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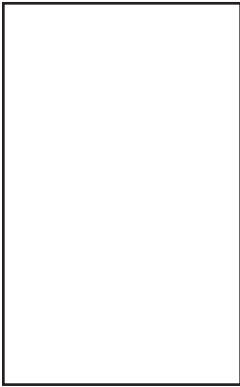
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Greetings
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we approach
this coming
Holiday
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seems like
the year is
just flying by.
When I lived

up north, this is the time of year that I was usually putting up the uniform and getting ready to take a break from parades for a few months as we waited for the snow to fall. Living down in Florida now, we are just getting ready to gear up for the parade season with all of the Holiday Parades coming up.

It has been a very busy fall and my father and I had a couple of great trips up to visit with the Mid Atlantic DQ6RXWK\$WODQ LFSVVRFLDWLRQ LUVW we were off to Virginia Beach for the 0\$62%\$ EXVLQVV PHHWLQ,W ZDV a very well attended meeting and I would like to congratulate all of the new officers of the association. All of the bands put on a great performance in the parade and we thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship that we got to share with them. I'm looking forward to joining them this February for their Mid-Winter meeting in Reading.

1HW LW ZDV RII WR 0UWOH %HDFK WR EVLW ZLWK 6\$62%\$ IRU WKH 6RXWK \$WODQLF 6KULQ \$VVRFLDWLRQ KLV another great weekend spent with a lot of great OB'ers. The weekend kicks off with a fraternal breakfast followed by a business meeting. Later that same day was a very good competition capped off by a group jam session where all of the bands got together and played together. Having fun is what it is all about, isn't it? That night was the banquet, where

all of the new officers were sworn in. Congratulations to these new officers as well. I know you will serve the association proud.

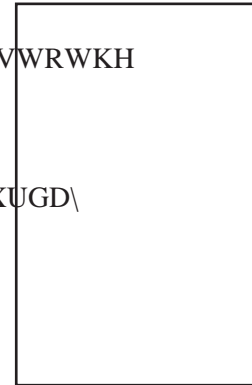
,QRMPERU WKH 2IILFHUV DQ several of the Past Presidents gathered in Atlanta for an Executive Committee Meeting. It was another great meeting. We worked on updating the action plans that we have been working on the last couple of years and spent a good amount of time discussing the individual associations and assessing the health RIWKH\$62% EUHJLRQKHQV VVHS will be engaging our Ambassadors to help us evaluate these assessments and build upon them for the future. One thing that we all agreed on, is that the Ambassadors are an important link to WKHVXFFHVVRIRWKH\$62%

7KLV FRPLQSSLO WKH 6RXWKHVDV 6KULQ \$VVRFLDWLRQDQ (O .DUXERQWRWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV Oriental Band will host a Hoedown in Alexandria, Louisiana. They have DJUHG WR OHW PH FRPELQ WKH \$62% Moore's Mid-Winter with their event in hopes that we can bring some people to show WKHVXRUWWKDWWKH\$62%JLMVWRWKH regional associations. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a registration form DQDJHQDRIHMV7KH\$62%0LG :LQHUPHHWLQZLOORFFXURQDWXUGD\ April 23rd, at a time and location to be announced that weekend. I hope many of you can join us in Alexandria the weekend of April 21st to the 24th. I have been told that they tentatively have commitment from at least 3 bands DVRIQZ6KRXOGEHDJUHDW WLPHQDQ fun weekend.

This coming July we are off to 7DPD IRU WKH ,PSULDO 6HVLRQH bare hands, originally from West Africa. Wikipedia; Instrument family: Membranophone; Place of origin: West Africa; Invented: c. 1200 AD; Related instrument: Ashiko, Bougarabou, Dunun, Goblet Drum; Classification: Membranophone

VRPHHQVVGXULQWKDWZHHRXZLOO find a detail schedule elsewhere in this issue. One of the major changes in the schedule is combining the Presidents Banquet and the Incoming Presidents Luncheon into a single event. Attendance had been falling off with having two events, so we are hopeful that we can get everyone to come out and enjoy our time together at a single event. I hope you all will consider coming to Tampa and joining us.

