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THE VANGUARD!

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Upcoming Events....

Des Plaines History Center Features *The Vanguard!*

October 13th at 1:30 PM – **Jay McGuffin** will present a lecture entitled “The Des Plaines Vanguard: A True Drum Corps Legend” at the Des Plaines History Center. *More information, including address and phone number, can be found in the newspaper article reprinted on the next page.*

October 14th before the reunion – The Des Plaines History Center has graciously agreed to keep the museum open until 6:30 PM for Vanguard alumni who would like to take a look at the Vanguard exhibit on their way to the reunion. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique, once in a lifetime opportunity! The exhibit is limited to the years the corps was based in Des Plaines – roughly 1967 through the end, but offers great insight into the legacy and magic that started long before the move to Des Plaines.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL BY OCTOBER 8TH IF YOU PLAN ON VISITING THE HISTORY CENTER BETWEEN 4:00 PM AND 6:30 PM ON THE 14TH. WE NEED TO LET THE HISTORY CENTER KNOW IF ANYONE IS COMING SO THEY CAN PLAN THEIR STAFFING ACCORDINGLY. IF WE CAN'T GUARANTEE AT LEAST TEN VISITORS, IT WOULDN'T BE WORTH IT TO KEEP THE CENTER OPEN AFTER HOURS.

Admission to the exhibit is free, but donations are gratefully accepted, especially if they are staying open 2 1/2 hours after their usual closing time for us! (Please be generous....)

Here is a link to map quest directions from the History Center to the Hall:

<http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp?go=1&do=nw&rmm=1&un=m&cl=EN&ct=NA&rsres=1&lahXX=&ly=US&la=781+Pearson+St.&lc=Des+Plaines&ls=IL&lz=&2ahXX=&2y=US&2a=50+W.+Oakton+St.&2c=Des+Plaines&2s=IL&2z=>

October 14th at 7 PM – **Reunion 2005!** at Vanguard Hall, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union Hall. **See details on page 4.**

October 16th at 6 PM. **Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners** appear at Fitzgerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. Cover charge is \$8. A dinner menu is available. On your way to the club, be sure to listen to Bill's pre-recorded radio show, *New Vintage*, on WDCB Radio, 90.9 FM. Help keep big band music alive! Info on Fitzgerald's, which is considered by many aficionados as having the best acoustics in Chicagoland, can be found on their website: <http://www.fitzgeraldsnightclub.com/>. *If you are planning to go to Fitzgerald's, please reply to this e-mail or tell me (Cathy O') in person at the reunion.*

October 29th at 7 PM. Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band presents its fall concert: *Isn't It Romantic?* Our own **Art Marks** plays trumpet in the band. **A flyer with all the details is posted on the next page.** Let's all get out and support our fellow Vanguard! Art says, "I have tickets for anyone who is interested. I can be contacted at 224-522-4360 or 630-285-6315, or my email is amarks4360@aol.com."

Now through November 11th – If you're not able to visit the Des Plaines Vanguard exhibit at the Des Plaines History Center on October 13th or 14th, the exhibit will still be there until November 11th. Details, including hours of operation, can be found in the following article.

This article was sent in by Gene O'Connell. It was printed in *The Des Plaines Journal* the week of September 12th:

DP Vanguard Exhibit, Lecture Slated At History Center

Des Plaines Vanguard Memorabilia is now featured in the new Collector's Corner exhibit at the Des Plaines History Center. Now through Friday, Nov. 11, learn about the history and innovations of the Vanguard, a nationally ranked drum and bugle corps from the 1950s through 1970s.

In addition, Jay McGuffin, former member and website administrator will present "The Des Plaines Vanguard: A True Drum Corps Legend" at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Des Plaines History Center's Visitor Center, 781 Pearson Street in downtown Des Plaines. A free series sponsored by Des Plaines National Bank, Coffee Talks are held on the second Thursday of every month and feature historical lectures and performances, accompanied by hot coffee and tea.

Supported by the City of Des Plaines, the Des Plaines Park District, and the Des Plaines Historical Society, the history center consists of three facilities: the Visitor Center, the Kinder House, and the Fisher-Wright House. For more information, call 847-391-5399 or stop by the center Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Many thanks to *The Des Plaines Journal* and Gene O'Connell. (Thanks, Dad!)

Change of E-Mail Address

Please note that alum **Dave Burkett** has changed his e-mail address. He can now be reached at david.burkett@att.net.

