



Downbeat Times

April/May 2000

Dean's Column

CBS summer programs are beginning to pile up. Except for Ligonier, none of the concerts were solicited by us, we get invited because of references from people who heard us play elsewhere or from recommendations by CBS members. For example, someone who heard us at St. Mark's Lutheran church in Brookline told someone at Resurrection Catholic, and someone at John McMillan Presbyterian told someone at St. Sylvester's Catholic.

Call-backs are always encouraging because we have played well and entertained audiences enough for them to call us for a return program. I thought this summer would be slim-pickin's, but I've actually had to turn down a date or two because of conflicts.

Your family and guests are always welcome to attend our programs.

Frank Aravich's worst fear ...

...is not that he might hit the wrong notes. His worst fear is that he might forget the time or place of a concert and not get the music to a concert on time. There have been some rushed moments but no problems so far.



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Frank had not played since high school when he joined CBS in 1994 although he has always loved trumpet. He even had a toy trumpet when he was little. He got his first real trumpet in fourth grade and remembers going to the band room with it only to find out he had to wait one more year before getting started. He especially enjoys The Tijuana Brass and Harry James and still has some James 78 RPM records that he listens to on his Y2K compatible crank-up Victrola.

Frank is a chiropractor in Scott Township Call 221-7772 (except Monday evenings; Mondays are reserved for band). He lives in Mt. Lebanon and his family consists of wife Monica, two teenagers, and a pet cat. Besides playing the trumpet, he likes gardening, car shows, and antiques.

He says he's looking forward to many more band functions and opportunities to play and many thanks to Jim and Dean for a greater appreciation of "music for a lifetime".

Concert schedule (downbeat time)

Friday, April 28 (7:30) Resurrection Church in Brookline

Monday, May 22 (7:45) Friendship Village in Upper St. Clair

Friday, June 2 (7:15) Peters Creek Presbyterian in Peters Township

Sunday, June 11 (6:30) Wallace Presbyterian Church in Green Tree

Sunday, June 25 (6:00) Bethel Park Community Center

Monday, July 24 (7:30) Peters Creek Historical Society in Venetia

Saturday, July 29 (7:15) St. Sylvester's RC Church in Brentwood

Sunday, August 13 (7:00) Ligonier Concert on the Square

Conducting sub thinks CBS is an opportunity

Trumpet player **Fred Perino**, who sometimes takes the baton at rehearsals, likes conducting CBS because, "It's a tremendous feeling as a conductor to have musicians who are capable, willing, and enthusiastic about creating good music." He thinks Dean and Jim provide him with the opportunity to conduct as part of their strategy to provide all of us the opportunity to continue our music education.

Fred studied music at Valley Forge Military Academy, Morehead State University, and Duquesne University and became band director in Elwood City. He changed careers about 25 years ago and is now vice president for Guttman Oil Company in Belle Vernon.

Besides CBS, he plays with a band called "Big Band Memories". He's also played



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for various church functions and brass choirs. He lives in McMurray with his wife Mary Ann. He has two children and three grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, golf, and rollerblading.

Fred Carchidi's other band uniform



This picture of Fred Carchidi (euphonium) was taken last fall at the Oktoberfest at Station Square where he played with the Teutonia Haus Kappel band. Fred also plays with a button box band and the Pittsburgh Letter Carriers band.

Fred's family has a long history with bands: Around the turn of the last century, John Phillip Sousa attended a concert at the King's Palace in Italy where Fred's grandfather was playing tuba for the Italian National Band. John hired his grandfather to play tuba and brought him and his family to Washington, DC.

He's retired from Allegheny County's Bureau of Fire, where he was Captain at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. He lives in Finleyville with his wife, Mary.

Last book read

This list of books comes from the green personal information sheets. CBS is a group of people with very diverse interests:

- 1 Chronicles, The Very Efficient Carpenter
- A Hundred Secret Senses by Amy Tan
- Angela's Ashes
- Bible
- Body for Life by Bill Phillips
- Catcher in the Rye
- Cessna Aircraft Service Manual (honest!)
- Chicken Soup for the Cat and Dog Lovers Soul
- Cold Mountain, by Charles Frazier
- Don't like to read
- Eave Orders by Tom Clancy
- Great Eastern Sun
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- Impeachment of Bill Clinton
- Lost Souls, a book about South Boston
- Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
- Map of the World
- Memoirs of a Geisha
- Notre-Dame de Paris
- Out of this Furnace
- PC Magazine
- Prefer magazines (with lots of pictures)
- The Book of Secrets by M. G. Vassanji
- The Clinic by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Hundred Days by Patrick O'Brian
- The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
- The Testament by John Grisham
- The Vampire Armand by Anne Rice
- Walk in the Woods

BPCC anniversary

The Bethel Park Community Center will celebrate one year of existence with a full day of activities including a performance by Community Band South. We'll be playing inside on the stage similar to last year. They are planning to host a summer concert series involving other groups like ours, so suggestions for performing groups are welcome. Please mark your calendars: Sunday, June 25, 6:00 pm Bethel Park Community Center.

No rehearsal May 1

The USC high school pre-trip concert will be Monday, May 1 and will take over the band room. We will skip that Monday rehearsal and resume May 8th and 15th. These are particularly important because there will be only two rehearsals before the May 22 program at Friendship Village.

Gene Palowitch down with stroke

Dick McNelis (clarinet) has informed us that tenor sax player Gene Palowitch has suffered a severe stroke affecting both sides of the brain. It happened while he was vacationing with his wife, brother, and sister-in-law in Spain.

Back to Brookline

We were such a hit at Resurrection Church in Brookline that we have been invited back for a similar kind of program Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm. Chairperson, Debbie Brust said parish members have encouraged her to ask CBS to return. She said even her kids liked the program...now THAT's an endorsement!

Website reminder

The CBS website contains an up-to-date schedule of concerts. Tell your friends.



The editor reserves the right to protect the identity of the sources for these photos of Dean at South Hills high school (above) and at Carnegie Tech (left).

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