



September 7, 2020

A Naples Tradition

Dear Band Supporters,

The Naples Concert Band is now planning for the start of our 49th Concert Season as shown in the enclosed brochure. Although we were unable to play our last two concerts due to the "virus" scare, we did have a great season. Many thanks to the many faithful supporters that were so generous with their donations. We are grateful that we finished our shortened season with all bills paid. We were able to award Scholarships to five student musicians that brings our total given since 1984 to \$122,650.

We have cancelled the October and November concerts due to the virus scare but hope to perform our first concert on December 6th with social distancing and probably masks. We do expect that the virus situation will probably reduce the size of our Band and our audience. In response to that possibility, we have arranged to put our scheduled concerts live on our website at www.naplesconcertband.org. When pulling up our website and clicking on "View Our Live Concert Feeds" this takes you to Facebook. You need not be a Facebook member to view our concerts. You may also view past concerts as clearly shown on our website. Please be aware that the great sound of a live concert will be compromised. This "live streaming process" will permit our Band Supporters to hear our concerts if they are out of town, sick or just fearful of attending the concerts at Cambier Park due to the virus threat.

This letter is our annual fund raising appeal. Some of you may be wondering why we need financial support when our concert schedule is threatened by the virus scare. Unfortunately, many of our expenses start well before the concert season and will continue even if we play another reduced season. Such expenses include brochures, some salaries, insurance, storage facilities for our music library, rental of rehearsal facilities and our ongoing publicity program. None of our volunteer musicians are paid but we do have to pay for some of our guest performers.

For those of you who have not joined our "Fan of the Band" program, it costs \$50/person and entitles you to have your name(s) in our concert programs for one year from the date of your donation. If you wish, you may donate on our website – see web address below. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list please call me on 239-566-9960 or email at evhughes@comcast.net.

We appreciate your support and pledge our best efforts to provide the finest concert band music possible.

Sincerely yours,

Everett Hughes, Past President, Naples Concert Band