*The flyer
for the
Buffalo Grove
Symphonic Band
of which
Art Marks
is a member!*

The
Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band
proudly presents its
4th Annual Fall Concert
Isn't It Romantic?

Selections Include:
Strauss Horn Concerto
John Reschke, Horn Soloist
Beauty and the Beast • An American in Paris
Les Miserables • The Genius of Ray Charles
Phantom of the Opera • Les Preludes • and more !!

  
Howard M. Green, Conductor and Music Director
Allison Rakickas, Associate Conductor

Saturday, October 29, 2005 • 7:00 p.m.
Buffalo Grove High School Auditorium
Tickets \$10.00 in advance
\$12.00 at door (\$8.00 anytime for Students and Seniors)
Advance Tickets available at Buffalo Grove Village Hall, 50 Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove
or by calling (847) 459-2518

  

Reunion 2005!

Friday, October 14th

7:00 PM until ???

At the last home of the Vanguard

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

Local Lodge 1487

50 W. Oakton Street in Des Plaines

(On the north side of the street just west of Mt. Prospect Road)

Enter through the door on the West side.

We already told you that these folks are coming:

Bill Agnello

Sam Agnello

Angie Bevill Triche

Bob Bevill

Carl Bevill

David Bevill

Earlene Bryant

Federici

Mike Deane

John DeVito

Jim Grosso

Vi Kois Oberwise

Chip LaCasse

Irwin Levine

Art Marks

Diana Massoni Kranz

Bill O'Connell

Cathy O'Connell

Letourneau

Toni O'Kelley Pope

Steve Pattengale

Bogie Reeves

Lee Romes

Pat Rymer Sylvia

Don Scheibenreif

Robyn Schwartz

Leonardi

Ray Smith

Carol Tokarz Bender

Now add these folks to the list:

Sue Bodkin
Wetendorf

Kevin Boyd

Bill Buck

Terry Burton

Keith Carlson

Linda DeMuth
Carlson

Jim Grothman

Donna Hammarquist
Ruck

Marguerite Hohn
Glaeser

Joann Kerhlikar
Gemette Kupec
Grothman

Dorothy LeBeau
Holmgren

Jay McGuffin

Ray Noble

Ray Pawelko

Carol Pertel LaCasse

Denise Rymer

Larry Simmons

Linda Smith Biasi

Rich Stanczak

Diane Traynor Brines

Sue Wojcik

Paul Wojtena

Three Vanguard fans
who marched in the
Royal Airs:

Dennis (Dog) Evans

Richard Glaeser

Jim Kemnitz

And a friend from the
Norwood Park

Imperials:

Will Koenig

*It's not too late to get advance tickets! **Bill just needs to receive your check by October 7th**. Advance ticket buyers receive a free gift!*

Now's the time to make a commitment. Don't be left out!

*Send your check for \$15 per person (made out to The Vanguard Alumni)
to:*

*Bill O'Connell
915 Christa Ct.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007*

Ticket price at the door: \$20

Included in the price is:

- **An extensive (and homemade) appetizer buffet and sweet table.**
- **A limited open bar (imported regular and domestic light beer, wine (red and white), soft drinks, bottled water). Included also are mixers, ice, and cups for those who want to bring their own hard liquor.**
- **Continuous audio and video presentations (some you have never seen or heard yet!)**
- **Memorabilia (We will have a separate section just for this. Please bring anything you have!)**
- **T-shirts for purchase**
- **Horns (valve/rotor and two valve!) and drums for your use -- compliments of alum **Jim Grothman** (1973) who has a collection of old drum corps equipment. Bring your mouthpiece, sticks, music stands, Vanguard charts, etc.**

Please note that the previous correspondence about this reunion had an error in the name of the union hall. It is **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW)**, not *Int'l Brotherhood*.

Many thanks to all who have already responded to the plea for help at this great event. Contact one of us (or reply to this e-mail) for more information or to volunteer to help:

Cathy O'Connell Letourneau 630-682-4596

Bill O'Connell 847-352-BILL (2455)

We look forward to seeing you at the Hall!

*Here's hoping that this reunion will generate all kinds of fond memories of our days in **The Vanguard**, and that we'll all have many great stories to share in future issues!*

(Keep them coming in....)

*Cathy O'Connell Letourneau
1969-1976*