

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT CHEVALIER



The Friends of Chevalier welcomed the community and our members at the Chevalier Theatre during the Victorian Stroll on November 29, 2007. Russ Rossetti, Heather Anderson, May Marquebreuck, John Anderson, Michael Cerullo, Theresa Cerullo, Dick Ober and Ken Krause were on hand to greet the visitors, to offer pastry and cider, and a tour of the theatre.

Our main purpose of the reception was to thank those members of the Friends who generously contributed to help us raise \$2,330 to purchase new curtains for the Chevalier Theatre and to give the community the opportunity to see all the recent major building improvements including the 970 new, comfortable cushioned seats. If you attend any of the upcoming shows in 2008 at Chevalier, you will notice the new curtains at two doorways and stage front, and of course you will enjoy the new seats.

Beautiful organ music filled the theatre during the evening thanks to arrangements by Dorothy Bromage, Vice President of the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society. Visitors enjoyed hearing the concert and experienced a sampling of the sound of theatre pipe organ music that will be played on the Mighty Wurlitzer organ when its restoration is completed by the Society. This dedicated group of volunteers is working hard to raise the necessary funds for the restoration of this unique musical instrument built in 1922 and played for many years at the RKO Keith Theatre in Dayton, Ohio.



On hand to welcome visitors to the Chevalier during the Victorian Stroll on November 29 were John Anderson, Heather Anderson, Russ Rossetti, Dick Ober, May Marquebreuck, Theresa Cerullo, and Michael Cerullo.



FRIENDS DONATE \$1,200 FOR CTOS

Ken Krause, President of the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society accepted a \$1,200 check at the Annual Meeting to help support the ongoing restoration of the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.

Considerable restoration work costing about \$10,000 has been accomplished by this non-profit organization, as well as the presentation of educational programs for the benefit of the public at the Medford Public Library. To date, all labor which has exceeded more than 500 hours, has been donated by organ technicians and volunteer members of the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society. Donations are being sought to purchase major replacement equipment such as an electronic relay and blower.

A fundraising show "The Medford Family Concert" will be presented by CTOS in conjunction with the Medford Family Network at 2:00 PM, the Chevalier Theatre on February 10th

At the presentation of a \$1200 check to the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society were Cynthia Watson, Theresa Cerullo, May Marquebreuck, Ken Krause, Michael Cerullo, Dick Ober, and Frank Bradley.



featuring 18 talented young jazz musicians of the dynamic Beantown Swing Orchestra. Adult tickets are \$10 and free admission for ages 18 and under (no ticket required). Attend this concert and help the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society continue its important work in saving the Wurlitzer Organ, a wonderful piece of Americana history. For more information call 781-874-0920.

NEW LEADERS AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

After serving as Executive Director for 32 years, and leading the organization from a single-unit Boys Club in Somerville serving 200 boys to a five-unit, multi-community Boys and Girls Club serving 4,500 members, Gary Gartland retired from the organization this past summer. The Friends want to thank Gary for his vision, dedication and success



in developing this important organization that has given so much inspiration and guidance to thousands of young people. Gary, we shall miss you and wish you all the best in your new venture.

Within the Boys and Girls Club organization, Michilia Eng was recently appointed Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County, and Bruce Barrett is now the Director of the Gene Mack Clubhouse.

The Medford Club is currently serving approximately 110 youths

each day. Bruce Barrett is experienced in youth leadership development, and is extremely motivated and passionate about building our youth for the future.

Michilia has plans to activate the Torch Club, which is a leadership and service club for members ages 11 to 13. Members learn to elect officers

and work together to implement activities in four areas: Service to the community and the Club; Education; Health and Fitness; and Social Recreation.

There is commitment and energy within the organization, however there have been substantial funding cuts for 2008, so if you want to help a good cause in the Medford community, donations are welcome, payable to the Friends of Chevalier and Gene Mack Gymnasium, PO. Box 288, Medford. We will be pleased to distribute your gift directly to the Gene Mack Clubhouse.

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS AND BOARD ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting at Medford High School, the following members were elected to serve a one year term for 2007-2008.

CO-PRESIDENTS Michael Cerullo and May Marquebreuck
VICE PRESIDENT Paul Donato
TREASURER Robert O'Neil
CLERK Heather Anderson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Bradley, Richard Ober, Russ Rossetti, and Cynthia Watson

The next meeting of Officers and Board of Directors will be on February 28, 2008 at Medford High School, Superintendent's Conference Room, 7:00 PM to discuss plans for future activities and programs of the Friends.



2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

Friends membership meetings are held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Medford High School and begin at 7:00 pm.

The Annual Meeting will be scheduled at a later date. All meetings are handicap accessible and open to all members and the general public. The Friends welcome your attendance and participation.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:
March 20
May 15
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:
February 28
April 17
June 19



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2008

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT FOR THE
CHEVALIER THEATRE AND GENE MACK CLUBHOUSE

Our members are the lifeline of our organization and we are most grateful for all your support. You are making a difference. Here are some highlights of what you have recently helped us to accomplish at the Chevalier Theatre and Gene Mack Clubhouse.

- ☞ Provided \$2,330 for improvements at the Chevalier Theatre, by replacing the stage front and doorway curtains (October 2007)
- ☞ Sponsored educational programs at the Gene Mack Clubhouse. The Friends have raised and donated more than \$80,000 to date for the Youth Center.
- ☞ Donated \$1,200 in November 2007 to the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society for the ongoing restoration of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, circa 1922

Help support a cultural and community treasure!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.friendsofchevalier.org



YES! I/We want to support the Friends of Chevalier and Gene Mack Clubhouse and be a member of the organization for 2007-2008.

NAME _____ TEL. NO. _____

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\$12 SENIOR/STUDENT

\$15 INDIVIDUAL

OTHER \$ _____

\$25 FAMILY/COUPLE

\$40 ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS

Please make check payable to
Friends of Chevalier and Gene Mack Clubhouse and send to PO Box 288, Medford, MA 02155

Thank you for your support!

THE BEANTOWN SWING ORCHESTRA | CHEVALIER THEATRE | SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2008



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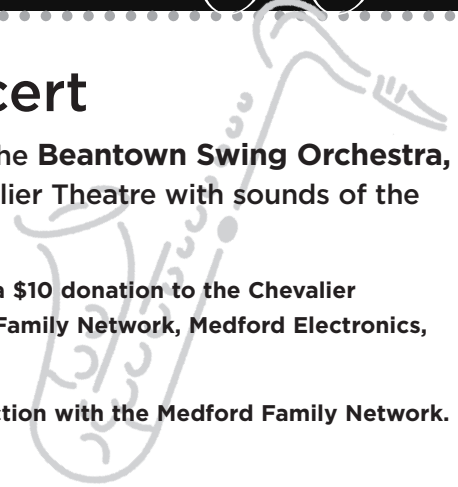
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781-874-0920

The Medford Family Concert

featuring the incredible energy and excitement of the **Beantown Swing Orchestra**, 18 talented young jazz musicians who will fill Chevalier Theatre with sounds of the great Big Bands of the Swing Era.

FREE for ages 18 and under (no ticket required); for others, a \$10 donation to the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society. Adult tickets on sale at the Medford Family Network, Medford Electronics, and Medford Senior Center.

Presented by the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society in conjunction with the Medford Family Network.



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