



# The Lyre

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE 24th

Birthday Pep  
Band in Everett

### JUNE 25th

HMBAA Jam  
Session

### JULY 4th

Friday Harbor  
Parade

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**Welcome to the first issue of the 2017 Lyre! In this issue we are very excited to announce our goal of raising \$50,000 for our past 50 years of service! How can you help? Check it out!**

As we continue to celebrate HMBAA's 50th Anniversary, our upcoming gigs and fundraisers will be evermore important. We are hoping to reach a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for our 50 years of serving the HMB and are only a fifth of the way there! You can help us reach our goal by participating in upcoming pep bands and advertising our band to your family and friends.

Another major way you can help us reach this goal is by paying your 2017 HMBAA membership dues. While dues are not required (except for those wishing to participate in gameday activities) dues ultimately support our scholarship fund. We currently have over 500 alumni signed up to receive HMBAA news and could reach a 4th of our over-all goal if everyone paid dues. Please consider helping us get there!





## A note from the President

You, as a HMBAA member, make a real difference in the lives of Husky Marching Band students. Not only do HMBAA scholarships help students financially, but they send an important message: what they are doing matters to the University and the community.

Thanks to our athletic teams, the HMB is in the national spotlight. The HMB students make us proud to be Huskies by representing the University with a "Touch of Class" and excellent musicality.

We, as your HMBAA board, have set a **goal of raising \$50,000** this year to benefit the HMB program and students. To do this, we need your help. Please mark your calendars with these two pep-band opportunities and help us on our way to that goal:

- On **Saturday, June 24th**, we have been asked to play for an 80th birthday party! The down beat will be 2:30pm and this will take place in Everett at 3706 102 PL SE Everett, WA 98208. Husky casual is the dress and a generous donation is being made to our scholarship fund. Email me with any questions or needs [stansyantis@gmail.com](mailto:stansyantis@gmail.com).
- We can earn one-fifth of our goal if we can put together a pep-band for Friday Harbor's Fourth of July parade on **Tuesday, July 4**. Yes, they will contribute \$10,000 to our scholarship fund, feed us, and cover all travel expenses. This is always a great parade to march: short, and all downhill. Our bus will tour San Juan Island, stopping at Roche Harbor for a pep rally and a fabulous buffet.

The University of Washington is a large part of so many people's lives, and nothing communicates that Husky pride better than Husky band music! HMBAA has played for weddings, birthdays, memorial services, store openings, bridge dedications, tailgate parties, parades, conventions, corporate parties, preschool classes, and KING 5 News' New Year's at the Needle. Each time we play, we are treated with warmth and gratitude and always a donation to our scholarship fund!

I truly hope you can get out your instrument to join us this year. I am here to make sure you have a great Husky Alumni Band experience. Give me a call or email me with any needs you may have. I can provide instruments, music, sticks, and reeds. I can even repair your horn, or even get you private lessons to help you get your chops back in shape.

Come meet new friends and reconnect with old ones by playing with HMBAA as you benefit our Husky Marching Band. Go Dawgs, and Bow Down to Washington! -- Stan

## Announcing HMBAA's Annual Golf Tournament!

Please join us for a fun day of golf, food, and friends as we raise funds for Husky Band Scholarships, including the Andrew Mandel Drum Major Scholarship! Last year, registration was \$135 (\$120 for HMBAA due-paying members) and includes range balls, cart, dinner, and auction.

More info (including in any changes in registration fees) will be announced in early July.

When: Sunday, August 20th, 2017 (subject to change)

Where: Washington National Golf Club

Registration & Practice: TBD

Tee: TBD—Shot Gun

Buffet to follow the conclusion of play (approx. 6:30PM)

## Meet the Board

**Stan Yantis, President** | Stan is finishing his 37th year as a middle school band teacher. Stan recalls, "it seems like just yesterday I was riding my bike to band practice at Husky Stadium. I would strap my trumpet on the back of that bike and fly from my parent's house on Queen Anne to the rehearsal. I don't know how Mr. B. learned my name so fast but I remember him saying over the speakers in the early fall of 1974, 'Yantis you are sticking out like a pimple'. Now that I think about it I might not have been the best marcher in the band. After Mr. Bissell retired I introduced him to my daughter, Hilma, at her first game in the stadium, (I was so proud of her in her Husky band uniform) and without missing a beat and a twinkle in his eye, he said 'I hope you are a better trum-pet player than your dad was.'

