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BLUE ROCK BUZZ

"DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DOMINICK "TED" SCIARRA"

PERSON OF INTEREST...



CHUCK QUACKENBUSH - what follows below is our recent interview with Chuck about his BR days, Hall of Fame Induction and his horrendous car accident last November...

BRB...Chuck, It's been a few years since the days you began your drum corp career with Blue Rock. Can you give us a synopsis of your drum corp journey?

Well Michael as you know I started in blue rock midgets in 1960. There was a sign in my fifth grade classroom that said free instruction and free instruments, that was all my parents needed to know. At the end of 1960 the Midgets were disbanded and the bigger kids were brought up to the big corps. I played base baritone until 1966 when I moved to contra I aged out in 71 and joined the administrative staff. I also began teaching marching and designed drill at Salem HS. In 73 the Yankee Rebels announced they were going to Hawaii for American Legion nationals. About 8 of us Blue Rocks went down to Baltimore. Unfortunately the AL took our motel rooms and we never got to paradise. I came back as a bus driver to BR. I was one of the drivers on the California Death Tour. That is a story for another time. In 1975 a bunch of BR guys joined the Blessed Sac Senior Corps. In 76 I joined the Royaleer Mounties staff doing M&M. I stayed with them through the merger of the Royaleers, Bon Bons and Cramer Hill Rough Riders. I even named the new corps, Oakenshield. At that time my employer transferred me to New Hampshire and I joined the Rhode Island Matadors. I even played the elephant call there in our song the Disco Bull with Bull Elephant. I left after the 84 season when the drive got to be too much. I continued teaching a couple of bands and a corps in NH. I was transferred back to Philly in 89 and I joined the newly formed Yankee Rebels Alumni Corps. Two years later Archer Epler Musketeers did a Salute to the Juniors featuring the signature songs of the major junior corps. They recruited me because they were including Baby Elephant. I've been with them ever since.

BRB...It seems that from day one "Baby Elephant Walk" became Blue Rock's signature song. Can you tell us just how the elephant call came to be?

The elephant call was Bobby Sanna's invention. We brought BEW back for 1967. We were at Walker Dyer for horn rehearsal and during a break Bobby took a soprano mouthpiece and did the call. It wasn't great but after some experimentation a French horn mp was stuck in the contra mouthpiece and eureka. The elephant was born. Ted heard it and loved it adding it to the show. Bob played it until 69 when he retired and I took over. The first couple of years Bob blew it whenever he wanted back field. It was actually written into arrangement in 69 as the one call at the end of the song.

BRB...having spent so much of your life in drum corps...can you tell us about a couple of your favorite highlights?

Number 1 has to be the 71 dream. That show was electric from when we entered the back gate until the exit. The crowd reaction to Requiem was incredible.

Then there was beating Sac the first time and winning Jersey States.

The Matadors 78 DCA championship performance was almost as exciting as the Dream. And the 1989 Yankee Rebels Alumni exhibition at the DCA's with the biggest hornline until that time of 88 horns.

Finally at 71 Boontoon, my last Blue Rock show having the color guard from the St Andrews Bridgemen march over to me and present a giant stuffed elephant to me honoring my retirement.

BRB...In 2011 you were inducted into the New Jersey Drum and Bugle Corp Hall of Fame! What an honor that must have been! Give us an idea what that was like?

Mike I've never felt that I was a drum corps great. I was a good section man who got lucky to be handed a singular role. I feel my going into the Hall of Fame was more the induction of Blue Rock into the Hall of Fame. I was lucky to be highlighted but guys like you and Kenny Dennis, Bart, Bruce, Jimmy Baker and Denny Dodgen were the incredible soloists. If you had been in Sac or the Cabs you would have beat me there. I was blessed to be handed the most famous one-note soloists of all time. Standing with me at that podium that night were all of my Blue Rock brothers and sisters.

BRB...I believe it was in November of 2014 you were involved in a horrendous automobile accident on the New Jersey Turnpike...I know the outpouring of prayers for you and the long journey that it's been! Can you give us all an update!

