bands at DGS. This support doesn't have to be exclusively financial – in other words, how can we as booster groups continue to effectively work together to support the students in the DGS Fine Arts Department?

If you have thoughts or ideas, please contact Glenn Williams (gwilliams@csd99.org) or Gloria Salazar, FOFA President (glisalazar@sbcglobal.net)

Lastly, the FOFA cookie dough sale will be from March 3 - 18, with delivery on April 10. Please check upcoming e-mails for more information.



Senior Student Account Reminder!!!



Attention Graduating Seniors: If you have money in your Student Account, you may request a refund of your money for any music-related expense any time up until May 15, 2008. Examples of qualifying expenses include: instrument purchases and repairs, reeds, sheet music, music lessons, and expenses for band trips/competitions (limit of \$25 per day for trips). If you have a younger sibling coming into the band program, you may opt to transfer money to the new account. Requests for purchased items must be accompanied by a receipt, or copy of canceled check. Request slips can be obtained by clicking here: [Student Account Refund Request Form](#)

Forms are also available next to the band room mailbox. Completed forms should be deposited in the band mailbox. Before making a request for disbursement, please check your balance on the website, or contact Exec-financialsec@mustangbandboosters.com



Videos Are Finally Available

I have just finished watching disk 2 of the 2007 Marching Mustang Season Video. It is done.

By the time the Fanfare is released most of you who ordered the videos will have received them. If you have ordered one and have not received it, please let me know and we will get one out to you.

If you did not order one but would like to, no problem. There are more available and I would be happy to provide one. Contact me and we will arrange to exchange your check for \$20 and one of the videos. Alternatively, you may also put an order into the band mail box and we will send one out.

I checked the statistics on the mustangbandimages web site this afternoon and in the past season we have had almost 4000 visitors from 24 countries. Here in the US we have had visitors from 42 states and the District of Columbia. There seem to be a lot of people interested in the Marching Mustangs.

It has been fun preparing the videos the past five years. Hope you enjoy this year's version.

Mike Legel
mlegal@ameritech.net

Music Bowl Tunes Up for 2008

What is the Music Bowl? Here's a brief description to let you know.....



The Music Bowl is the marching band competition DGS hosts each fall. 2008 will be the 7th Annual Music Bowl. The event began in 2002 by some very committed Band Booster parents to supplement the Band Program funds and support our students in their high school music education. Over the years, funds raised have been used to purchase much-needed instruments for our Marching Band pit, percussion, and Sousaphone sections, French horns for the concert bands, supplement additional staff costs and provide scholarships for music-related camps and activities. These purchases support both marching band and concert band activities.

Although we have a couple costs outstanding from the 2007 Music Bowl, we estimate that the event generated at least \$17,000 in profits that will be used for similar expenses.

For those of you new to the program in 2008, we like to describe the event as 15 football game half-time shows with NO FOOTBALL! This is exciting for marching band members and parents because it means that spectators at the Music Bowl actually pay attention to the bands and don't get up to buy hot dogs like many do during football games. At the Music Bowl, you could hear a pin drop during each band's show. No one moves in the stands during performances out of respect for each band's hard work and efforts. It is truly wondrous to see and experience.

This event is led by dedicated committee chairs in the areas of unit movement, stadium, parking, publicity, tickets, program ads, hospitality, volunteers, sponsors and concessions. However, this group is just the tip of the iceberg. Each year we recruit well over 200 volunteers--students, parents, friends, and alumni—who devote their time and energy to this event. On Music Bowl day participating band directors may be heard to say, "This event is so well organized that it appears to operate by itself and the volunteers are among the friendliest we've encountered." In fact, in 2007, one of the judges commented that the Music Bowl is becoming one of the best marching band competitions in Illinois. This can only happen with the committed efforts of everyone involved. Many hands make light work.

Our 2008 Music Bowl Committee is just getting planning underway for the big day and we invite any newcomers to our band family to come out to a meeting to hear those plans and get involved. Committee meetings will be listed in the Fanfare. Contact Lynn Filla-Clark, Music Bowl Chair, at glenn@chicagonet.net or (630) 964-6377. Gurmeet Chavla will Co-Chair the event and take over as Chair in 2009. Although we have most committee chair positions filled, we still have 2 positions open – we need a Co-Chair for Concessions and a Co-Chair for Tickets. If you are interested, please give Lynn a call or send her an e-mail.

At this point, we do not have a final date for the 2008 Music Bowl, although it will likely be at the end of September.

Lynn Filla-Clark

Mustang Band Forms and Booster Membership

A BIG THANKS to all of you who have already completed your Mustang Band forms and sent them in along with your Band Booster Membership dues for our current 2007-2008 school year. We really appreciate your support! If you would still like to contribute to the Mustang Band Boosters, please do so as soon as possible by placing a check for \$50 payable to Mustang Band Boosters into the band mailbox outside the directors' office and your student will be recognized in our concert programs.

