

# Quarter Notes

## Come see us!

Watch our web site for late additions of our public performances:

[www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com)

### Sunday, November 5, 2017

6-9 pm at Brewskee's Smokehouse and Music (4251 Keaton Crossing Blvd., O'Fallon, MO) with the Francis Howell North Jazz Band playing our break at 7 pm. \$10 cover charge (students \$5).

### Sunday, February 11, 2018

"Sweetheart" Concert 2-4 pm in the Chesterfield YMCA theatre (16464 Burkhardt Place). Funds raised go to the Annual Campaign for YMCA services such as camps, inclusion services, memberships & more for families in need. Call the YMCA (636-532-3100) and ask for Kara for more info. Minimum donation of \$20 requested.

### Sunday, March 25, 2018

6-9 pm at Kirkwood Station Restaurant & Brewing (105 E. Jefferson Ave.) with the Bishop DuBourg Jazz Ensemble playing our break at 7 pm. \$10 cover charge (students \$5).



St. Timothy's, October 21, 2017  
by Tim Butler

## Meet Paul Shanker

There's a new sax player in town! Well, not really new to town, but new to us!



Paul is a graduate of Fort Zumwalt South High School, as well Webster University (Jazz Performance)

and UMSL (Education). As a teacher of elementary music for the Fort Zumwalt School District, he joins a growing group of music educators in **Gateway**. He also runs a private lesson studio, coaches his kids' soccer team and works as a freelance musician.

Music wasn't Paul's first love; there were lots of other classes he wanted to take. But his parents convinced him that music was worth the effort and as they won't soon let him forget, they were right!

Playing with **Gateway** gives Paul an opportunity to play on a regular basis and he enjoys the quality of musicians we have in the band. As a teacher he also appreciates how the **GCB** supports students with their music education.

From one of his freelance gigs, Paul tells a story of being hired by an R&B producer. "The producer needed some horn backgrounds and a bit of a solo at the end of the track. The track I recorded went on to become 'Cool Wit It' by Murphy Lee and his album went gold. I got stiffed on the payment." We checked it out on YouTube and it sounds great, but we think he should stick to playing with **Gateway**!

## Board Members

Rick Sharp - President  
Jerry Wood - Business Manager  
Karen Sharp - Secretary  
Mike Steep  
John Chruma  
Dennis Owsley



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Gateway City Big Band, Inc., a non-profit corporation, provides advanced jazz education and performance opportunities for participating musicians. Through its performances, it strives to promote public awareness of the "big band" style of music, to encourage and support music education at the secondary school level, and to assist other non-profit groups with fundraising.

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## Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

If you've followed **Gateway** over the years, you may have noticed that you see a lot of the same faces year after year. Here's a list of our current members and how long they've been with the band:

Rick Sharp	43 years
Tom Cox	35 years
Mike Bruce	25 years
Karen Sharp	24 years
Jerry Wood	21 years
John Laurenti	18 years
Bill Feldner	18 years
Kevin Schriewer	16 years
John Chruma	13 years
Kevin Walsh	13 years
Mike Steep	11 years
Gary Buechele	8 years (plus about 10 as a sub)
Dan Rohlfing	6 years
Matt McKeever	6 years
David Staines	3 years
Sandy Roll	3 years
Jim Owens	2 years
Jamie Burchett	1 year
Paul Shanker	6 months



Band president Rick Sharp has the longest tenure, having joined just out of the U.S. Army band in 1974. You don't always know how long you're going to be in an organization when you join, but for most of us, **Gateway** has been much more than a band; it's a family. And this family loves making music!

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