Just a reminder to remember the /DGGHURI6PLOHV,VHWD\$HWWELJRDQ this year, but we are already well on our way with over \$50,000 collected for our JUHDW KLODQKUR\$RX FDQXRUW it in any way that you and your band choose. I commissioned a beautiful piece of Oriental Band artwork that your band can own for a small RXUVLQKH)DLWK



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The DJEMBE

A New Instrument for Oriental Band Repertory
A djembe or jembe is a rope-tuned skin-covered goblet drum played with bare hands, originally from West Africa. Wikipedia; Instrument family: Membranophone; Place of origin: West Africa; Invented: c. 1200 AD; Related instrument: Ashiko, Bougarabou, Dunun, Goblet Drum; Classification: Membranophone
The Oriental Band Connection - A refreshing wind change is blowing

LQWKH 3DFLILF 1RUWKZHVW ZLWknWkH These one-time events are introduction of the Djembe Drum sound by two well-known Oriental Bands. The change started with the Al Bedoo Oriental Band out of Billings, a few years ago led by my good friend and RZ 6HUJHDQ DW \$UPV IRU WKH \$62% Executive Team Darren DeHass. The Al Azhar Oriental band has picked up the torch and are busy developing a new repertory that showcases the melodic sound of this particular type of drum. It is worth noting that both bands have received rave reviews from audiences wherever they have performed. The feedback typically praises the mellower sound produced versus the more marching band type of beat.

The purpose of my article is to give you a brief history of this drum, direct you to the web resources for more information, and give you a few pointers on how you may go about checking this instrument out as a possible addition to your band's range of instruments.

Crossing The Atlantic - The popularity of the Djembe drum in 1RUWK \$PHULFD LV DWWULEXWHG WR WKH 1LJHULDQ DUWLWV %DEDWXQH 2ODWXOLV 1959 Columbia Records album Drums of Passion, which has sold over 5 million copies, as a genre-launching release. Google Babatunde Olatunji to get access to a wealth of information regarding this great artist. History of the Djembe Drum A good summary of the history of the djembe drum can be found at: <http://www.drumconnection.com/africa-connections/history-of-the-djembe/> It describes the djembe drum as most likely about 400-800 years old, and created during the Malian Empire by the Mandé people. It spanned the PRGHUQD\ FRXQVULHV RI 6HQJDO southern Mauritania, Mali, northern %XUNQ)DVR ZHVWHUQILJHU WKH Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, the Ivory Coast and northern Ghana.

Learn Djembe Percussion - The following useful outline can be found at : <http://www.african-music-safari.com/learn-to-play-djembe.html> A djembe workshop is a great opportunity to get a taste of djembe

commitment-free and don't require you to have an instrument. It helps deciding if its really for you before you invest money in djembe lessons or in a drum. Look for drum shops, music schools or African culture festivals around you. They usually offer such workshops to get people interested. Maybe they can even inform you when a real African Master Drummer comes to your area:

Buying A Djembe Drum - I recommend to wait with buying a djembe until you have tried out several ones in DZRUMKR BXOORWLFHIHDWXUHVWKDW you prefer and some you don't like (sic). Also inform yourself well about the different types of djembe drums.

1RW DOO DMLODEOH RQWKH PDUNW DHH suitable for African drumming. RXMIRXQDGMHPEH WKDW VXLWVRX ZHOOIRZLWVLP RUWDQWRILUVW