I'm doing well in rehab working at getting back on my feet. As a matter of fact today 06/11/15 I took my first two steps at the parallel bars. I've been blessed that despite the seriousness of my injuries I never really was in any pain. The prayers and good wishes of everyone has made the ordeal a great deal easier. If we do an alumni corps again in 2016 Wildwood I plan to be playing.

IN THE PAST...

MEMORIES...By Jeff Dennis

It was the year 1963 when I joined the Vanguarders. My choice was the drums. Brother Ken Dennis played the horn, however, that was something I just couldn't do. So off to Our Lady of Fatima in New Castle for my first practice. Rubber pads on boards, drum sticks, and if my memory serves me right, .25 dues. I remember Ellery Street as one of

our instructors. Chip, Kevin, and myself were part of this new thing. As being just 10 years old, it was something I had never dreamed that I would be doing. In the year 1964, Ted started working with us on a drill. We got to the concert formation then behold, several of us were brought up to the big corps. Now things are getting interesting. I was practicing everyday so I could be as good as Barney, Ellery, Larry, Don, Mickey, Dennis, etc. I would walk up from my house to shell road in order to catch the corps bus. Cal Burden was the driver. Carrying the drum they let us bring home. Whatever it took to get to practice. 1965 was the year I just did parades. I remember Ted booting me in the butt because I was out of line. He wanted perfection. It was a goal for me to be the best. Then in 1966 I was in line for competition. Not much I can remember about that year, however, 1967 was our first year making the finals at the VFW Nationals. Still we have a few corps to beat. BS, Garfield, Lucy's. States were still out of reach. Loved to go to Wildwood for States. Not so much marching in that long parade in the hot weather. All the other guys had girlfriends from the Royaleers and Bon Bons. I guess girls were starting to intrigue me now. Finally I met one from each corps and although I was still a little scared of girls, we became friends and walked the boardwalk together. Wow, I finally held a girls hand. Something else was new, 1968 was our first year to win a really big show and beat St. Lucy's.

The US Open was our first big win. Blue Rock, Blue Stars, and then Lucy's. We were so afraid that Lucy's would be upset with us, however, they were a great bunch of guys and congratulated us for the win. Practices got more and more important. Carlton School in Penns Grove for the drill and the American Legion hall for music. We practiced at the airport, farmers market, armory in Wilmington. And sometimes with high grass and potholes. Whatever it took to get the job done.

1969 was the first time we won states in Wildwood, N. J. We finally did it, beat BS, Lucy's, and Garfield all at one show...WOW again! At the end of that year, I was told by Ted that I, Jeff Dennis will be a snare drummer in 1970. Can you believe it!!! I finally made it to the snare line. Although we had a tough year that year, Joe Marella had a plan that we just didn't know yet. We worked very hard. We were getting people from other corps wanting to march with us. Now at the end of this season, this new thing was about to happen. This new thing was to have 8 (eight) snares performing, with of course the double tenors, tympani's, cymbals, base drums, etc. No one had ever tried this before. We practiced and practiced. Rocky knocker Hall, Deepwater Truckstop, so many places that I can't remember them all. I remember the first time anyone saw us, it was a different experience. Guess they were wondering if this would work, or why would anyone even try this? Well, it worked and with all the other things surrounding us it turned out to be a great success. Corps wise we won a lot of big shows, beating the likes of Cavies, 27th, Boston, BS, Troopers, Kilties, etc. Then winning the VFW in Dallas High drums just topped off a great career with Blue Rock. Throughout the 9 years I marched with this organization, so many memories and friendships were made. To this day, we still get together and reminisce of the good things we learned. Ted started something wonderful and taught us a lot about life! Sometimes we went off the deep end, but it was all in fun. Most of us have different memories, but we all shared the same great experiences. Not to leave out my parents in all of this, they played a big part in brother Ken's and my time with Blue Rock. Giving us money, traveling with us, supporting us, driving us to practice if we missed the bus. So many things I could say.

