

# Quarter Notes

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The official newsletter of the Arcadia Music Club



## Presidents' Message

**T**he exciting Orchestra Benefit Dinner is right around the corner on Sat. Feb. 21. This event sells out every year so we hope you've got your tickets.

the band room. We'll forward the information to the appropriate people and find a way for any interested parent to become more involved.

There are some great chances to volunteer to chair an activity still available. E-mail [ahsmusicclub@altrionet.com](mailto:ahsmusicclub@altrionet.com) and we will forward your interest to the nominating committee. Please come to our regular music club meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. You'll see old friends and meet some new ones and learn a lot about the program. All four directors attend every meeting and let us know the latest on what our kids are up to. Hope to see you there.

Mike and Polly Green  
Co-Presidents

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Calendar

This year features entertainment by Craig and Mary Durst, long time friends of music at AHS. An Italian dinner will be served. Best of all, 350 of Arcadia's finest students will perform works for strings all through the evening. Don't miss it!

Thanks to everyone, especially chairperson Kris Johnson, who helped make the 37th annual Spaghetti Dinner such a success. Lots of pasta was served and over 2000 fans of our Marching Band and Color Guard were entertained by these fantastic students. The students and directors work hard to put on this great showcase every year and we really appreciate it.

Orchestra and Band Vertical concerts are coming up. Be sure to check the calendar at [www.arcadiamusic.org](http://www.arcadiamusic.org) for the latest dates and times.

Included in this issue of the newsletter is a volunteer opportunities information form. Please take a moment to look it over and check out all the different activities our groups are doing and how you can help. Let us know what your talents and interests are. Mail the form to the address shown or drop it in the mail box in



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## Spaghetti Dinner

*I would like to send out a great big thank you to all of you who helped out with the 2004 Spaghetti Dinner. It was a great night! The food was wonderful thanks to our kitchen crew headed up by Mike and Polly Green along with Jim and Sharon Eberhart, Jim and Margaret Barrows and many others. The cafeteria was decorated beautifully in our school colors and was filled to capacity most of the evening. Thanks to all of you who worked your assigned shift (Some people were having so much fun that they worked all night!). We had greeters and ticket takers and servers and cleaners and table setters and souvenir sellers and drink fillers and just about everything else you can think of going on during the evening, and it couldn't have happened without all of our faithful volunteers. A thank you also goes out to John Tallon for his work in helping with the handicapped seating for the entire evening. He also headed up the gym crew, who handed out programs and took tickets and held back the crowds at the door!! Thank you to all of you who helped out in the gym for the entire evening. Thanks also goes to Dick Grumm and his crew for taping the evening shows and preparing them into the tapes that we get to purchase and watch over and over to remind us of our great 2003-04 music season. Thanks again to everybody and let's do it again next year!!*

*Kris Johnson  
Spaghetti Dinner Chair*

## Color Guard

*With Spaghetti Dinner successfully completed, the Color Guard is ready to begin their 2004 Winter Guard season. This year the Color Guard will once again be divided into three separate teams: the varsity will be competing in the world class and is comprised of six seniors, eight juniors, and seven sophomores; the A Guard will begin their season in the Scholastic A Class and consists primarily of second year members, only six of the 27 members are first year members; the youngest of the guards, the B*

*Guard will compete in the Intermediate A Class and all 21 members are competing in WGASC for the first time.*

*Now into the month of February, all three guards are preparing for competition. Opening night for the World Guard is scheduled to be held at the Mt. Carmel Winter Guard show on the seventh of February. The A Guard will begin competition the following Friday: February 13. Both teams will be competing at this year's Southern California Regional from February 14th to the 15th. Preliminary competition for both guards is to be held on Saturday the 14th at Riverside Community College. Finals for the A Guard will also take place on the 14th at RCC, while finals for the World Guard are scheduled for the 15th in the Coussoulis Arena at Cal-State Univ. The week following this year's first regional, the B Guard will begin their competitive season at the Arcadia Competition, which will be hosted at Arcadia High School. Please come out and support all three teams throughout this year's competitive season!*

## Band

*The marching season is now a memory. The Spaghetti Dinner was a great evening of retrospect and accomplishment. Just as a reminder, DVD's of that performance, (with some Dick Grumm extras) are still available at \$22.00 with a check made payable to "Arcadia Music Club". In time we will also have some band review and field tournament footage available as well.*

*Second semester brings with it our concert season beginning with the district band vertical concert for Band III at the Pasadena Nazarene Church on Tuesday March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Bands I & II will perform in the Spring Concert on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the North Gym here on campus. These are great opportunities for you to support your student as they demonstrate their musical progress. Your presence is very important to your child, even if they never request it.*

*Personally, I want to thank you for all of the support you have given me. I can think of no better place to teach, and no better parents to work with. Until our next event, thanks for all you do.*

*-Tom Landes*

# Percussion

**B**oth the Varsity and Junior Varsity Percussion Ensembles are busy preparing their indoor shows for 2004. Both groups will be competing in the SC-PA and WGI circuits. Websites are listed below. These websites will have scheduling information for each show, directions, and score reports.