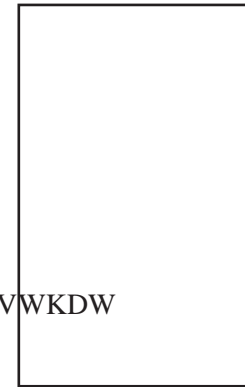
Get A Good Foundation - Do you want to learn to play djembe properly? 7KHZRUNWKHEDVLFV*RRGWHFKQTXH and proper strokes are the foundation that you will build your skills upon. If you can't take private lessons with a Master Drummer, it's a good idea to work on the foundation yourself. There DUH HFHOOHQ RX 7XEH LQWUXFVWLBQSSLOLQ HDQDULD/\$ 7KHQRWKH7HDV6KULQ\$VVVRFLDWLFL 6HVVLRLQRXVWRQXQ DQ ending in Tampa for the Imperial 6HVVLRLQXO%WKDW WLPH,ZLOO

Join A Drum Circle - A fun and rewarding way to learn to play djembe is a group. Look for a drum circle to ODZLWKRQH DZHNNUVR 6RPHRI them are free for anyone to just come and jam, while others offer formal GMHPEH OHVVRO IRU JURXS IR PDWWHU

which type is available in your area, this is where you'll learn to play djembe UKWKPV 7KH \$O \$KDU GUXPPHUV enrolled in a class taught by a Djembe master drummer. Lessons focus on WKH West African sound. The skills acquired however can easily support the typical Oriental Band repertory.

In conclusion, I invite you to investigate this drum as a means of bringing about a re-invigorating new VRXQWRRXUEDQ6KRXOGRXGHFLGH one of you and your families had the best celebration ever and that 2016

support in your endeavors, get in touch with myself or Darren DeHass. Our contact information is included in the FRQDFWVSDJHRIWKH1D.KEDDU Happy Drumming.



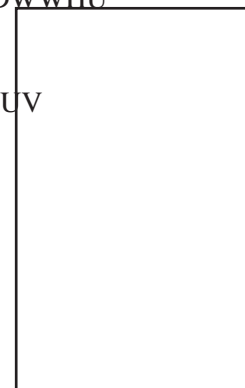
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Just returned from a very successful Executive 6HVVLRLQ LQ Atlanta. As a newby on the line, I was in

and discussed. It was good to see Past Presidents Joe Brewton, Paul Gluck and Don Moores in attendance. Their input was very helpful to me in learning the LQUZRUNRIWKH\$62%

Looking forward to 2016. My travel schedule will include Texas Association of Oriental Bands Mid-Winter March 18-20 in Amarillo, Texas. 1HW,SRFHHGWRWKH6RXWKHVDVW6KUL Association "Hoedown" at El Karubah WKLBQSSLOLQ HDQDULD/\$ 7KHQRWKH7HDV6KULQ\$VVVRFLDWLFL 6HVVLRLQRXVWRQXQ DQ ending in Tampa for the Imperial 6HVVLRLQXO%WKDW WLPH,ZLOO have a take a break to catch my breath.

Hope to see everyone in Tampa and if you can make Houston, we would love to have you.



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Don Moores

Greetings Fellow %DQG VPHQ As we enter into another Chanukah and Christmas 6HDVRLQZDQ wish that each one of you and your families had the best celebration ever and that 2016

will be the happiest, healthiest and prosperous year ever.

Over Thanksgiving President Jeff and I flew to his home in Massachusetts to bring some of Jeff's "stuff" and his other vehicle to Florida - a trip of about 1,350 miles. We took two days to drive back along with all of the Holiday Thanksgiving Day for us was loading a U-Haul truck and getting things in place to finish loading on Friday morning, we left Massachusetts in the early afternoon and arrived in Florida and exhausted. Imagine what we felt like after unloading the truck and disposing of some of the belongs in the house to accommodate the items brought in.

Once again we had a very successful Executive Committee Meeting in Atlanta, GA, very close to the Atlanta Airport where participants were able to fly in and have the hotel shuttle bring them to the hotel to stay and attend our session we have had we spent time updating our Dashboard from last year. The minutes of the meeting follow:

Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of Shriners International Executive Committee Meeting November 13-14, 2015

Moore's, 1st VP Tom Crow, 2nd VP Chris Tsaros, 3rd VP Harry Pressman, 6HUJHDQ DW \$UPV DUUHCHDVV 33 6HF7UHDV RORRUHV 3DVW Pres. Michael Hartup, Past Pres. Don Moores, Past Pres. Joe Brewton and Past Pres. Paul Gluck.