Believe it or not, we will be sending out paperwork for 2008-2009 in just a few months. These forms are required not only for our records, but for seeking medical care for your student while traveling away from school, if necessary. The membership dues help to pay for expenses that are incurred by all students enrolled in the band program. Our Mustang Band Boosters rely on your payment to help defray the costs of postage, equipment purchases and repair, clinician and judge fees, concert beverages, and achievement awards that are given to each of our students at our awards banquet in the spring. Thank you for your consideration.

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Please remember to stay on top of your Germany trip payments. Coupons and trip updates can be found on a special website set up for the trip. Check it out!!

<http://www.d99honorsband.blogspot.com/>

Ann Del Bene

Volunteers

"Mustang volunteers work so their kids can play."

Welcome to the New Year and to all the adventures that await you! Fortunately, you can still relax and enjoy some time off from volunteering. Our current volunteer needs are minimal. If you like to plan ahead please mark the following volunteer opportunities on your calendar.

February 8 – NIU Jazz Festival

March 8 – Concert Band Fest @ Metamora High School

Please check our website at www.mustangbandboosters.com for more information on these upcoming activities. You can contact either Michael Hutton (910-5278) or Alice Luetger (968-1148) with questions or to reserve your space at any of these events.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

~Elizabeth Andrew

Mike Hutton and Alice Luetger



SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS...HELP WANTED



Wanted: Mustang Band Booster Members for the 2008/2009 School Year.

Experience: Likes to have fun, interested in supporting their students' love of music, and has the desire to help share the music experience.

Qualifications: Parents of any DGS band student (or not).

Pay: The dividends are priceless, including the everlasting gratitude of your child and the opportunity to hang out with other fun, interesting DGS band parents.

For further information, contact:

Cathy Jama – cathy.jama@us.mcd.com

Kathy Gabric – kgabric@hinsdale86.org

Jill Pruett -- jspruett@sbcglobal.net

Nominating Committee

Social Committee

February is almost here and that means the bands will be performing again. The Social Committee will be serving lemonade, water and treats that are provided by the families of band students. We will also need some help with serving the refreshments. Please consider helping us out after your student performs. Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will be performing on Thursday, February 14 and Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony will be performing on Thursday, February 21. If you would like to help at one of the concerts please email me at Exec-Social@MustangBandBoosters.com. If you are going to bring a treat for our refreshment table you don't have to email me, just leave your treat on one of the tables outside of the auditorium before you take your seats. Thanks for all of your help.

**Tracy Danko
Diane Kowalski
Social Committee**



Fundraising!!



Get Thee to Steak n Shake!!

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 21, 2008. We are observing the birthday of Martin Luther King, so there is no school on that day. It will be a GREAT day to support the DGS Mustang Bands at Steak n Shake Restaurant, 2017 West 75th Street, in Darien.

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, or carry-out (Takhomasak), or purchase gift cards to use at your convenience or as gifts for friends (starting at \$5 and up) at the Steak n Shake in Darien on January 21st, and DGS will receive *20% of the total guest sales(excluding tax)*. Please be sure to turn in the Fundraising Voucher at the time you place your order. These vouchers will soon be coming home with our band students.

If you are unable to attend that day, please consider purchasing gift cards that benefit DGS. They can be purchased that day but used at a later date. Kindly send an e-mail to Joy Sharp at jas195315@comcast.net and let us know how many gift cards/amounts of each you wish to purchase. Simply write a check payable to "Joy Sharp" and drop it into the band mailbox referencing Steak n Shake. We can have them delivered to you.

After your student receives the Steak n Shake voucher, there will be additional vouchers on the table near the door in the band room. Also, attached to this letter is a copy of the voucher should you wish to pass them out to your neighbors and friends.

Invite neighbors, friends and co-workers to enjoy a meal at Steak n Shake on 75th street on January 21st, and help make this fundraiser a success for our DGS bands!! Again, please have your Fundraiser voucher with you.

After all, who wants to cook when you can dine out at Steak and Shake, where REAL FOOD is served ALL DAY! (delicious salads available too)

Many thanks for your support!

Debbie Spiewak
Joy Sharp





Buy 3 boxes of our Gourmet Cookie Dough and get a FREE 6-pack of Nesquik Low Fat Chocolate Milk. Cookies come in the following flavors: Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough - Monster Cookie Dough - Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough - Snickerdoodle Cookie Dough

RECIPES! NEW Every month recipes to make your food prep time easier and offer more versatile uses for your Market Day foods.

Market Day is excited to announce new items this month!

