

## Power Band Booster Club visits Drumright Rotary



Pictured L to R: Maxwell Levis, Kevin Bardy, Kim Bardy, Rene Hart, Aaron Power, Cassandra Wilson, Amanda Levis.

Drumright Rotary Club was excited to be joined by the Power Band Booster Club, a group of parents dedicated to enhancing the opportunities and experiences of our band program here in Drumright. As Rotarian of the day and treasurer of the PBBC, Amanda Levis, two of my favorite worlds collided in Joseph's Fine Foods banquet room over a wonderful meal with friends, family and music.

President and driving force of the PBBC, Rene Hart, was the Guest of Honor, came to enlighten us on past accomplishments, future goals and current fundraisers. She says "We try to think outside of the box, not merely because we are innovative, it's because we can't afford the box." A current financial goal of the boosters is to raise \$5,000 for the purchase of a much needed trailer to haul band instruments, equipment and uniforms to our competitions and performances. A sixteen foot trailer that has a side and back door, with a ramp, would facilitate the needs of our growing program. The boosters have considered selling advertisements of local businesses on the trailer wrapping, to represent the support of our community when we travel, however donations are always welcome.

Over the summer the PBBC had two Band Camp fundraiser events. One was at Discovery Days selling cotton candy, root beer floats and snow cones. The second was when Free Wheelers took over Tiger Hill. The parents cooked and prepared meals for dinner and breakfast, while the students served at the Nazarene Church Annex. Only students that worked were eligible for sponsorship. However, some band members showed up just to support their fellow bandies. In the end, we were able to sponsor seven students to SWOSU Band camp for \$320.00 per student.

The most important event that is coming up is the Centennial Oil Patch Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge. With recent local tragedies funds are slow and the Masons are requesting that a minimum of three-hundred tickets be sold in advance at \$5.00 each to receive an opportunity

to apply for matching funds. Mr. Power has earmarked this fundraiser for contest fees and ongoing equipment needs not funded by the school. Even if you can't make it to breakfast, buying tickets is an easy way to be involved in advancing the skill level of our students and preparing them for college.

The PBBC will again nominate the Pride of Drumright Band for the Clorox Power for a Bright Future \$50,000 Grant. This is a unique fundraiser that does not require you to give money only seconds of time and a daily text. It starts on October 18<sup>th</sup>, watch your local newspapers or contact a booster member for rules and what to text. This would make an unbelievable difference in our band program.

The highlight of the meeting came when Rene passed kazoos to all the Rotarians and guests. Mr. Power, who was accompanied by his wife, Donna, gave us a short music lesson. We played "Go Big Red" and two other school songs! Laughter filled the room and fun was had by everyone, including new Rotarian, Superintendent, Robbie Dorsey.

This was to promote a program planned on September 28<sup>th</sup> just prior to the football game. Elementary school children will be invited to join a one day camp at the cost of \$20.00 per student. Each child will receive a t-shirt, a kazoo, and learn a few songs. As an added bonus they will march on the football field with the high school band members before the game to perform their special new talent! It's definitely going to be a memorable event for the participants and spectators!

Thank you to other PBBC board and members that joined us for lunch including Cassandra Wilson, Kim and Kevin Bardy, and Maxwell Levis. You can't go wrong when you invest in the youth and music.

Other special guests included the new Location Leader for Spirit Bank, Steve Brown; Jimmie Cook; Gloria Curry; Betty Phoenix and Aleeta Howard.

Also, Rotary International is happy to announce there are only ninety-seven documented cases of Polio left in the World. Rotary will continue to fight until it is completely eradicated.

Please visit us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Jim Martin and his guest speaker, Danny Cooper.

If you would like more information about Drumright Rotary Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club, or go to our website [www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary](http://www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary).

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