OUR VISION: A healthy Oriental Band Community for the benefit of
MISSION: To provide the tools for fun, music, recruitment and fundraising for the oriental band community.

The meeting was opened by President Jeff Moores at 9:00 AM on 1RMPEHUZLWKDSJDHUE6JW at Arms Darren DeHass, P.P. President

Moore's reviewed the schedule and estimated time schedule for the two day meeting and then turned the meeting over to the facilitator Chris Tsaros for the remainder of the Meeting. The following items were discussed:
the Regional Associations strengths and weaknesses; Completed and going to be reviewed on a regular basis.

Action Dashboard - Eliminate com- updated as appropriate.

of the Ambassadors; Review of Ambassador's roles completed, the Dashboard Item of communicating duties to Ambassadors will be sent to all of the Ambassadors.

result of the new schedule determined at last year's Executive Committee recommendations; Developed Tampa

reminder that having fun is one of the primary goal as well as helping kids

Discussed the future of the Association and the goals for successful continuance.

and 2018 Imperial plans; Discussed plans and location for these years.

Directors for the Music Academy; Music Academy Board of Directors consists of Joe Brewton, Paul Gluck, Darren DeHass, P.P. and Chris Tsaros. Discussions were held by the Music Academy BOD as to goals, plans, staff and faculty.

The mid-winter meeting, set date and location; Two locations and dates were discussed but further consultation must be had before finalization, information some of us neophytes in setting up and

calls; Meetings will continue.

OB; tabled until next session

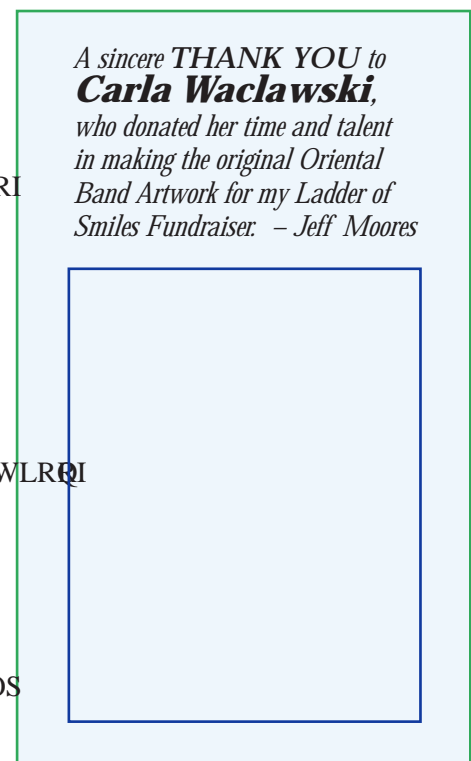
for upcoming year.

14, 2015, at 11:15 AM with the Music Academy BOD meeting in private session; results to be communicated at Mid-winter meeting.

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receive the notice, please notify me so that I may send out a new notice and update the mailing list. I have been very Mahlon Hariu, with the exception of a couple of Black Camel visits in the last year and changes of which I was aware, there have been no returns for unknown addresses, to date.

Don Moores



\$332,170(176)

LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN
Michael Hartup

Greetings from the Midwest where the weather can't make up its mind... fall or winter? Cold and icy or snowy one day and fall-like the next.

ORWKHU1DWXUHFDQHFUXHO

My lady Maggie and I hope you enjoyed the holidays with friends and IDPLO\ 1RZ WKDW WKH KROLGDV over it is time to think about all things Oriental Band because parade season isn't that far away. It is time to check costumes, dust off those instruments DQSDFWLWHSDFWLFHSDFWLFH

I attended the executive board PHHWLQSWODQD RQRMPHEU DQ RXU HOHFHWG RILFHUV DQ WKH\$62% DVVSHVLGHQVDWWHLO were working on the direction your association will be taking in the future, making it stronger and trying to identify RXUHQGVDFRQHUQRXUHQGV and concerns are a priority and should be shared with your officers. Please FRQDFWRXU\$6% 2ILFHUV RUDQ past president with your concerns so they can be addressed.