So in ending, I'd like to add some things that maybe some will remember... Grannies, the Brills, ah bay, ah bay, Fergie and Mike, white bucks, grodie bus, dirt in the fuel line, and pushing the bus to get it started!

These are just a few of so many memories of Blue Rock. All of my friends that I had the pleasure of marching with will add to this list. We all were part of a great experience and no one can take that away. Mine is just a small part of many!!!

PRESCRIPTION ALLEY...

JOAN FREIMUTH DiMARTINO...Former Blue Rock Head Majorette and country and western dance instructor extraordinaire had a total knee replacement on Monday, June 22. Joanie is still in a lot of pain, but knowing her, she'll be back dancing in no time!

DONNA HAAS MORGAN...Chris Haas tells us that her sister Donna is cancer free!!! So happy to hear this...keep those prayers and good wishes coming!

LARRY SORENSEN...Bill Martin has posted that Larry Sorensen (one of the Troy boys) has passed away. Larry played snare drum for Blue Rock in 1973-74. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry's family. RIP brother!

FRANK BURDEN..Please keep Frank's son and sister Maryellen Burden Boon in your thoughts and prayers. We lost Frank this morning (June 2). Maryellen has lost both of her brothers this year! Frank played base drum back in the 60's and was a Vietnam Vet! RIP brother!



BLUE ROCK NEWS - A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...



PRESIDENT'S BLOG - Bob McLaughlin

REFLECTIONS ON REUNION IN WILDWOOD 2015

Friday, June 5th kicked-off with the **ANNUAL BSGK GOLF TOURNAMENT** on a soggy damp morning. **Blue Rock** entered 2 teams ...

- Team 1 - TA, Bill Florida, Skeeter, and Spanky (Skeeter's GF, Suzanne)
- Team 2 - Jimmy, Steve Riccelli, and Mike Haas

Results:

- 1st Place - **BR Team 1**
- 2nd Place - Reilly Raiders
- 3rd Place - **BR Team 2**

In addition, and thanks to Skeeter, **Blue Rock** won *every significant* BSGK Raffle Prize! Ya'll remember in the late 1960's, when we started to beat SAC regularly, and our relationship with SAC took a downward spiral ... well **IT'S BACK ! LOL**

Friday evening continued the weekend with a **PHILA PAL 1966** Haynes at Mulligan's in WW. It was friends, Bill Pusey, Pat Haynes, Don Jim, and I enjoyed it immensely. of his professional performances on 1st time all of us had been together PAL guys travelled down I295 & 130 half that many took their first trip

Several **BLUE ROCK ALUMNI** also **Archer-Epler Alumni Corps** in the Cape May area.



enjoyment of an awesome

DINNER hosted by Fran a great time with old Johnson, and Fran. Harry, Bill gave us CD's of several the trumpet. This was the since August 1966 when 15 to Penns Grove, and about to Newark, NJ.

enjoyed a concert by the

Shortly before noon on Saturday alumni and friends started gathering at **Kelly's** for the **Elks Parade** and a great time of fellowship and fun. That quickly became very, very close fellowship as the skies opened and Monsoon Wildwood commenced for several hours. No one let this dampen their spirits ... and in my opinion the time was even more enjoyable. The parade went on ... rain, thunder, and all ... for almost 2 hours ... and was stopped before Reilly Raiders stepped off at the parade beginning point ... *that is an important turn of events* which you will learn why a little later in this blog.

Between 2 and 3 PM members of **BRACT** headed to the **Cape Cod Motel** to complete preparation for the **REUNION CELEBRATION**. My assignment (Mission Impossible) was to escort Harry and insure he didn't get wise to the surprise celebration for him. After we took off the **BRADC** (Blue Rock Alumni Drum Corps) assembled in the Tennis Courts across Atlantic Avenue from Kelly's for a final dress rehearsal. **BRACT** wants to thank all of our alumni and friends for a great job keeping this celebration a secret from Harry ... which was easier than you might expect since Harry is not on Facebook.

