

Quarternote - December 2017

Your Board of Directors of the Prime Time Band met on November 1, 2017. The minutes of the August meeting were approved. Any band member may request them by contacting John Ritchie at jfritchie@cox.net or 682-6460. The officers and board members for 2018 are as follows:

President:	Dee Smith	Pops Band:	Bill Callahan
Vice President:	John Ritchie	Publicity:	Roger Ferris
Secretary:	Debbie Kaska	Social Chair:	Barb Nagle Statler
Treasurer:	Gretchen Ostergren		

Winter Concert at San Marcos High School

Our Winter Concert was held on November 19 at San Marcos High School. It was memorable in many ways!



As Jeff wrote to us, "We were on a wild ride on Sunday! Thank you for your patience as we waited for the fire alarm to finally be turned off. The concert was one of our best, maybe our best. It's something that we have been saying quite a lot the last several years, that our latest concert is the best so far. It's gratifying to hear, but I don't want to put pressure on you to keep out-performing the last event. Let's just say that we had many wonderful moments and it's a concert you should feel proud of. We keep improving in our balance, phrasing, intonation and tone. We are listening more to each other, really playing with others in mind

when we do. We drag less, but it's still something we will continue to work on. We didn't have any let downs in any of the pieces, just a couple of early entrances, but nothing of consequence. Everyone stepped up, every section. Every rehearsal, I appreciate the opportunity to work with such wonderful people. I take what we do very seriously, but always done in a spirit of fun and comradery! I had so much fun conducting you on Sunday! Thank you for that. "

The following are links to videos taken by Marguerite's husband Sam at the concert.

- Kentucky – 1800 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyK20Cg863s>
- March of the Trolls <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roaDS342h1k>
- Nonantum Bulgar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irSfnY2PWjk>
- Star Trek Into Darkness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GNEBFiiJY>
- Where Never Lark or Eagle Flew <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpP3qZruks4>
- Mandjiani (with fire alarm!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Guh-NkyVcWE>
- Merry Christmas, Everyone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5YJtg71wFU>



POPS Band

We ended our regular Pops Band season with a trolley performance in the Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 12. It was great fun and we were appreciated by the crowd!

The POPS calendar for 2018 is largely complete. Look below in the Calendar Section to see the dates that have been set. In addition to those shown, we expect to be playing at the Santa Barbara Women's Club in April as well as in the July 4 and Veteran's Parades.

Finances

January will mark the beginning of our next dues cycle, so get your dues (\$100) in to Gretchen.

New Recording Engineer FOUND!

I am very pleased to announce that Peter West, son of tenor saxophonist John West, has agreed to be our permanent Recording Engineer! Peter has been our acting recording engineer for the past few concerts and has done a wonderful job! If you see him at our dress rehearsals or concerts, please stop by and thank him!

Prime Time Band Annual Dinner

Consider brightening your winter calendar with a delicious Italian dinner, wonderful entertainment and great social time with fellow band members at the **Annual PTB Dinner**. This year's fun begins January 26 at 5:30 pm at Samarkand Retirement community. Tickets will be on sale at January 2 and 9 rehearsals.

PTB provides support for fire victims of the Santa Rosa New Horizons Band

The Prime Time Band sent \$1,680 to the New Horizons Band in Santa Rosa to help their three members that lost homes in the Santa Rosa Fire. Lew Sbrana, the Director of the Santa Rosa Band, wrote thanking our "fantastic band". He asked me to "please express our heartfelt thanks to your band."

Website

Please remember to visit our [website](#) for information about sectionals, performances, rehearsals, band members, social activities, band history plus practice aids for our next concert.

Calendar

Jan 26 – Fri	5:30 pm	Annual Band Dinner @ Samarkand
Feb 10 - Sat	7:00 pm	Samarkand Pops Concert
Jun 3 – Sun	2:00 pm	Summer Concert @ San Marcos
Jun 23 - Sat	10:00 am	Vista del Monte Pops Concert
Sep 14 – Fri	6:30 pm	Maravilla Pops Concert

- John Ritchie, President