Chicken Fajitas: Chicken with onions, sweet peppers & salsa! 29 oz. tray

Mexican Rice: Golden rice mildly spiced with chilies. 29 oz. tray

A brief reminder of how things work with this fundraiser: Market Day benefits the band program 8 out of 12 months. During the school year, our profits (10% of each sale - or more if special promotions are being held) are divided between the Multi-Needs program and the band program. Anyone ordering can designate whether the funds are split between the two programs, specify which program they're supporting, or even give their profit to a specific student in band. You can tell me the day of the sale or send a note to the "chairweb" (this option is available at the bottom of the page after your online order's completed). Following are the dates and pick-up times for the rest of the school year ~ the on line order deadline is always noon on the Wednesday before the pickup.

All pick up times are 9:30 - 10:30.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Profits given to</u>
Feb. 23	MN/band
March 15	Fresh/Soph class
April 19	MN/band
May 17	Fresh/Soph class
June 14	Band ONLY
July 12	Band ONLY
August 9	Band ONLY

Reminders regarding dates, who gets the profit, and pickup times will be emailed to the "everyone" and "Alumni & Friends" list each month. To order on line, go to www.marketday.com. If you need more information or would like to help the day of the sale (students receive band service points for helping), please email me at Gen-MarketDay@MustangBandBoosters.com.

Thanks for your support!

Karen Rooney



Butter Braids Fundraiser

Butter Braid tasting will be at the February concerts! Look in your e-mail or on the website: www.MustangBandBoosters.com Details and order forms coming soon.



Tired of Winter Yet? -- Think Spring and the Boosters Annual Plant Sale!

Our annual plant sale will kick off soon. The order forms will be available in time for the DGS Freshman Open House at the end of January. Orders are placed around Spring Break, and plant pick-up is in early May. The order form, all sale info, as well as full plant descriptions w/ pictures will be available, in early February, at www.mustangbandboosters.com. 35% of the sales on this fundraiser are split between the student accounts and the general fund. Look for your favorite annual flower flats, geraniums, wave petunias and more! The hanging baskets are absolutely gorgeous, always many more blooms than available in local stores.



Don't forget to take advantage of free money for the Mustang Bands just by grocery shopping! Go to Meijer.com and apply for or set up your current "Meijer Guest Card" to the DGS Mustang Bands group no=995415. It's that easy! Finally, a fundraiser that doesn't stretch your budget ... or your time! Please take a minute to check it out and make your grocery shopping count!

Amazon.com Income to the Mustang Band Boosters: Look for referral links to Amazon.com from www.MustangBandBoosters.com By starting your Amazon shopping from there, referral bonuses will come to the Mustang Band Boosters, without any extra effort on your part.



Cheesecakes Thank You!

The 2007 Cheesecake sale brought in the highest sales ever! Thanks for your support!

Jewel Shop & Share Thank You



Thanks to all those who went shopping this past Fall at Jewel on Shop & Share sale dates. The numbers aren't all in yet, but the 1st one was very successful! Watch for 2008 dates to be announced and let your grocery shopping dollars help the Mustang Bands!

Margaret Legel

The "Final Page"...



Did You Know Music Students are..... Award Winners?

[\[http://www.amc-music.com/research_briefs.htm\]](http://www.amc-music.com/research_briefs.htm)

Data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 showed that music participants received more academic honors and awards than non-music students, and that the percentage of music participants receiving As, As/Bs, and Bs was higher than the percentage of non-participants receiving those grades.

Source: National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 First Follow-Up (1990), U.S. Department of Education.

...Intellectually Developed?

The U.S. Department of Education lists the arts as subjects that college-bound middle and junior high school students should take, stating "Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students' understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to children's intellectual development." In addition, one year of Visual and Performing Arts is recommended for college-bound high school students. — *Getting Ready for College Early: A Handbook for Parents of Students in the Middle and Junior High School Years, U.S. Department of Education, 1997*

...Excel in Test Scores?

...studies show the value of music programs to our future generations:

- Students in top quality music programs scored 22 percent higher in English and 20 percent higher in math on standardized tests mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act (University of Kansas)
- In 2006, SAT takers with coursework in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 43 points higher on the math portion (The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors National Report for 2006)

Source: [\[http://www.menc.org/publication/press/releases/07_HarrisPoll.html\]](http://www.menc.org/publication/press/releases/07_HarrisPoll.html)

...Confident Students?

I have made a career doing things that weren't even invented when I graduated from high school 40 years ago. It will be the same for today's graduates, only on a sharply accelerating timeline. Much of what I learned in the classroom is obsolete or, at best, only marginally useful. What has made a difference in my life has been the ability to learn as I go, to adapt to new ideas, to have the courage to take risks, and to feel confident I will be able to perform and successfully meet the challenges of new situations. These skills I learned through participation in band and drama. - *Fred Behning retired from IBM Corporation after a 32-year career that included assignments in systems engineering, product development, management, and customer technology briefings, and is still an IBM consultant. A life-long musician, Fred plays oboe and English horn in the Williamson County Symphony Orchestra and the Austin Symphonic Band.*
<http://www.supportmusic.com/drjohn/archive/2007-06-11.mhtml>