The Reunion Celebration started at about 4:30 PM at the **Cape Cod Motel in Wildwood Crest**. A surprise concert by **Reilly Raiders** immediately delighted the alumni, Elks lodgers at all 4 motels in the vicinity, and of course, Harry. (Harry is a rudimental bass drummer for Reilly). At that point, Harry's wife and son, Bobbie and Clay, came out of hiding ... they were a surprise also ... wearing black BR reunion T-shirts ... and joined Harry on the street ... front and center for Reilly's concert.

Remember the turn of events that stopped the parade before Reilly stepped off at the starting point. Reilly was initially invited to do exactly what they did at the Cape Cod, but had to decline because of their place in the parade and concert commitments to sponsoring Elks Lodges. The rain changed all that, and allowed Reilly to entertain us and honor Harry. Think about the blessings that showers can bring ... sometimes.

Next and after a few short words from **BRACT** Vice-President, Mike Batten, and President, yours truly, Harry was given the mike to share some outgoing thoughts after a quarter century ... exactly 25 years ... as the 1st President of the **Blue Rock Alumni Association** ... *a speech we never intended for him to complete ... none of us have that much time left*

on earth ☺. So a little more than 5 minutes in, all was interrupted by the sounds and sight of the **BRADC** marching around the corner and up the street in front of the motel. Led by Drum Major's Betty Ann and Vicki ... the Color Guard, Drum Line, and Hornline in the **BR BOX** formed a concert shell and entertained and honored Harry with the final 2 songs from the **69-70 BR Field Show Repertoire** ... "**QUIET VILLAGE- BABY ELEPHANT**" and "**REQUIEM FOR THE MASSES**".

The BRADC Roster :

DRUM MAJOR

Betty Ann Coates

Vicki Mel

COLOR GUARD

Captain - Barbara (BJ) Weisenbach

Debbie Baker

Paula Pouolden

Debbie Davis

Terri Haas

Janet Patterson McCrosson

Eleanor Ogbin

Phyllis Vanieken Ryals

Peggy Glass Sliwinski

DRUMLINE

Wayne Campbell

Lou Davis

Jeff Dennis

Pay Kelly

Bill Poulson

Bill Weisenbach

HORNLINE

Soprano

Cindi Barth

Tom Cellucci

Jim Cook

Bob Cook

Ef Deal

Jack Deal

Ken Dennis

Mark Hexamer

Cortez Howard

Dave Murray

Mike Petchel

Mellophone

Mike Haas

Tom Harris

Bob McLaughlin

Cindy Waters

Baritone

Don Deal

Randy Dearlove

Bob Lidard

Joe Swertinski

Bill Zane

CONTRA BASS

Tom McNally



BRACT wants to graciously thank the following for their leadership and support in this special project.

- Director - Steve Riccelli
- Guard - BJ Weisenbach
- Drumline - Jeff Dennis and Wayne Campbell
- Hornline - Jack Deal and Don Deal
- Color Guard Equipment - donation and loan of flags
- Percussion Equipment - Loan by Reilly Raiders
- Brass Instruments - SJ Vanguard Drum Corps
- REILLY RAIDER PERFORMANCE - Frankie Neal and all the Raiders
- Chris Haas - donation of Haas Video coupons
- Celebration Cake - Janet McCrosson
- Beverages - Bobbie and Clay Jenkins
- DCX - Bill Ives
- Alumni and Friends - Contributions towards the food and beverages

Awards and gifts were presented to Harry and his family ... and included Alumni Jacket, BR engraved Grille Tools, flowers (Bobbie), gift certificate for a dinner, framed photo of Harry ... in full dress BR Uniform ... at DCI Founding Corps Celebration. This was followed by

- A delicious array of foods and beverages provided by BRACT.
- Auction of NEW BR Alumni Jackets, Haas Videos coupons
- Signing of a picture frame matte for Harry
- Collection and cataloging of **BR Legacy** donation and loans by several alumni ... WOW
- And a great time meeting new alumni and reminiscing with old alumni and friends