The Junior Varsity Ensemble has learned music and marching for 75 % of their show. These students are playing and marching very well this year, and are excited about their first SC-PA show on February 7 at Chino Hills HS.

This is the first year the JV Ensemble has competed in the SC-PA events, which marks a greater competitive challenge for the students. Ours is the only JV Ensemble in the circuit and will be competing against other "varsity" groups in the "A" division. This should really help our students push to achieve a high performance level. Highlights of the season should be the WGI event in Las Vegas in March, as well as the SC-PA Championships held locally in April.

We've also had many parents helping with costumes, backdrops, equipment, etc. I'd like to express my thanks to all who have helped put this project together.

The Varsity Ensemble has completed a great deal of their show as well. The WGI show at RCC on February 14 will mark the opening of the season. Our group will be in the Open division and should have the majority of the show finished for the 14th. Our varsity students are playing and marching very well this year. I am very proud of the hard work they have put in to get this season off to such a good start. Highlights of the season will include the WGI event in Hayward in March, and WGI Nationals in San Diego in April. You may also want to mark March 20 on your calendar. Both the JV and Varsity groups will be competing at the SC-PA Ayala HS show on this day. This is the only event that features both groups.

We've had many parents working to help prepare costumes, arrange travel, and plan events. I'd like to express my thanks to these parents

for their valuable help. Sue Narevsky has put in a great deal of time with travel plans and fundraisers. Ed Schreiner, as always, is invaluable in his support with equipment, ideas, and hard work. A special thank you to the Symes Automotive Group for sponsoring the Varsity Ensemble again this year! Thanks to all who have helped so much.

I hope you get a chance to see both of these great ensembles this year. I know the students and I value your continued support.

AHS Percussion Spring 2004 Schedule:

## Varsity Schedule

Feb. 14, 2004  
WGI Regional - Riverside, CA  
Feb. 28, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Westlake HS  
March 6, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Fountain Valley HS  
March 20, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Ayala HS  
March 26-28, 2004  
WGI Regional - Hayward, CA  
April 10, 2004  
SCPA Southern California Championships  
April 14-18, 2004  
WGI Nationals - San Diego

## Junior Varsity Schedule

Feb. 7, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Chino Hills HS  
Feb. 21, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Mission Viejo HS  
March 12-14, 2004  
WGI Regional - Las Vegas, NV  
March 20, 2004  
SCPA Competition - Ayala HS  
April 9/10, 2004  
SCPA Southern California Championships



## Music Camp '04

**C**an you believe it? We are already making plans for Music Camp 2004. It will be August 29 to September 3 at two locations close together in Idyllwild. Student registration packets will be mailed in May, but we are looking for chaperones who want to share the experience. We have one nurse, but need a second. Look at your vacation schedule and block off those dates. Let Mike Green know if you are able to chaperone or be a nurse. It is a real opportunity to develop strong ties with students and parents alike.

-Coyla Grumm



## Orchestra Events

**E**verything is going smoothly in preparation for the 10th Annual Orchestra Benefit Dinner on February 21st at the Arcadia Community Center. The theme for this year's dinner is "A Symphony of Stars." As in years past, we will be featuring student ensembles, our Guest Artist "2AZZI" and the finale of all finales, the 345 member orchestra performing in surround sound. Our Guest Artists, Craig and Mary Durst have a long association with our music program having coached at Music Camp, performed at a AHS assembly and performed at a Festival of Bands events. They are excited about being part of this wonderful tradition. And a big thanks to



Susan Lai and her army of helpers that are working so hard to make this evening a great success.

A couple of date changes for your calendar. The Orchestra Vertical Concert has been changed to March 23rd and will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena and the Orchestra 2 & 3 Disneyland performance has been changed to Monday, May 24th.

The planning for the Orchestra 2 & 3 trip to San Francisco is coming along very well. Our performances in Sacramento and San Jose are planned and all the meals and activities are coming together as well. It should be a great trip for the 120 students participating.

We have begun planning the annual Orchestra 1 trip to Santa Barbara and a performance at Hillside House. We will supply everyone with more details as we plan the day.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to all the parents who are working so hard to organize and plan the Orchestra activities and performances. Your help and commitment to the student and directors is unparalleled anywhere else. You will never know how much we appreciate your support.

-Tom Forbes and Arthur Farr

## Orchestra Benefit

**W**e are rapidly approaching the Tenth Anniversary of the Arcadia High School Orchestra Benefit Dinner Program on April 21, 2004 at the Community Center in Arcadia. For ten straight years we've had the opportunity to be entertained in a wonderful setting through the talents of our children. These fine men and women; wither freshman, senior or someplace in-between; have come a long way on their musical journey. They have worked hard to prepare and we need to appreciate what they share with us. This year many of the students

attended Music Camp in August to begin the year and have worked hard through the fall concert in Pasadena and the holiday concert at San Gabriel Civic for Orchestras 2 and 3 and at several locations in the community for Orchestra 1. It is very hard to believe that our school boasts three full orchestras of, around 350 students. I know that many schools are happy if they can get a single orchestra of 35 students.

