

Steel City Sound

Youth Ensemble

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 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

Business: 549-8330

Web Site: www.steelcitysound.com

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:

Julia Burdzinski – March 3

Alicia Taylor – March 20

REVISED SCHEDULE:

Hamilton – March 5

Batavia – March 12 (Guard Only)

Hamilton – April 16

The Brantford Show on March 5 has been cancelled and the Hamilton show on March 19 has been changed to March 5.

March 5 – Hamilton Contest, Reedemer University College, 777 Garner Rd. E. (Hwy. 53), Ancaster – 5:30 pm.

9:30 – 1:30 – Practice R A Riddell School

2:00 – 4:30 – Practice Barton Stone Church

We will provide lunch at the church but members will need to bring supper money. There is a full cafeteria at the school. We need help getting members from Riddell School to the church at 1:30 and then again getting members to the contest at 4:30. For this short trip we are not renting a bus.

Tickets for this show will be \$8 for adults & \$5 for seniors and children. Members get in free. Sorry, no performance times available yet.

Senior Guard & Floor Crew Only – March 12 Show, Batavia, NY

Practice at Barton Stone Church until 2:00 pm. At this time we will take a school bus to Batavia High School in Batavia, NY (30 Minutes Past Buffalo). At this show our members and floor crew get in free. All others will have to pay an admission fee to get in. We will be leaving to come home at 9:30 pm and should arrive back at Barton Stone Church at 11:30 pm. Parents can call the info line which we will update if we are running late. Make sure you bring U.S. supper money. We will provide lunch. There is extra room on the bus for any parents who want to come with us.

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Hamilton – April 16

This is our show on April 16 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.

CORPS CAMP:

We are trying to arrange a corps camp for all members including horn players for the weekend of April 8, 9, and 10. We would like to leave Friday about 7 pm and return sometime on Sunday afternoon. 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 weekend of fun, music and a talent show Saturday night.

For this camp we require parent volunteers to help cook, 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.

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 our money situation. Second it keeps our members interested, and they will enjoy the travel and have fun. 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.

February 19, Kitchener, Ontario



DON'T FORGET:

During March break R A Riddell School is closed so we will be practicing at Barton Stone United Church on March 12 & 19 from 9:30 – 1:30 pm. On March 19 the guard will have an all day rehearsal until 4 pm.