A sight and sound presentation of all photos taken over the weekend in WW will be released shortly via FB, email, and also posted on the **Blue Rock Website**.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

PURPOSE - LEG #1 - Community • Fellowship • Family

We shared at the Reunion Celebration that we needed the support and assistance of all alumni to tell us what you would like to see take place in the future regarding this area. Most all of you were not ready to respond ... that's OK ... you were taking in the great time we were having ... feeling **ALIVE AGAIN!!!** And **BRACT** took 3 weeks off to recharge our batteries and tend to other areas of our life. So now it's time to tell us what you think. We have received some specific ideas and requests from two of you ... THX. The rest of you ... by FB or email ... start communicating. Here are some ideas and questions to prime the pump.

- **Incorporated Alumni Association**
 - o Work has begun earnestly to understand and communicate the process of becoming an official, incorporated alumni association. Jim Tarlton is leading this special **BRACT** project ... when we are ready to share more you will be the first to know.
- **DCI Contest @PPL Park, Chester, PA • THU, July 30th**
 - o Some of us are in the process of procuring tickets on the CADETS websites ... see YEA link below ...
- <http://yea.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=11>
 - o This contest includes 7 of the top 10 corps in DCI
 - o Mike Batten and I will be announcing shortly the location of a restaurant / diner where some of us plan to eat before the contest ... details to follow shortly
 - o We'd love to see you at the contest and possibly share a light dinner before.
- **DCI World Championship At The Movies**
 - o Starting Aug 6th, the prelims will be live in local theaters
 - o Many of us have gone in small groups in the past ... let us know if you would like to lead a group ... we'll provide info on alumni who live in your area.

- **Information Updating on the Blue Rock Website**
 - o If you haven't done so to date ... please do ... helps us get and stay in contact
- **What else ???**
 - o Participate in and assist with planning a banquet, luncheon, ... any kind of get-together
 - o Think out of the box ... let us know.

PURPOSE - LEG #2 - Legacy

This leg has really ramped up ... THX to your response of donations and loans of

memorabilia. We will issue shortly under separate cover those that are enthusiastically participating at present ... both donations and loans ... more than ten alumni to date !!! **How about YOU ???** Have you uncovered any items in your home or garage? We understand hesitation at times to participate in building a Virtual Archive. We want to hold onto to things that mean a lot to us and remind us of a special time in our youth ... where some of us achieved great success and reward in our accomplishments. Remember, **we only want to borrow to photograph** ... making your participation a donation is always your call. I literally drove home from WW with a car full of memorabilia ... **almost didn't fit my suitcase** ... ask Harry!

DCX Photography sessions on Monday evenings at Archer-Epler Post resume after Labor Day ... We have enough memorabilia to span several sessions at this point ... with plans to receive more ... some even by FedEx.

Memorabilia you possess is YOURS ... you actually kept and preserved it when there was no or little interest in displaying and seeing it. **BRACK** only wants to photograph it for **Blue Rock** and DCX Virtual Archiving. Not even the top DCI corps have funds or resources for a brick and mortar museum ... not even DCI themselves. If you want to donate we will take excellent care and are working on a process to preserve alumni ownership ... not individual ownership.

Struggling ... need help ... give me a call ... would love to chat and answer any and all concerns, questions you have. THX.

PURPOSE - LEG #3 - Caring

Money ... financial support ... for alumni in need. I have no doubt that that is the first thing that comes to mind when a discussion about Caring comes up. It does with me. It's

more than that. Corpsmen and Alumni have been caring for one another in many ways since our marching days. My friend, Mike Batten is one of the best at it. I learn so much from him. Mike's leadership of the BUZZ is part of it ... as well as years of contacting, visiting, sending cards, and notes ... and this is extremely important ... not relying on the social media to do all the work!

