

Steel City Sound

Youth Ensemble

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2005

PHONE NUMBERS:

Info Line: 38-STEEL (387-8335)

Please call this number before any practice or performance in case of last minute changes in schedule. Also, if you cannot come to a practice please call and leave a message.

Cell Phone: 928-0782

This is the phone number that we carry with us whenever we travel. If you are looking for us just call this number.

Russ Hunter's:

Home Phone: 549-1247

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REMEMBER:

Please support the following who help this organization:

Upper Hamilton Bingo Centre
1119 Fennel Avenue East

We are still looking for a good location for our Nevada tickets. If you know someone who has a Bar, Roadhouse or Variety store and would be willing to sell our tickets for us let me know. The selling location also makes money with Nevada Tickets. We used to sell our tickets at the **Gladstone Tavern** on Main Street East at Kenilworth. Please continue to support them as they helped us raise thousands of dollars in the past.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Our monthly newsletter is available online. If you forget to pick one up at practice you can download it from our web site. Now you have no excuse for not knowing what is going on.

BIRTHDAYS:

Megan Peters – April 6
Lindsay Van Nynatten – April 8
Marley Bridge – April 14
Tanya Joseph – April 17
Ashley Lawrow – April 19
Barb Payne – April 19
Amanda Sferrazza – April 25

NEW MEMBERS:

Cheyenne Powless – Horn Line

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Hamilton – April 16

This is our show held at Sherwood High School. We need help in selling ad space for our program. The cost of putting on a show is \$3500. The Kitchener group offsets this cost by selling \$6000 worth of ads. We usually sell \$300 in ads and it would be nice if we could increase that figure. Instead of trophies it would be nice to give every member or at least each group something they can use so if anyone has contacts for a donation please let me know.

On April 16 we start practice at 10 am at Sherwood High School. Our contest starts later that night at 6:30 pm. Our parent volunteers should be at the school at 2:00 pm. Our snack bar people should be at the school at noon to get lunch ready for our members.

CORPS CAMP:

We have arranged a corps camp for all members including horn players. Camp will start at 9:30 am on April 9th and end at 2 pm on April 10th. We tried to have the camp in Buffalo or Woodstock but it's not possible this time so camp will be at R A Riddell School. With this camp we hope to accomplish:

- Have guard, horn line and percussion perfect their show for the following week's championships.
- Teach members how to march so we can earn money doing parades in the spring and fall (and maybe the July 1 parades in Canada and July 4 parades in the USA if there is enough interest).
- Teach the percussion a street beat for parades.
- Fit all members with their parade uniforms.
- Have a great overnight of fun, music and a talent show Saturday night.

You will need to bring to camp a sleeping bag, pillow and air mattress or foam to sleep on. Comfortable clothes and shoes would also help. A change of clothes, toothpaste, wash cloth and towel is also required. Leave your valuables at home. For the talent show if you play some other musical instrument you will need to bring it. **You will also be required to bring \$15 per member to help cover the cost of food as we provide all meals, drinks and snacks.** Chaperones and helpers are not required to pay for food.

For this camp to work we require parent volunteers to help feed, chaperone, fit members in their uniforms, etc. If you can help please call Russ at 905-549-1247. Please leave a message if I am not home. If we don't get enough parent volunteers we may not be able to sleep overnight. It's not fair for the instructors to look after your

children all day long and then have to supervise them during the night.

The reason Steel City Sound hopes to start doing parades is two fold. First of course we do get paid to participate in parades which helps pay our bills. Second it keeps our members interested, and they will enjoy the travel and have fun as well. We have to look for alternative money raising avenues as our Bingo income keeps dropping and we do not want to raise dues. Parents I need your feedback on this.

FUTURE PRACTICES:

After our show on April 16th we are going to take a 2 week break and then start back up limited rehearsals on May 7th. For May and June only, we will practice from 10 am – 1 pm on Saturday mornings at R. A. Riddell School. The guard wants to start their new show and the drums and horn line can practice their parade routine. If you have any friends or relatives who want to join this would be a good time to bring them out. We will not charge any dues for these few weeks.



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