

Quarter Notes

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www.gatewaycitybigband.com

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Benefit concert for Episcopal City Mission (see article on this page). We'll be partnering with a John Denver tribute group from 3:00-5:00 at Kirkwood Park (Geyer and Adams Roads) in the Kirkwood Lions Amphitheater. **A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Episcopal City Mission.**

Saturday, October 22, 2016

The St. Louis Ballroom Dancers are having a club dance from 8:00-11:00 pm and it's open to the public! Come to the Kirkwood Community Center (111 S. Geyer Road); it's only \$10 per person. **Go to stlouisballroomdancers.com for more info.**

Saturday, November 5, 2016

The summer concert at St. Timothy's (808 N. Mason) is back . . . in November! The Harvest of Hope Gala to benefit Trinity Food Pantry will be an indoor concert and fundraiser featuring decadent desserts, champagne and a specialty coffee bar from 7:30-10 pm (doors open at 7:00). **Call 314-218-3441 for more info.**

Friday, November 11, 2016

8-11 pm at the historic Casa Loma Ballroom located at 3354 Iowa in South St.



Louis. Entry fee is \$10 and free dance lessons are offered from 7:15-8:00. **Call 314-664-8000 for information or to reserve a table.**



**EPISCOPAL
CITY MISSION**

*Providing Hope & Healing
for Children in Detention*

The **GCBB** begins its fall season on September 25th with a two-act benefit concert for Episcopal City Mission (ECM).

Act I will feature a John Denver Tribute band which will perform many of John Denver's most beloved songs, including *Sunshine, Country Roads, Annie's Song, Rocky Mountain High and Calypso*. **Gateway** will perform Act II.

ECM has provided support, hope and healing to youth detained in the St. Louis and St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Centers and the Lakeside Rehabilitation Center since 1953.

The youth range from 11–17 years of age and often come from troubled families, suffer from neglect or abuse, or exhibit emotional behavioral disorders. Some have lost loved ones to tragedy or seen horrific things; they often arrive scared, and feel alone and without hope.

Chaplains are able to help the children to see that they are loved, have gifts and value, and can have a better life. Through a wide range of activities in each center, ECM chaplains interacted with these teens more than 12,000 times in 2015.

We hope you can join us on September 25 from 3-5 pm at the Kirkwood Lions Amphitheater in Kirkwood Park for this very special concert. We guarantee you'll know the words to those John Denver tunes!

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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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President's Message

Every year the **GCB** likes to reach out and offer help to music programs that would benefit from financial assistance. This year we will give a grant to the North County Big Band led by Harvey Lockhart, a music educator at Riverview Gardens High School and a pro sax player. Last year the group had about twenty students from a number of north county and city high schools. It's been so successful, the program is expanding this year to include groups for younger students. It provides learning and performance opportunities for these talented students that their schools can't provide, and it pays off. Last year seven of the band's graduates received full college scholarships!

Unfortunately many of these students do not own their own instruments. To make the program truly successful there is a need for instruments and money to purchase arrangements and fund participation at events and contests. The band has a great partnership with the Sheldon Arts Foundation which provides rehearsal space at the Sheldon and helps in many ways, even funding students' transportation to rehearsals, but there is much more to do. Gateway plans to help find used instruments, to pay for reconditioning instruments, and to raise funds to fulfil the band's other needs as well.

And you can help! We are accepting contributions for the North County Big Band, both monetary gifts and used instruments. The **GCB** is a 501(C)(3) non-profit, so contributions to the **Gateway City Big Band** are tax deductible. Make checks payable to the **Gateway City Big Band** and write "North County Big Band" on the memo line. If you have an instrument you would like to donate please email me at Rick-shrp@sbcglobal.net or telephone me at 314-954-2950 and we will arrange to pick up the instrument. The band is especially anxious to find an **upright bass** and a **baritone saxophone**.



Newsletter

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