We have developed and Mike has printed attractive, quality **BR greeting cards** ... Get Well, Thank You, Congratulations, Concern for Your Loss, and more to come. Mike has a passion to send them out when the need arises and represent all of the **BR** and you with this type of Caring. More to come on what you and I can do to Care ... ***we want Care to reside in the verb form ... an action word that plans and does to show our concern and love.***

Some alumni will now and in time have need for Caring because of hardship, medical situations, etc. We are proud of and commend people like Chris Haas and others who have created ways to raise funds for these Caring needs ... we need to and will do more as we go forward. Most alumni have family, friends, churches, etc. who work to meet these needs. However we realize that is not true for all alumni. **The Reality** → many of us have reached retirement age and personal funds are not always available to help as an individual ... collectively we can help ... every little bit of Caring help from many can mean a lot once combined together. We may never have **ALUMNI FUNDS** in an account to do what some of you might like to do ... however we can still help ... and creatively do things to expand that Caring.

We would love to hear your thoughts on this ... please contact Mike if you would like to be an active participant in any way you desire.

I trust once again that this **BLOG** has aided you in better understanding where are hearts

and minds are with respect to the Alumni Association. There is so much more to come. As I have stated in earlier communiques ... and will continue ... we see ourselves as **SERVANT LEADERS** ...

SERVANTS FIRST ... LEADERS SECOND

Regards,
Bobbo



LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Wild, Wild, Wildwood Weekend !

*A follow-up to Saturday, June 6, 2015
To all my Friends, from Harry P. Jenkins*

I have often thought that if I have any wealth in this world, it's a wealth of friends. You have proven that for me beyond measure. To everyone who was there in Wildwood, and others who couldn't be there but in spirit, who offered me kind words, or participated in whatever way, I extend my deepest gratitude. I am sincerely taken by your acknowledgement and recognition of my efforts over the last 25 years --- an endeavor to keep us together as a family of friends who share some unforgettable memories --- and to keep the name of Blue Rock alive, knowing it to hold a special place in our hearts.

During our active drum corps years, we were in Wildwood, New Jersey, two weekends every summer, for both the VFW and American Legion State Championships. Now, as we have done every June for the last ten years, we were again anticipating another fun weekend in Wildwood as part of the Elks Convention, with many corps marching in the parade. Some BR Alums are still marching in different corps, and the rest of us gather at Kelly's Tavern to cheer them on. As you are surely aware, the "Core Team" (BRAC; Blue Rock Alumni Core Team) has been hard at work to build a bigger, better Alumni Association. As part of this rejuvenation, it was decided to make a big push to make it a full-fledged Reunion Weekend this year --- the first major effort since our 2010 Reunion. Even though I officially retired as President, I have still been active with the new Core Team in planning the weekend. But unbeknownst to me, the team had a few "secret" meetings and conference calls without my participation. Well --- I guess from here, I'm not telling you anything you don't already know --- in fact, you knew long before me! Not only was I taken completely by surprise, but I was thrilled beyond anything I could have imagined!

The Elks Parade was shortened by seriously heavy rain, but it cleared just in time for our gathering at the *Cape Cod Inn* in Wildwood Crest. As things were getting underway, none other than the renowned Reilly Raiders set up in the street and treated us to an outstanding concert. You may know that I joined Reilly several years ago, happy to have a spot in the drum line. However, my senior aches and pains prevent me from carrying a drum in parades. So I was very taken to have them perform for us at our reunion. As if that rush of emotion weren't enough, I turned to my left to find my darlin' wife Bobbie next to me. Mind you --- she was supposed to be at work --- but took a vacation day to be there as part of the surprise. While giving her a huge hug, she told me to look behind me. I was again floored to find our son Clayton standing next to me, and I wrapped my arms around him as well. Excitement and emotions peaked as the Reilly Raiders played on, and I can't say enough to thank my Reilly friends for their generous and inspiring performance.

