

Hi ALL - - -

Can you believe it's already been two months since our Reunion in Wildwood?!

Anybody who was there will tell you what a GREAT TIME we all had !!! Watching the parade from Kelly's was a blast, the Waikiki Oceanfront Inn was just the right place for our Reunion Party, the music of "Swing House" was a hit, the buffet was outstanding, the beer and wine flowed happily, and it was a joy to get together with so many dear friends. The turn-out was just what we had hoped for with more than 150 there! On behalf of myself and the rest of the Reunion Committee, we THANK YOU for your support. From: Harry Jenkins, Tom Quackenbush, Chuck Quackenbush, BettyAnn Coates, Bill & BarbaraJo Weisenbach, Janet Patterson, and Gerry Flynn (webmaster)

*By the way:* Many had concerns about Bruce Boyes' medical emergency that Saturday night, but Bruce was attended to right away and was back home Sunday, and wanted to let everyone know he was grateful for the concern, and that he was doing just fine.

### **So what about NEXT YEAR?...**

A lot of people said, "We have to do this again!". Well --- everybody on the Reunion Committee feels that with the amount of work that it took, we're just not up for doing the same thing year after year. Besides, after a couple times, the novelty wears off, and the enthusiasm thins out. So here's what we're going to do...

We'll meet again in Wildwood on the Elks Convention weekend (always the first full weekend in June; that's June 3-5 in 2011). Everybody will be on-their-own for booking a room at the Waikiki. We'll do the parade and watch all the Drum Corps from in front of Kelly's. Back at the Waikiki later that afternoon and evening, we'll have coolers full of ice and beer, and we'll order pizzas or whatever, and everybody can throw in 5 or 10 bucks to cover it all. No big buffet, no live band, no big expenses - - - just friends getting together and having fun. After all --- isn't that what it's all about?!!

I have to say that even though everything went smoothly this year, some of us were so busy taking care of business that my biggest regret personally was not having enough time to just sit down and talk with old friends. But with a more layed-back approach, we'll be able to relax and enjoy ourselves, and have more time to re-connect. So that's our plan for next year. We'll send an e-mail out next winter to let people know and to start things rolling.

***Thanks again for your support - - - and see you again next June in Wildwood.***

### **DRUM CORPS EVENTS:**

You can see the DCI Quarter-Finals LIVE from Indianapolis on Thursday night, August 12th at 6:30pm eastern time. Just go to [DCI.org/cinema](http://DCI.org/cinema), click on the Regal Theaters link, then enter your Zip Code under "Buy Tickets". (You don't actually have to buy your tickets on-line; this just gives you a list of theaters near you.) It's showing in more than 500 theaters nationwide! You'll see highlights of many of the corps, and full performances of the top corps!

### **A Drum Corps FAREWELL:**

On Saturday, August 14th, the Reilly Raiders will be hosting their annual "Shamrock Music Festival" at Hatboro-Horsham High School, 899 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA (northwest of Philadelphia, not far from the Willow Grove exit of the PA Turnpike). The show is on-stage in the air-conditioned auditorium at the school.

This years' show will mark the "end of the road" performance of the great Yankee Rebels Alumni Corps. The Rebs have decided to call it quits after more than 20 years as an active alumni corps, largely due to a declining pool of members (...none of us are getting any younger). A number of Blue Rock alums are still

with the Rebs, and I myself spent a number of enjoyable years in the corps --- and I'm very proud to say that! So come out to the "Final Farewell Performance" of this great corps. You'll also enjoy the performances of other great Alumni Corps, including St.Rita's Brassmen, Archer-Epler, Hanover Lancers, Blessed Sacrament Golden Knights, Hawthorne Caballeros, a performance by Swing House, and your hosts, the Reilly Raiders.

For more information go to [www.reillyraiders.org](http://www.reillyraiders.org) . Hope to see you there.

Yours in the bond,

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