



*The All Canadian Alumni Drum Corps*

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone

Well, the warm weather is finally arriving and so is a new season of parades and events before us. Montreal was an award winning success and I believe was a fun time for all. Our next "And The Bands Played On" is coming up fast as we fine tune our repertoire. I look forward to seeing you all out at our events as we march into our tenth year of pleasing the public and ourselves of course. Here's to another fun year.

*Alex Forsyth*

## WELCOME

We have some new faces in our midst. We'd like to welcome back couple of our past contra players, Matt Dean and Rico Machado. We also have a new soprano Craig Schelter and drummer Gary Leabody.

On Sunday April 13 Owen James Smith made his entrance to the world. Owen is the first child of Melissa (Sutherland) Smith, former soprano and first grandchild for Al Sutherland (snare).

## GET WELL SOON!

Deanna Haskett, our resident cymbal crasher recently suffered a heart attack and we all want to wish her the best and a speedy recovery. Ed will post any updates as a Taps and Toots.

## And the Bands Played On IV

Once again, the Drum Corps community will gather in Simcoe to provide the talent for the fourth annual "And The Bands Played On" concert. This show, May 10<sup>th</sup>, is held in conjunction with the Simcoe Lions Club, to assist with their continued support of the community. This year we will be expanding our format to include a pipe band and a junior drum corps.

The line up for this years' event is as follows:

Dutch Boy Drum & Bugle Corps, Kitchener  
Paris – Port Dover Pipe Band  
Preston Scout House Alumni Band  
The Optimists Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps  
Toronto Signals Band  
United Alumni Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

We would really like this show to continue to grow, but need the support of the entire corps, not only in participating, but selling tickets as well.

Tickets are available through Gary Lennon for each member to sell, as well as through the Haldimand-Norfolk Information Centre in Simcoe.

Lets' all make this the best show ever.

## United Alumni's Annual Golf Tournament

Friday May 9, 2008 is the United Alumni Golf Tournament, to be held at the Norfolk Golf & Country Club in Simcoe.

Tee-off is set for 2:30p.m with a buffet at 6:00p.m. Cost for this event is as follows:

9 holes – no cart	\$22.00
9 holes – with cart	\$31.00
18 holes – no cart	\$37.00



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18 holes – with cart     \$52.00

Non-golfers – feel free to come out later in the day for the buffet!

For registration or further information, please contact Tom Logan at 519-428-0072 or 519-426-0600. Email [tomlogan53@hotmail.com](mailto:tomlogan53@hotmail.com)

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## COMING EVENTS

### Parades and Shows

Here's a listing of where we've been invited in the coming months, as of the writing of this newsletter. If there are changes, we will distribute revised schedules at rehearsals and also put them on our website.

**Don't know our website address? It is <http://www.unitedalumni.com>**

Date	Event	Location
May 10	The Bands Played On IV	Simcoe
May 19	Victoria Day Parade*	Woodstock
Jun 7	Flag Day Parade *	Stoney Creek
Jun 14	Heritage Days*	Ancaster
Jun 28	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Simcoe
Jul 1	Canada Day Parade	Port Dover
Jul 19	Johnstonburg*	PA
Aug 2	Friendship Festival	Simcoe
Aug 28	Town Hall Concert*	Waterford
Sep 14	Grand Parade*	Richmond

\*These events are still to be confirmed. Check the website for updates.

Please give Ed the consideration he deserves by letting him know if you can or cannot attend a function so that he knows what the turnout will be. It is very frustrating to show up with just a few members and makes it difficult for the corps to continue to perform at our best.

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## Have Anything To Say?

We've got lots of room and would like to hear from our members. If you'd like to have something published in a future edition of the newsletter, please let us know. You can send it to: [unitedalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:unitedalumni@hotmail.com) or give it to Gary Ferris or Diana Chambers.

## SIMCOE UNITED ALUMNI “10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND REUNION BASH”

Saturday June 28, 2008 is the celebration to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Alumni Senior Drum & Bugle Corps. What started out as a “tee shirt and short” marching unit has now evolved to a classy mean – green marching machine. With our green plumes and glittery silver sashes, we have become a marching force to be reckoned with. We recently won the Montreal Saint Patrick's Day parade for “Best Marching Unit”.

This event will be held at the Army & Navy Club in Simcoe from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a free open house for any previous marching member or instructional staff. If you know any former members, please contact them regarding this reunion.

We also ask that you notify any former members of our founding corps – i.e. Simcoe Trumpet Band, Royal Blues, Golden Lions, and Lakeshore Brassmen – as we would welcome them to join in our celebration.

The United Alumni will be performing at 2:15 p.m. There will also be a dinner and dance in the evening commencing at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$35.00 per person.

For further information regarding the reunion, please contact Joy Pow [ejpow@rogers.com](mailto:ejpow@rogers.com) or Karen Neault [k.neault@rogers.com](mailto:k.neault@rogers.com)

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## Next Issue

Next issue we will have pictures from Montreal of that first place award winning “Best Marching Unit” – United Alumni Senior Drum and Bugle Corps!!

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Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone who is interested in the drum corps movement.