



THE FORTE

NEWSLETTER OF THE
FRISCO COMMUNITY BAND,
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006



CALENDAR

Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 29th
9:00 am. Arrive by 8:30.
Frisco Commons Park

Summer Concert Series
Saturday June 10th
Saturday June 24th
Saturday July 8th
Saturday, July 22nd
7:30 pm
Warren Park Pavilion

FCB OFFICERS

President: JD Smith
Vice President: Karen Strauss
Secretary: NEEDED
Treasurer: NEEDED
Music Librarian: Robin Bishop
Webmaster: Steven Goldstein
Membership: Angie Naughton

DIRECTORS

Concert: Daryl Trent
Jazz: Gary Pearce

HELP US ADVERTISE!

The Frisco Community Band needs YOU to print out copies of posters and distribute around the community. Help get the word out! See JD for copies.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Hello and welcome to another edition of the Forte! Who knew that the Frisco Community Band would grow so quickly from our start in March 2004.

We are enjoying regular attendance in the Concert Band of about 35 members, with a total membership list of over 50. We have gained respect in the community and are now enjoying Frisco event coordinators calling us for concerts!

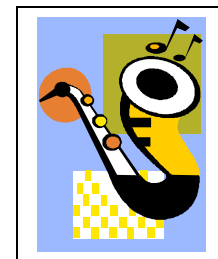
We continue to be an excellent presence in the Frisco Community and are enjoying new members every season. Thank you all for participating faithfully in the band and making it such a great success!

Karen Strauss can be reached at kas@freese.com.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: KAREN STRAUSS

Since you're probably wondering who is writing this wonderful and thrilling newsletter, I thought I'd share a little bit about myself.

Full name: Karen Annette Strauss
Birthday: March 4th, 1978
Instrument: Alto Saxophone
College: Northern Arizona University
Degree: BS in Civil Engineering
Favorite Color: Yellow



Favorite Food: Chocolate
Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite TV Show: 24, House, WWE Wrestling (I know, I know)

In my spare time I like to: Captain my co-ed soccer team, read, paint, dance, sing karaoke, shop with my friends

I joined the band because: I am still not as good at playing saxophone as I think I can be!

You wouldn't know by looking at me, but: I'm a women's kickboxing champion in Phoenix, Arizona.

I'd really like to see the band play: More Sousa marches!

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Frisco Community Band Member Honored to Play at USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

One of the Frisco Community Band's members, Roger Brown, recently was honored by the National Park Service with a request to play a rendition of "Taps" at the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Between 400 and 500 people visit the USS Arizona Memorial daily this time of year in Pearl Harbor. Approximately 1,177 sailors are still entombed inside the ship. The memorial serves as a final resting place for the sailors that lost their lives on December 7, 1941 during the attack by Japan. Very few bugle players have ever received the honor of playing at the memorial, and Roger is very humbled to be part of the recognized minority.

Roger has a background in the military, having graduated from the prestigious Naval School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. While having played at several military events, he has also been a member of many musical groups, such as the US Army Band, the Dallas Wind Symphony, the Metropolitan Winds, Allen Symphony, Heritage Brass Band, and Texas Voices. Roger currently plays trumpet in the Frisco Community Band, but is familiar with all brass instruments. He also teaches high school music and marching band in the Dallas area.

Roger and his wife plan on making their first trip to Hawaii this summer, making it a longer visit by celebrating their second honeymoon. He is honored and excited to be able to play at the memorial, saying "It's going to be a great trip, and an incredible experience."

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please see Angie Naughton as soon as possible! The Frisco Community Band relies on private donations and dues from individual members.

OFFICIAL FCB BAND SHIRTS – needed for Summer Concerts

Please see our President JD Smith about band shirts. Cost is \$18 per shirt.

Horn need some TLC? Not sounding like it should? Contact **R&S Music, Sales and Services** for all your instrument supply and repair needs! Free inspections. Will beat Brooks and Mays in price and warrantee of work, guaranteed. Call Roger Brown from Frisco Community Band at 972-896-9063.

See www.friscocommunityband.org for more info!

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