



**B.T.T.B. ALUMNI**

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# Burlington Teen Tour Band Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Reunion events begin to take shape

We are now less than two months away from the 60th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion for the Burlington Boys and Girls Band and the Burlington Teen Tour Band and many of the details surrounding the weekend's events are being finalized.

Things kick off Friday night with a meet and greet barbecue hosted by the Boosters. Aside from the good eats, refreshing beverages will be sold, courtesy of Burlington's own Better Bitters. The main entertainment of the evening will be seeing so many old Bandmates but the night will also feature a performance by the Top Hat Marching Orchestra, which includes many former Band members, as well as a DJ to provide music to mingle and party by.

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### *Newby print unveiled*



**Marching In Time.** Boys and Girls Band Alumnus John Newby unveiled his long-awaited tribute to the 60 year history of the Band at the recent Hamilton Place concert. Prints are on sale now and are going fast. If you want to ensure you are able to take home this remarkable piece of artwork please order soon. Proceeds from the sale will go to help get the current Band to the 2008 Rose Bowl Parade. Forms are available at [www.bttbalumni.ca/#johnNewby](http://www.bttbalumni.ca/#johnNewby) or on Page 8 of this newsletter.

## *Time running out to send in your memories*

If you want to ensure your time in the Band is well represented in the history projects or displays at the reunion your time is running out.

Last weekend the Alumni

hosted a very successful scan-a-thon to encourage people with photographs to bring them all in so work could begin in earnest on the slideshows and history DVD. If you have any

photos that haven't been scanned you must now arrange to do them on your own (which can be done at any office store or place that processes film).

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# Five hundred and still growing



**Way to go!** We've reached our initial registration goal of 500 people through the Alumni Web site [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca). We are still looking for more members, as we know that there are lots more out there, so if you know of a friend that hasn't yet signed up now's the time to start hounding them.

The original goal of 500 former Band members registered at [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca) has been reached and surpassed. As of the publication of this newsletter 510 Alumni, boosters and supporters have signed up. Continued registrations are important as we plan to keep the Alumni going beyond this June's Homecoming Reunion. Please encourage any Bandmates of your's who haven't joined the Alumni yet to do so as soon as possible.

Once you've done that make sure you plan to attend the reunion. Early bird deadline has passed and we have a bunch of happy people already signed up and ready for the weekend. There's

still plenty of time to order though. Ticket order forms are available on page 6 of this newsletter or online at [www.bttbalumni.ca/#tickets](http://www.bttbalumni.ca/#tickets). New to this form - a new a la carte purchase item that includes not just the parade uniform but also the souvenir package being prepared specially for this weekend.

Plan out your weekend now and get your package booked. It's vitally important that we get an accurate count of people attending for ordering materials, food, and of course entertainment of both the liquid and musical variety. We're shooting for 1,000 people for the Saturday night Homecoming!

Order your reunion tickets today to ensure you aren't disappointed as some events have limited numbers of tickets available. Please see [www.bttbalumni.ca/#tickets](http://www.bttbalumni.ca/#tickets) for more.



# Golf tourney a nice addition to reunion

The Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters are pleased to be holding their annual Big Swing Golf Tournament on the Thursday before the 60th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion so to all you golfers get to join the fun a day early. This golf tournament is a significant fundraiser for the Band Boosters as the band prepares for their trip to the Rose Bowl.

The tournament will take place on Thursday June 14th, 2007 at the Millcroft Golf Club in Burlington. Shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. and includes 18 holes of golf, including cart, dinner, and prizes. There will a competition for the longest

drive and the golfer who gets their ball closest to the pin on their first swing.

There will also be a silent auction, loot bags, and an opportunity to support a great program for the teenagers in the Burlington area. All this for only \$200 per person, or pay for your spot before May 15th and save \$15.

This is a charitable event. A tax receipt will be issued for the charitable portion of the the ticket price. You can even arrange for a dinner-only participation if golf is more your spouse's thing.

