



## Music Notes

*News and information of interest to the members of the  
Freeport Community Band  
March 2017*

**Bill Rothchild, President**

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### **Annual Holiday Party a Hit!**

Our thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin for making their beautiful facilities available to us. Through the efforts of Zach Downing (Sax) who is a member of the Church, we were able to accommodate our band members, their families and guests for an evening of holiday music, delicious food and good cheer.

Regina Brodley did an amazing job in coordinating the post-concert reception. The food was delicious, the ambience was wonderful and the decorations were tops. Assisting Regina were Dale Allinson (Flute), Rachel Fox (Flute), Patricia Carbo (Percussion), Terry Shirreffs (Flute), Susan Moreo (Flute) and Judy Hooper (Flute)

## **IN THE NEWS-Eleven Injured After Van Crashes into High School Marching Band During Mardi Gras Parade in Alabama**

GULF SHORES, Ala. – A vehicle in a Mardi Gras parade in Gulf Shores, Alabama, plowed into a marching band from behind, sending several people to the hospital Tuesday.

At least 11 people have been injured, including three who were critically hurt, Gulf Shores city spokesman Grant Brown said. He said the parade has been canceled. At least three people were taken to South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Kim Neal said. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

CNN affiliate WKRG said students were among the injured. Angie Swiger, board member for the Baldwin County Board of Education, said all students in the parade have been accounted for.

“We’ve taken the students back to the high school that have not been checked out by parents, and we have accounted for everyone,” she said. Swiger said a crisis counselor is at a local high school to comfort students and parents who witnessed the crash. “It’s going to be a very difficult day,” she said. “It is a tight-knit community. We just ask for everyone’s thoughts and prayers.”

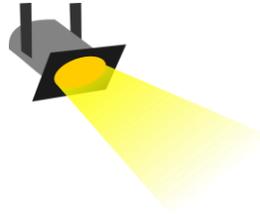
***Comment by our own Frank Barbuzza (Percussions)-“Say a silent prayer for the great youngsters who today contributed their talents to make a Mardi Gras parade a success. Terrible, terrible event. Bless them all”***

### **FCB Board Appointments**

**Dale Allinson** (Flute) who has served as our band’s Ombudsman is moving into a Vice-President’s position effective immediately. Dale has been an outstanding member of the FCB since 2010 and I know that she will effectively bring her talents and her legal background to this new role. A graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, she earned her law degree from St. John’s University School of Law and is as partner in the law firm of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman.

**Jeanette Hartmann** (Sax) will be taking over the Ombudsman’s role and in that position will be available to listen to any suggestions you may have regarding the operation of our band. Jeanette joined the FCB in 2010 and prior to that played with a band at the Queensborough Community College. She is on the nursing staff of the Winthrop University Hospital.

The board has received and accepted, with regret, the resignation of our Social Chairperson, **Regina Brodley**. At every rehearsal Regina made sure that we all had delicious snacks at break time. She also planned and organized our annual Holiday Parties and was a participant in our first Focus Group that suggested new ideas and directions for the Band. THANK YOU REGINA!



### *Spotlight on Regina Brodley*

**Regina Brodley** (Flute) has been a member of the FCB for four years. She first started playing the flute in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and it is the only instrument that she plays. Regina hails from Camillus, NY which is about 12 miles west of Syracuse, NY in Onondaga County. She was a member of the West Genesee “Wildcat” Marching Band in Camillus. The band has placed 1st in the New York State Field Band Conference Championships 34 times in the competition’s 42-year history. She is proud of the rich history of the band.

This school district has also received the honor of being known as one of the best communities for music education in the country several times over. Regina says that she was lucky to have many really wonderful band teachers with whom she became close. Many of these teachers were West Genesee alumni and were completely invested in everything that the school has done. It was these teachers who gave her a lasting love for playing in the band.

On Memorial Day 2016 Regina, returned to Camillus to march along with these teachers and 600 plus other alumni in the Memorial Day parade which happens once every 5 years.



Regina is a graduate of the New York School of Interior Design and works as an interior designer at Zsuffa Design in East Rockaway.

To see an interview with Regina go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5MnQyC9O04&feature=youtu.be>

Regina is a wonderful part of our Freeport Community Band family.

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## Music News

Klezmer, the Eastern European musical tradition of Ashkenazi Jews, is constantly evolving. Played by musicians called klezmerim at weddings and other celebrations, it has enjoyed a world revival in recent years. The musician and researcher Walter Zev Feldman, an expert on Jewish and [Ottoman Turkish](#) music, is Visiting Professor of Music at NYU Abu Dhabi. As a performer, he has released the CD's "[Jewish Klezmer Music](#)" and "[Khevrisa: European Klezmer Music.](#)" His latest book, "[Klezmer: Music, History, and Memory](#)" is out from Oxford University Press.

**Comment by Bill Rothchild:** In 2006 I lead the "Campus Editor's Mission" sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League to Poland, Bulgaria and Israel. We were a group of 14 people-12 editors of college newspaper, a tour guide and me. The group was primarily non-Jewish but all of the students had the same goal-to become professional journalists.

So what does this have to do with the story about Klezmer music you ask? It reminded me of an experience that we had on the trip. We were in Krakow, Poland visiting with students from Krakow University, going to the Rama Synagogue named for Rabbi Moshe Isserles an eminent Polish rabbi who lived in Krakow in the 1500's and within a short bus ride to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

One evening the group went out to dinner at a restaurant that was located in the former Ghetto of Krakow. Just before dessert was served a group of seven musicians entered the dining room and began to play. It was a Klezmer band.

In a city that barely has an identifiable Jewish population, here was a group of non-Jewish musicians playing the music of my grandparent's generation. I remember commenting to our campus editors that "these musicians were keeping alive the traditions of my people" for a generation that's all but vanished from Krakow. The message of music is both immortal and eternal.

**FCB Calendar**

March 20 Rehearsal

April 3 Rehearsal

April 24th (at the Church in Baldwin).

May 8 Rehearsal

***May 19-22 FCB Weekend***

May 19th (7:00 PM Friday night) Concert on the Freeport Library lawn

May-21 (Sunday afternoon) Concert at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home, W. Islip 2:30 PM

May 22 Rehearsal

June 5 & 12 Rehearsal

June-16 Sousa Band Shell Concert, Port Washington. 8 PM

July-Concert at the Freeport Esplanade. Date TBA

November 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday-2 PM) Elmont Library



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