I've had a chance to speak to several of those involved in the beginning of the Orchestra Benefit Dinner tradition. A group of eight orchestra mothers recognized that the orchestra program in Arcadia was growing and that we needed many new instruments for our students. Those early benefit dinners were more of a potluck affair that gave a chance for parents who, due to their week day schedules, had not had a chance to participate in the usual concerts. The parents very much wanted to contribute to the success of their children and knew that a weekend event was how they could best help.

From those early days, much has changed about the setting of the event, the number of students in the orchestra program and the addition of professional musicians to the program. But, much remains the same about the need to support the students and purchase new instruments for the program. We here tonight need to honor the forethought of those who came before us much as we need to improve those traditions for those who come next. For those of you who would like tickets to the Orchestra Benefit Dinner, we have a few seats still available. Tickets are only \$35.00 each and you can obtain information on purchasing tickets by calling Tao Kuo at (626) 446-2640. Come join one of the finest events you'll ever attend, you will never forget the evening.

Doug Failing  
Orchestra Vice-President



## Thanks Uniform Committee

Now that the band uniforms have gone through their final cleaning and are back in storage in the rack room, it is time to thank my hard working committee without whom this job would be impossible. From uniform fitting days in early September until the last cleaning following Spaghetti Dinner, I have enjoyed the company and appreciated the support of the following committee members: Pascale Angell, Blennie Danielson, Sharon Eberhardt, Carrie Gazanian, Irene Kahn, Sue Meikle, Linda Ruiz, Karen Tanner, and Marianne vonKriegenbergh. Special thanks to our "graduating" parents, Pascale Angell, Sharon Eberhardt, and Sue Meikle, for their support with uniforms not only this year, but in all previous years that they have generously offered their time. You will be missed! And many, many thanks to Debbie Riggio for her continued support in guiding me through my initial year of this job.

Although the job is done for this year, we will need new members for next year. It really is a nice way to get to know other parents, as well as the kids, and the reward is that you are supporting an incredible group of music students. We would love to have you join us!

Betsy Burcham  
Band Uniform Chair

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Groups involved in  Concert Band  Marching Band  Orchestra  Color Guard  Percussion

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Groups involved in  Concert Band  Marching Band  Orchestra  Color Guard  Percussion

Please choose which of the following events you would like to be involved in:

- Back-to-School Pot Luck Dinner- All Parents
- Band Fusion - CB 1, 2, 3
- Band Vertical Concert - CB 3
- Car Wash - All Groups
- Color Guard Shows - CG
- Color Guard Travel - CG
- Fall String Concert - OR 1, 2, 3
- Festival of Bands - MB, CG, PR
- Holiday Concert - SO
- Home Football Games - MB, CG, PR
- Installation Dinner/Year End Party - All Parents
- Music Camp - All Groups
- Music Club Meetings (provide snacks) - All Groups
- Orchestra Benefit Dinner - OR 1, 2, 3
- Orchestra Parents/Students Potluck Dinner
- Orchestra Tour - OR 2, 3
- Orchestra Vertical Concert - SO
- Parades and Field Shows - MB, CG, PR
- Pdays Registration - All Groups
- Percussion Show - PR
- Percussion Travel - PR
- Pops Concert - CB 2, 3 OR 2, 3
- PSAT Testing - All Groups
- Spaghetti Dinner - MB, CG, PR
- Spring Concert - CB 1, 2 OR 1, 2
- Winter Concert - OR 1

Please let us know what special interests or skills you have:

- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Art/Graphics
- Carpentry
- Catering/Food Preparation
- Computer Skills
- Decorating/Flower Arranging/Balloons
- EMT/Nursing
- Grant Writing
- Painting
- Photography
- Public Relations/Press Release Writing
- Sewing
- Telephoning
- Towing
- Truck Driving
- Other Interests or Skills

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# Calendar of Events

## February

- 2 Disneyland, Orchestra I
- 3 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 7 Color Guard Show, Mt. Carmel
- 13 Color Guard Show, Chino Hills HS
- 14-15 Color Guard Regionals, RCC
- 17 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Color Guard Show, AHS
- 21 Orchestra Benefit Dinner,  
Arcadia Community Center, 6pm
- 26-28 WGI Event, CG, PR, Fresno

## March

- 2 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 6 Color Guard Show, Costa Mesa HS
- 7 Color Guard Show, Palm Desert HS
- 10 Band Vertical Concert, Band III, 7pm
- 11 Showcase Arcadia
- 12-14 WGI Event, CG, PR, Las Vegas
- 16 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Color Guard Show, Northview HS
- 21 Color Guard Show, Santa Fe HS
- 25 Orchestra Vertical Concert, SO
- 26-28 WRI Event, CG, PR, Hayward
- 31 Spring Concert, Band & Orch. I, II

## April

- 3 Color Guard Show
- 5-9 Spring Break
- 10 Color Guard Show
- 14-18 WGI World Championships
- 15-18 Orchestra Tour
- 20 Music Club Meeting
- 24-25 WGASC Championships

## May

- 13 Pops Concert
- 14 Pops Assembly
- 18 Music Club Meeting
- 24 Disneyland - Orchestra II, SO

## June

- 6 Baccalaureate - Orchestra I
- 11 Graduation

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