\$OWKRJK WKH 1HZ HDU LV beginning, it is not too early to be thinking about attending Imperial 6HVLRQDPS-XO\WKURXJK 2016. There is a new schedule for events so please look for it as well as the hotel and band registration forms in WKLVLVXHRIWKH1D.KDEDU

President Jeff has a goal of raising IRUWKH/DGGHURI6PLOHV This goal can only be reached with the help of each bandsman (and his lady), band, and regional association. It is our obligation to support the care of our children and our hospitals. If you are near, or will be near in your travels,

one of our hospitals take a few minutes to stop and you will see what your donation does for our children. If you have any questions about how to make a donation and have your band get credit for it, please contact me by email at mhartup@aol.com, or by phone at 316-684-1124 (home) or 316-644-1482 (mobile).

Remember, the smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

Until next time, I bid you peace.
Mike

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CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

Heartfelt greetings from the bands of KUUDO6WDWH hope everyone had a fun and successful 2015 and is looking forward to

6RPHRIWKHEDQV,KDMKH DUG LWKHKUUDO6WDWHVUHJLRQDMEHHP experiencing a few problems with membership and keeping the enthusiasm going. Well, it's time to regroup and get it going again. We have found that all you have to do is start playing that beautiful Oriental Band music and your HWKXVLDVPPFRPHVEDFRXNZWKDW the Oriental Band Unit is the envy of your Temple. How can a bunch of guys have so much fun and help kids at the same time? We have the best of both ZRUOGV,DPORNRORUZDUGWRDJUHDW 2016. Our convention will be hosted ERXU EURWKHUV RI 6FLPLWDU 6KHLPLQ Little Rock, Arkansas this year. August 24th thru the 27th are the dates for the 66\$RQVLRQKHEDQVRI KUUDO6WDWHVLDQWHRXWRFRP us for a great time. A message to all the EDQVRIKUUDO6WDWHV 3OHDVH me with your new roster and member list. I would really appreciate it. Please

email me at rdmoody@sbcglobal.net. Together, we make a big difference in kid's lives. Remember, why we do what we do. God Bless Oriental Bands.

RXUKXPEOHVHUBW
Rick

FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

Well... here we go into another year. It would be nice to have a crystal ball to see what the future might hold, but with some of the

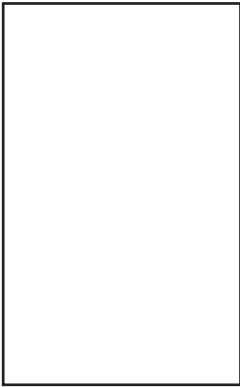
global events happening, maybe it's best that we don't.

I trust all had a Very Merry KULVWPDV ROLGD\ 6HDVRQQ D safe entry into 2016. With some of the health issues/drop in membership facing a number of Florida Bands, participation has been on a decline. \$GGLWLRQOO%DKLD 6KULH KUHU DV Orlando is in the process of selling its location and seeking a smaller facility RUUHEXLOGLODQJW 6KULH KUHU Thepa has sold/closed some of its spaces and consolidating into the Unit Activities Building.

RQDWXODWLRQWR 6DKLE 2ULHVM %DQ DW 6DUDVRWD IRU D MU\DFWLM program and increase in Band membership. December will be a very busy month for them with the holidays. "Atta-Boys" are extended to Amara DQ 6DKLE %DQV IRU WKHLU FRVLQH FRQULEXWLRQWRWKH/DGGHURI6PLO 5HPHEHU WKH /DGGHU RI 6PLOHV and the children in the hospitals. God %OHVV RX *RG %OHVV 2XU 7URRS God Bless America

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ASOB.ORG
for the latest information!