Make your cheques payable to: Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters Inc., 3017 St. Clair

Avenue, Suite 322, Burlington, Ontario, L7N 3P5.

Because it is a shotgun start the number of entries are limited and is expected to sell out, so book early to avoid disappointment. Join the fun with the BTTB Boosters and the Band Alumni as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Burlington Teen Tour Band and the Burlington Boys and Girls Band.

For more information please contact [golf@teentourboosters.com](mailto:golf@teentourboosters.com) or visit the Band Boosters Web site at <http://teentourboosters.com/Website/FundRaising/tabid/59/Default.aspx> for more details and registration forms.

## Grace notes - Homecoming news in brief

### Marching in the parade? Go online to pick your music

If you are planning on marching and playing in the Sound of Music parade and the Sunday night concert please make sure that you take the time to sign up for what part and what instrument you'll be playing. You can do this at [www.bttbalumni.ca/#parade](http://www.bttbalumni.ca/#parade). Music for the concert band will be available soon.

### Have news you want to share with the Alumni? Sent it to [newsletter@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:newsletter@bttbalumni.ca)

### Streetbeat chosen

After careful consideration the drumline in the Sound of Music Festival parade anniversary band has decided to go back to the same streetbeat that was used at the 50th reunion.

It's the one used in the 80s and 90s with the quad feature in the middle and snare drummers do not have to play traditional, they may play match.

Don't forget to come out to the parade music practice on Friday night of the anniversary weekend so that you can refresh your memories (or learn it if it's new to you)!

### Don't forget your login

In order to download your music, update your profile or add a personal memory to our Web site [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca) you'll need to remember your username and password. The system is designed to be simple with the username being your First Name and Last Name (e.g. John Doe). If you didn't create a password on their profile, the password is set to "blank" (leave the password field blank). Passwords can be changed from your profile page.

# Memory of the month - A poem

*This month the BTTB Alumni Newsletter features a different sort of memory. It comes in the form of a poem posted online by a current Band member. We think it encapsulates the Band experience quite well, regardless of when you were evolved.*

People don't join band because it's fun.

Ask any member, most of them hate it,

but they couldn't imagine their life with out it.

It's part of them,

the love/hate relationship.

it's what they live for.

They live for the

practices, parties, cheers,

long bus rides, tours,

really hot in the summer/cold in the winter embarrassing uniforms,

Water, gross hot chocolate by the boosters after the parades, & coaches you hate, but appreciate.

They live for the way it feels when they are the best in Canada,

and knowing those two extra

marching orders

they played at practice were worth it.

They live for the way they become a family,

they live for the countless songs they sing in their head while trying to learn the marching order.

They live for the competition, they live for the friends,

the practices,

the memories,

the pain,

it's who they are.

It's who we are.

## *A reunion within a reunion - One of many*

There will no doubt be many reunions during the Sound of Music/BTTB 60th anniversary weekend in June. Perhaps one of the more unique reunions will be that of two former RCMP Band members.

Current Burlington resident John Bain and Ottawa resident Gord Price will be crossing paths on the parade route for the first time in 40 years.

Price, a former Burlington resident and musician in the Burlington Boys and Girls Band and Bain, a Petrolia, Ontario native, first met when they played together in the RCMP Band stationed in Ottawa in 1966. They were pho-

tographed together in the Sarnia Observer during an RCMP Band tour of Southern Ontario in February 1966 – with any luck they will be rephotographed together some 41 years later during the upcoming Sound of Music weekend. Bain transferred from the Band in 1968, but he and Price have kept in touch ever since. Price will be playing with the BTTB alumni band during the Sound of Music weekend and Bain will be playing with the Burlington Top Hat Marching Orchestra.

No doubt there will be many other quaint reunions during the weekend.

## Former member to be ordained into the priesthood

Deacon Malcolm Katzenberger, BTTB Alumnus 1970-1977, is being ordained as a Priest on Saturday May 5.

The ceremony will take place at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton at

11 a.m., while he will offer his first Mass on Sunday May 6, at 1 p.m. at Saint John the Baptist Parish Church in Burlington.