**Sheri Kittay, Vice President** | Sheri is in her 25th year of teaching. Although she was only able to be in the HMB for two years, her memories are most definitely lasting a lifetime. Her brother convinced her to join. "Being a part of such a wonderful group for my first two years of college made my first years away from home much easier. I am very glad to be giving back to such a wonderful organization!"

**Kaila Eason, Secretary** | Kaila was a member of the HMB Clarinet Section from 2010 to 2014 and graduated from the UW with a degree in history. She currently lives in Bothell with her bear-dog, Bingley, and is working as a instructional assistant in the Seattle School District. She is applying to UW's Masters in Teaching Program and hoping to teach junior high level humanities and math in the future. She is excited to give back to the HMB by serving in her 2nd year as HMBAA's Secretary.

**Derrick Van Kirk, Treasurer** | After graduating in 2010 from the University of Washington, Derrick decided to return to play tenor saxophone in the Husky Marching Band during the 2011 football season. He joined the HMBAA board in 2013. Band played a huge role in his life and he is excited to support current band students through serving on the HMBAA board. He currently works for the University of Washington. He lives with his wife and very fluffy cat the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

**Kate Gayle, Board Member** | Kate graduated from UW in 2012, where she played tenor saxophone in the Husky Marching Band. She was born and raised in Seattle and currently works in the Mechanical Engineering department at UW. This is her third year on the HMBAA board. Having enjoyed a meaningful and formative HMB experience, she is super pumped to work in support of current band and cheer members and staff.






**Amy Kretz, Board Member and Media Liaison** | Amy ( Superfisky) Kretz joined Husky Band her sophomore year in 1993. She was a member drumline 1993-1997, and staff 1997-1998. Amy graduated from UW in 1997 with a degree in Speech Communications and a minor in music. Amy married fellow HMB Alum, Bryan Kretz in 1998. Amy and Bryan have 3 boys, ages 14, 12, and 8. Amy is currently working as a childbirth educator and birth doula.

**Mike Roling, Board Member** | Mike Roling was a member of the UW Drumline from 1996-2001 and Drumline Section Leader of the 2000-2001 Rose Bowl. Born and raised in the Pasadena area, Mike fulfilled a lifelong dream when he played in the Rose Bowl, kicking off the band's pre-game show. Mike graduated from UW with 2 Bachelors Degrees in Percussion Performance and Arts and Sciences and holds an MBA from Seattle University. In 2004, he helped start the Seahawks Blue Thunder Drumline. Mike is currently an active member of the Seattle Rock Orchestra. Mike lives in Burien, married to HMB Mellophone Alum, Carrie Lawson.

**Dave Schott, Board Member** | Dave has been teaching Elementary General music in Renton since he graduated from UW. He is very involved in the music community and plays percussion in the Renton City Band, trumpet in the Renton City Jazz Band, and plays in a church hand bell choir. While in the HMB, 1979-1986, Dave went to two Rose Bowls, an Orange Bowl, and a Freedom Bowl! Dave comes back year after year "in payback mode...hoping and praying that current varsity members have as good an experience as I did and doing what I can to make it happen."

**Kerry Sloan, Board Member** | Kerry was a member of the Husky Band clarinet section from 2011-2014 and graduated from the UW with a degree in chemistry. She was born and raised in Bothell, WA and moved back there following graduation. She currently works for the Northshore School District as paraeducator at the Sorenson Early Childhood Center. This is Kerry's first year as a member of the HMBAA Board and she is excited to stay connected to the Husky Band family through HMBAA. One piece of advice she has for members of HMB going into the 2017 season is: "Keep those knees high; you never know when you're on camera!"

# Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18 JUNE	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25 	26	27	28	29	30	1 JULY
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8
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Sign up for upcoming gigs on our website at <http://www.hmbaa.org/pepband-sign-ups/>  
and check out our full calendar!

**JUNE 24th** | Birthday Pep Band in Everett, WA

**JUNE 25th** | Alumni Band Jam Session, 3PM, Don James Center

**JULY 4th** | Friday Harbor Parade

**JULY 28th and 29th** | Torchlight Rehearsal, 7PM, E9 Parking Lot; Parade, 5PM, depart from Hec-Ed

**AUGUST 20th** | Golf Tournament! (Expected date)

**SEPTEMBER 6th** | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

**SEPTEMBER 7th** | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

**SEPTEMBER 8th** | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

**SEPTEMBER 9th** | VA Game, UW vs Montana. Go dawgs!!

**Please Donate!**

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or please mail your tax-deductible donation to:

**HMBAA c/o Husky Band**  
**UW Graves Building, Box 354070**  
**Seattle, WA 98195**