



# ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.



## MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

# April 2009

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Executive Board I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make the Spring Craft Show a success. Your time, effort, hard work and contributions are most appreciated, as were all the prayers offered to bring at least a temporary respite to the rain which we were lucky enough to get. It looked ugly at times, but overall Mother Nature cooperated, much to the delight of the gang working outdoors in Security. Thanks also to the students for all their work at the show, and thanks again to our Craft Show Wizard Angie Palardy and her loyal lieutenants, Loretta DeFrancisco and Barbara Niederriter.

“Cavalcade Champions”. Fits like a glove. The balance of the TIA season is ahead of us with just one or two more competitions before Chapter Championships at Upper Darby on April 25, followed by All-Chapters Championships in Wildwood April 30-May 3. Please come out and support the units. You can check the schedule at [www.abwoodmu.net](http://www.abwoodmu.net) and also in this newsletter. The website has links for directions, maps and, if available, the competition's schedule. With Wildwood being only a few weeks away please have at least one parent attend the April meeting on Tuesday, April 21. Mary Kay Zimmaro will be going over the details for the trip. Please do not forget the balance for the trip is due by Tuesday April 14.

Elections for the Executive Board will be held at the May meeting and nominations are being accepted now. You may nominate yourself or someone else, hopefully with their consent. Elected positions are President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Please contact an executive board member with any

questions or nominations. Thanks for your support!  
GO WOOD!!!

Mark

### **PARENT GENERAL MEETING**

The next general parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 21** at 6:45PM. Fundraisers, Wildwood, and the band banquet are on the agenda.

### **FUND RAISERS**

**RAFFLE BASKETS** - The raffle baskets were a huge success this year - we made approximately \$3,680! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who contributed to the Grill and Dining Around the World Baskets. Special thanks to LuAnn Kittredge and Susan Fennecken for chairing these baskets. I would also like to extend special thanks to Dave and Dona Beth Murphy for again offering the use of their home in the Outer Banks, and to the anonymous donor of the big screen TV - the TV was the undisputed big ticket item this year! Again, thanks to all for supporting our marching unit.

Denine Anderson

**CANDY BARS** - All American \$1.00 Candy Bars Fund Raiser offers \$18.00 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. To order, please contact Denine Anderson Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261.

**HOAGIE COUPONS** - Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Linda Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

**DUTCH MILL BULBS** - All orders and payments were due to Linda Gioffre by the March parents meeting. Delivery should be by the April parents meeting. Make all checks payable to Archbishop Wood Marching Unit.

## CREW AND EQUIPMENT

Indoor season is in full swing and we continue to have lots of equipment to be moved on/off the floor as well as loaded/unloaded on the truck and buses. We need volunteers, so please help out whenever you can. We again would like to express gratitude to **Pat Succì** for supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

## WILDWOOD "PREVIEW" SHOW

This event is scheduled for Wednesday April 29 at 8:00 pm. Please invite all relatives and friends who will not be able to come to Wildwood. Have them come to hear and see the sights and sounds of the Archbishop Wood Drum Line and Color Guard Units performing their "Championships" Show before heading off to Wildwood.

## WILDWOOD WEEKEND UPDATE

Just a reminder the dates are April 30 to May 3. Mary Kay Zimmaro distributed information at the February parents' meeting. The information was also sent via e-mail to all families. Also as discussed, all parents are required to complete and submit clearances through Childline and PA State Police in addition to completing Safe Environment Training in order to chaperone or assist with the events. Additionally they are required in order to stay at the same hotel as the students when we go to Wildwood. Information about completing these requirements will be discussed at upcoming parent meetings.

Here's Wildwood performance info:

"A" Guard prelims: Friday 7:09 PM perform time; 16 units are performing; top 10 move to finals.  
"A" Guard finals: Sunday; first group performs at 12:12 PM, final group performs at 1:24 PM.  
Full Retreat for guard at 3:00 PM.

Drumline Prelims: Thursday at 9:57 PM.  
Drumline Finals: Saturday at 7:34 PM.  
Since we're defending champions we get to go last regardless of preliminary results.  
Full Retreat for percussion at 8:20 PM.

## BAND BANQUET

The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday May 15, 2009 at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. Please mark your calendars with this date. A flyer invitation will be placed in everyone's folder this week. The cost is \$28 for adults, \$21 for children (ages 16 and under). **Senior Parents**, start collecting your photos for that Senior poster!!

## REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER:

All financial obligations are due as follows:

**SENIORS - APRIL 1**

**ALL OTHERS - MAY 1**

Please check your financial sheets in your child's file or contact Tom Rakszawski at (215) 674-5006

## WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.abwoodmu.net>

Visit our website for the latest in calendar updates, competition results and the current newsletter, along with videos, photos and other information you may find interesting. Feedback, suggestions, ideas, photos, stories, links to your own sites (AWMU related) etc. are welcomed! Please contact Jim Redcay at [chief77@verizon.net](mailto:chief77@verizon.net) or Mike Rakszawski at [rakszawski@comcast.net](mailto:rakszawski@comcast.net). **Please note:** The new URL for TOB/TIA is [www.njatob.org](http://www.njatob.org)

## CALENDAR

Thurs. April 16	Performing Arts Banquet
Thurs.-Sun., April 30 – May 3	Wildwood Weekend
Fri. May 15	Band Banquet

## 2009 Indoor Schedule Guard

4/18 Perkiomen Valley (TIA) **Both Teams**  
4/19 Haddon Heights (TIA) **"A" Team Only**  
4/25 Chapter 3 at Upper Darby (TIA) **Both Teams**  
4/30-5/3 Wildwood **"A" Team Only**

## 2009 Indoor Schedule Percussion

April 18 Salisbury (TIA)  
April 25 Chapter 3 at Upper Darby (TIA)  
April 30 to May 3 Wildwood (TIA)