All are welcome to attend either event.

Congratulations and best

wishes to Malcolm on this momentous occasion.

If you have any news that you'd like to share with other Band Alumni members please send it to [newsletter@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:newsletter@bttbalumni.ca).

# Yamaha donates \$20,000 of drums to Band

Yamaha Canada gave the Burlington Teen Tour Band an early anniversary present during March's Hamilton Place concert by presenting the group with \$20,000 worth of new drums and equipment, including a specially made concert bass drum featuring the Band's logo.

The donation consisted of 10 snare drums, five bass drum, three quad drums, 20 practice pads, four quad practice pads, indoor and outdoor stick protective drum covers and stick bags.

The new set replaces the existing Yamaha drums the Band as been playing for many years.



**Marching to new drums.** Representatives of Yamaha Canada presented the Burlington Teen Tour Band with \$20,000 worth of new drums and equipment at the recent Hamilton Place concert to honour the Band's 60th Anniversary. The donation continues the longstanding relationship between Yamaha Canada and the Band. Speaking on behalf of Yamaha Canada is Band Alumnus Steve Butterworth (1982-1990).

## *Send us your memories and photos ASAP*

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We are also still looking for written Band memories, music and video clips; any material you would like to contribute. Memories can be funny, serious, nostalgic or anything that made your time in the band special to you and those around you. All material should be sent to [info@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:info@bttbalumni.ca). Suggestions for the DVD project

should be sent to [jr.peachey@sympatico.ca](mailto:jr.peachey@sympatico.ca).

The Wallace B. Wallace Hall of "Fame" is filling out well on our Web site [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca) but we are still missing quite a few years. We know you winners are out there and if you don't fess up now, the we'll be sure to get you at the Homecoming Reunion! As special incentive, the award's namesake (yes this

award is actually named after a former Band member!) will be in attendance at the reunion. All Wallace B. Wallace stories should be sent to [wallacebwallace@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:wallacebwallace@bttbalumni.ca).

A cut off date for submitting material to be used at the Homecoming reunion will be announced soon, so don't delay or your memories will have to wait another 60 years.

## **Need a hotel for the Homecoming?**

Two local hotels are helping to celebrate the 60th anniversary by offering a special weekend rate to those attending our festivities. The Holiday Inn Burlington, (3063 South Service Rd, (905) 639-

4443) is offering a preferred rate to Alumni of \$118 + taxes. The Comfort Inn Burlington (3290 South Service Rd, (905) 639-1700) is also offering a preferred rate of \$89.99 + taxes.





## Submit completed order form to:

Burlington Teen Tour Band  
 P.O. Box 5013  
 Burlington, ON  
 L7R 3Z6  
 Fax: (905) 333-0859












Or email to [payments@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:payments@bttbalumni.ca)

## Contact Information

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Guest Names			
Street			
City		Prov/ State	
Country		PC/ Zip	
Phone			
Email			

## Payment Information

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		Qty	Regular	Subtotal	Shirt Size(s)
	<b>Pride of Burlington</b> Social + Parade + Homecoming + Uniform + Souvenir + Lunch		\$120	\$	
	<b>Strike Up The Band</b> Social + Parade + Uniform + Souvenir		\$75	\$	
	<b>The Sound of Music</b> Social + Homecoming + Souvenir + Lunch		\$60	\$	
	<b>We Are Family</b> Social + Homecoming + Hat + Lunch		\$80	\$	
	<b>Friday Social (Alumni)</b>		\$20	\$	
	<b>Friday Social (Guest)</b>		\$20	\$	
	<b>Parade + Uniform</b>		\$55	\$	
	<b>Saturday Homecoming</b>		\$40	\$	
	<b>Sunday Lunch</b>		\$5	\$	
	<b>Shirt</b>		\$27	\$	
	<b>Hat</b>		\$15	\$	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	

Specify shirt size(s) desired where applicable. Available sizes are S, M, L, XL, and XXL (all Men's sizes).

