

'Round Town

The Oakwood High School Marching Band performed at 'The Farm' of **John & MJ Gray** on Ridgeway Road last Friday evening. It was a beautiful night – and a thrilling performance!

'Round Town' sat on one of the huge stones that form the Greek Amphitheatre on the 'back-forty' of John's 'Farm'. On an adjacent stone sat **Debby & Joe Schenk**. "Our son plays the flute in the band...he's the tall boy with blond hair. There are sixty players..."

"The group sitting in front of us are 'Scouts' visiting Oakwood's Scout Troop 101...they're from London...nine Scouts and two leaders...we took them to the Air Force Museum today...and before this concert the Gray's had a picnic supper for the Band members and their parents, and the Scouts...it's been a busy, delightful day!"

Everyone was soon clapping and stomping as the band marched in. Then they were on their feet for the national anthem. Whatta barn-burner of a concert!

Carol & Tim Judge were seated on the tier of stones ahead of us. They're both on the faculty of Wright State University. Tim's in the Theatre Dept. and Carol been involved with the WSU Library board. "That's our son over there... he will be a Junior at OHS...and is leaving in a few days to spend his Junior year in France in a small town

near Lyon.

"Don't forget to come to the 'Giving Strings' concert in Shafor Park on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. It's their tenth anniversary!"

Band Director **Ron Nelson** took the mike to introduce and to thank the Gray's for their hospitality. John responded by saying: "I've been involved with marching bands for fifty years and the Oakwood Band is absolutely the best I've ever heard! Hope you all realize what a super job Ron Nelson has done."

'Next we'll play...'Hang on Sloopy, Hang On", said Ron, "and we'll be joined by former Oakwood Band drummer and Ohio State Marching Band drummer – John Gray!"

Helen Focke Brown and her son **David Brown** are visiting Helen's sister **Connie Focke**. David and his cousin **Eddie Breen** were having lunch at Culp's Café in the Carillon Park last Friday.

Final Shoot-Out results in Dayton Country Club's Member-Member tournament were: First place, **George Kuntz & Rick Ohmer**; Second place, **Mike O'Brien & Mike Warner**.

Koki Welch Howe and her sister **Missy Welch Evans** were visiting their Dad **Bud Welch** last week. Koki lives in California and Missy in Annapolis, MD. They all had a great dinner at NCR Country Club last

week with **Marti & Fred Ohmer**.

The Dayton Theatre Guild announces the 'grand opening' of their new home on 430 Wayne Avenue – August 28th. "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" will be their first production in their new location and will run from Aug. 28 – Sept. 13th. Their 'fly-er reads: "...set in aristocratic France at the turn of the 18th century, this game of seduction and corruption..." Sound great!

This 'Old Timer' can remember when the Guild began on Belmont Circle in **Mrs. Corwin's** old carriage house! **Jean Barger** was one of the principals and was also the Director of the Junior League 'Children's Theatre'. Then they had years – forty six – on upper Salem Avenue in what had been the Dayton View Post Office.

Purchase your tickets at www.daytonthatreguild.org or by calling 278-5993.

Jane Heywood called with the sad news of **Bill Siebenthaler's** death in Torch Lake, Michigan. "So I thought I'd have our own Memorial Service here at '333'...come at five and we'll reminisce."

Everyone brought old photos of past ski trips to Vail, and Otsego, and other photos of a long ago trip to Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan...

Bill was in the class of '36 at Steele High School.

Viola soloists at Giving Strings concert Aug. 8



Lori Lamattina and Karen Johnson. will be playing the viola at Giving Strings concert.

Karen Johnson and Lori LaMattina are the featured soloists in the 10th annual Giving Strings outdoor concert, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8 at Shafor Park in Oakwood. This concert of light classical music has become an Oakwood tradition, and is performed by area professional and amateur musicians who come together to make music,

and raise awareness and funds for local children's charities.

Karen and Lori are members of the Dayton Philharmonic viola section and will be performing the beautiful but not often heard double viola concerto by Telemann. Although the work is in four movements it is only twelve minutes in length. The first and third movements are slow and

stately, the second is a lively gigue and the finale is also energetic with rhythmic, catchy themes.

Admission is free to the concert. Free will donations from this event will benefit the Transitional Housing chapter of St. Vincent de Paul, assisting homeless families in the Dayton area. For further information call 293-5753.

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