



# Kirby Band Notes December 2011

## Notes from the President

I read the words of this John Rutter song to you last year at our Christmas party. I just love the words so much that I want to repeat them for this newsletter.

### **I Wish You Christmas**

I wish you starlight on fields of snow,  
The winter's morning light and evening's glow;  
I wish you candles that shine from ev'ry tree,  
So all the world can see the light that there could be.  
I wish you music, I wish you song,  
With voices echoing, joyous and strong;  
I wish you church bells, ringing true and clear;  
I wish you Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
A merry Christmas to remember all the year.  
Old friends smiling, thinking of times gone by;  
Young friends laughing: Christmas is here,  
Spirits are bright, and hopes are high  
I wish you loved ones around your fire;  
May Christmas bring you all your heart's desire.  
I wish you children to make the season new,  
With dreams you help come true, Just like it was for you.  
I wish you blessings, I wish you love,  
The sound of angel choirs from high above;  
I wish you laughter, happiness and cheer:  
I wish you Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
And may its joy and peace be with you through the year.  
I wish you music, I wish you song:  
I wish you harmony your whole life long;  
The warmth of memories that long remain:  
And may God bless you till we all shall meet again.

Best wishes to you and your families for a very merry Christmas and a happy 2012! See you in January!

Jim

## **This n' That**

Don suggested a quarterly newsletter so that he has a current newsletter for the webpage. Here is the newsletter for the final quarter of the year!

Congratulations to Sandy Ridley for being the Hall Award recipient for 2011! Thanks to Janine for the delicious desserts at the banquet.

Betsy Bartz has CD's from the Hickories Concert in July. The cost of the CD is \$10. Please contact Betsy at 607-642-3661 or by email at [betsy@htva.net](mailto:betsy@htva.net) if you are interested in purchasing a CD.

The Kirby Band concluded the year with several performances which included the Veterans' Day Parade in Ithaca. This parade will be remembered as the shortest parade of the year! The Kirby Band participated in the Sayre Christmas Parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Also the Kirby Band performed a concert at Elderwood Nursing Home in December. The Kirby Band concluded the year with an outstanding concert for Tinsel and Lights in Waverly and received a standing ovation!

The band will take its holiday break, and rehearsals will resume on Monday, January 23, at the Asbury Church.

Many thanks to our party planner, Helene Rouse, who organized another successful band Christmas party following the Elderwood concert. Thanks to Helene and also to the committee who helped set out the food and prepare the room prior to the party.

Please welcome the following new members who have joined us since the last newsletter: Don Jessup and Larry Gehring. Don is from Owego and plays clarinet. Don also plays with the Vestal Community Band. Larry is from LeRaysville and plays bass clarinet. Larry has directed the Wyalusing Band and is currently taking a year off from his conducting duties. Please welcome Don and Larry!