## March's Photo of the Month answers

Thanks again to all those who participated by naming those in March's photo of the month. They are: (front row, from left) Trevor King, Andy Fur, Roy Russell and Paul Cloutier. (second row, from left) Andrea Whiskin, Linda Montford and Trish Starodub? (third row, from left) unknown, Brad Hall, Gerry Dearing, Tim Moody and Glenn DeFoa.

This month's picture is on page 9.



## *An exciting line up planned for reunion*

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Both Friday and Saturday nights will feature displays of Band memorabilia and have a Portrait Studio where, for a donation, you can have your photograph taken with the same people you posed with in all those tour pictures.

Saturday begins with the Sound of Music Parade. Those members who will be playing, marching or would like to ride along the route will receive information on where to meet, and where they will finish shortly. Those who are not in the parade are encouraged to come out and cheer on those representing 60 years of youth music in Burlington.

Most the rest of the day on Saturday is yours to enjoy with your old friends and family. But don't think that means the day is

over, because that night Central Arena will be hosting a blowout of a celebration, worthy of such an auspicious occasion.

What makes Saturday night so special, other than the company, the memories, and the activities we have planned, is the mix of formal and informal events. The night will include formal tributes to important people in the history of the band, a speech or two from a dignitary, and some fun and interesting things cooked up by MCs Colin Sinclair and Dave Crichton. However, the rest of the night belongs to you. You can enjoy the music of the Eddie Graf Band, the hors d'oeuvres from the Pearl Street Cafe, and drinks from Better Bitters, wine and a special martini or Caesar in a keepsake reunion glass. It's all up to you.

Sunday will feature another Barbecue hosted by the Boosters at the Music Centre, just before the Reunion Band takes the stage with the Burlington Teen Tour Band for the final concert of the weekend.

To accomplish all these wonderful events we are still looking for volunteers to act as bartenders, sell bar tickets and take tickets at the door at our events. Further we need Alumni to volunteer to pay tribute on the Saturday night to the important people in the Band's history and are accepting all donations of door prizes for any event.

For more information or to register please visit our Web site at [www.bttbalumni.ca](http://www.bttbalumni.ca). An updated registration form is also available on page 6 of this newsletter.

## **'MARCHING IN TIME' Order Form**

*Payment required with order. Cheque payable to the BTTB Boosters Inc.  
Visa and Mastercard accepted.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Prov** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ph** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable cost of shipping and packaging charges applied to mail orders.

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**To order submit form to Cheri Morrison, BTTB Booster**  
**Or FAX 905-333-0859 Or email [fmorrison@sympatico.ca](mailto:fmorrison@sympatico.ca)**  
**Or Drop in Booster Cheese Box in the Music Centre**

**Mail Orders: Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters Inc., 3017 St. Clair Ave.,  
Suite 322, Burlington, ON L7N 3P5**

**Any questions, contact Cheri Morrison @ 905-336-3917 or by email  
[fmorrison@sympatico.ca](mailto:fmorrison@sympatico.ca)**



## April's Photo of the Month



**Keep up the good work!** So far Alumni members have done an excellent job in naming the former members depicted in our Photo of the Month. Let's see how well we can do with this shot. As always please send your answers, along with any news, comments or suggestions to [newsletter@bttbalumni.ca](mailto:newsletter@bttbalumni.ca). Good luck!

## Upcoming Band Executive fundraisers

The Band Executive will be holding two fundraisers in the next month to help raise funds for the Band's trip to the 2008 Rose Bowl as well as for general Band needs. Any Alumni who are interested in attending are more than welcome.

### Pasta Dinner

**Place:** Legion Hall

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 26, 2007, 5-8 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults- \$8 (in advance) \$10 (at the door),

Seniors and kids under 12 - \$5 (in advance) \$7 (at the door)

### Coffeehouse

**Place:** Burlington Senior's Centre

**Date and Time:** Friday, May 18, 2007, 6:30-9 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door

Tickets are available in advance at the Music Centre after practice on Wednesdays and Sundays.