As part of the Agenda for the Reunion, I was advised to be prepared to say a few words about my "retirement". Ok; that made sense. So I wrote a few notes on a 3x5 card. I wanted to say that a strong indicator of success in any organization, upon passing the torch to new leadership, is being able to leave it better than you found it. I firmly believe that to be the case here. The Core Team is pro-actively committed to keeping us connected as a family of friends, for caring, and demonstrating a passion for preserving our artifacts and our heritage. I also wanted to state clearly that aside from the recognition you were offering me, and the honor that has been mine to serve, there's no such thing as a "one-man-show" --- and I wanted to extend my gratitude by acknowledging many of you who pitched in and helped over the years with the Alumni Association in general, along with other special projects and events. When it was my turn to speak from the upper deck, microphone in hand, I scanned the crowd looking for the faces of those people I wanted to thank. I spotted a few, but couldn't find the rest. Where were they?! In a few moments, it became apparent...

It's certainly no secret that my heart is right out there on my sleeve, and my emotions are often quite clear and apparent. Yeah --- I know I'm easy in that way, and I offer no apologies for it. Heck... I enjoy

baseball, and even a hard-played, well-executed, double-play can be so beautiful that it sometimes brings a tear to my eye. So you can imagine the flood of emotion that came over me when **"The Corps"** came within sight, led by a police escort, marching around the corner to our old street beat --- as if it were yesterday! History was made this day, as the Blue Rock Drum & Bugle Corps was performing for the first time in more than 40 years. Along with swelling my heart with pride --- you did yourselves proud!

Let me note that I am not naming names here, because there are many --- and I would doubtless forget a few. So rather than risk that, my sincere "Thanks" go out to all who made this day happen. Beyond that, I know full well the dedicated effort it took by all who participated to pull it all together. Add to that the idea of putting together an ensemble --- or moreover, a re-created Blue Rock Drum & Bugle Corps! Yes... doing it is surely fun and exciting! But beyond that, experience has taught me that it's no small task, and it takes the bad along with the good, the trying stresses along with the emotional thrills, and certainly the significant effort and commitment involved. Be assured, my friends, that I know full well how much you all put into making it happen --- *and I can't thank you enough.*

There's one name, however, which I must mention. And although not physically present, was nonetheless amongst us that day. Known to all of us --- perhaps to each in a different way --- and for all the years since the birth of Blue Rock --- we extend a loving thank you to Domonic "Ted" Sciarra. For without Ted's vision, influence, and inspiration --- all the ensuing days, right up to this day, and days yet to come --- would never be.





IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY...

TOM CELLUCCI.....JUNE 1
KATHY HAYES.....JUNE 1
WALT PARKS.....JUNE 4
CLARENCE PATILLO.....JUNE 6
BARNEY SCHWARTZ.....JUNE 11
BILL RASMUSSEN.....JUNE 12
TOM QUACKENBUSH.....JUNE 13
BOB McLAUGHLIN.....JUNE 14
DON WELCH.....JUNE 14
GENE SLAUGHTER.....JUNE 14
CORI SPANGLER.....JUNE 14
BILL GAWINSKI.....JUNE 22
BILL MARTIN.....JUNE 23
CATHY GANT SCOTT.....JUNE 23
MAUREEN GALLAWAY KONIZER.....JUNE 25
GREG COLEMAN.....

UPCOMING EVENTS...

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

7:30

CHESTER, PA - PPL PARK

ONE STADIUM DRIVE

CADETS.....ALLENTOWN, PA
BLUE DEVILS.....CONCORD, CA
BLUE COATS.....CANTON, OH
CAVALIERS.....ROSEMONT, IL
PHANTOM REGIMENT.....ROCKFORD, IL
SANTA CLARA VANGUARD.....SANTA CLARA, CA
CAROLINA CROWN.....FORT MILL, SC

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HEY! DROP US A LINE AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK...

**ANY IDEAS OR THOUGHTS FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

**HOW MANY OF YOU MARRIED A FELLOW BLUE ROCK?

HOW MANY MARRIED A DRUM CORP PERSON?

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