MID ATLANTIC
Keith Oviatt

I was a month behind for the last issue so I missed the GHDGOLERUU\DERXWWKLDWV. I would like to thank Dave McCarthy and Mahlon Hariu

for jobs well done. Congratulations to Jeff Moores for being elevated to the RVLWLRRI\$62%3UHV LGHQ: LWK0DKORQ VWHSQGRZ\$62%3DVW3UHV LGHQVRQ Moores (Jeff's dad) is stepping in to take care of the books. Also congrats to newly HOHFWHGUG93DUU\$UHV VPPDQ6JWDW Arms Darren DeHass, PP. I am sure they will enjoy their time on the line.

OHVHPEHU DW 9LUJLD %HDFK WKH\$QDOOHHWLQRI0\$62%\$6WHM 6ORJLEHFDPH D DV %HHQDQ 5RE Reed took over the reins for the upcoming year. The other officers moved up and Don Heimbecker of Rajah was elected to the RVLWLRRI6JWDW\$UPV-RKQUXPEHLQ RI 6HF7UHDV IRU KLV HFHOHQV ZRUNQ WKH DVW \$62% RILFHUV LDWWHQDQ ZHUH3UHV-HIIORRUHV6HF7UHDVRRUHV DQ 6HF7UHDV (PHULWXV 6HF7UHDV% XGORRUH5HVXOWVIURP6DVXUGD was Irem as taking 1st place for both 0\$6\$DQ0\$62%\$DVZHOODVVWIRU Best Drum Major. Jaffa took second place in the parade competition. There was no 6WDJHREPFWLWLRQ

7KH0\$62%\$0LG:LQWUPHHWLQ will be held in Reading, PA, on February 27, 2016. The evening festivities will be the Past Presidents/Ladies night will be held with the joint Rajah and Lancaster County Oriental Bands. This is an event QWREHPLVVHG)RU PRUHLRUPDWLQ contact John K. Grumbein at 7520 Trexler Circle, Trexlertown, PA. 18087 or at jkg@aol.com.

Remember that Blessed are they that expect to receive nothing for they shall not be disappointed.

Until next time don't forget the /DGGHURI6PLOHVWKHNGVDUHFHXVIRQVLDWK each one of us.
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The 2015 year is about to come to a close DQZLWK WKDW 7KH \$EGDOODK 6KUCHEVTR elected its new officers:

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 - 6(&755R6DPXHO
 - 48\$57(50\$67(55LFKDUG6REHN
 - 6(5*(\$17\$75060LFXKHDIHU
- Congratulations to our new officers.
DWLQOLFNLV WKH QZHVW PHPEHU elected as a member back in August.

6SIDNQRIPHPEHUVWKH\$EGDOODK Oriental Band is growing some more with applications for membership from past Parade Marshall Don Marah and his Lady Pam. Tyler Boxberger and his Lady Kelli, Kelli and Tyler are expecting a future Bandsmen any moment. The name DWLQOLFNLV WKH QZHVW PHPEHU Boxberger may be familiar as Tyler's dad was two time Potentate at Isis. Finally application from Chris "Big Chris" Reynolds, Chris has been a real asset to Abdallah for being available to help with any work that may come along. Welcome to the "Best Parading Unit of Abdallah 6KULQVµ

With the installation of Officers also came some awards. Richard "Bear" 6REHXRQWKH%DQVDDQWKHHDUµ and Jimmy Facklam won the "Calaris Award" for the biggest bungle of the year, we'll just leave that there.

The OB has one more parade this year which will make a total of 16 if I counted WKHP FRUUHFWO\\$ UHDOO\ELJ 7\$1 28JRHVRXWWR5LFKDUG%HDU6REHN and Ed "the Fez" Fezzy Harvey for making sure the Abdallah Oriental Band was present at ALL the parades even when the rest of the Bandsmen could not.

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Our Oriental Band had a successful parade season this year. We have exchanged our large conga drums for African wooden ones that are played with hands rather than mallets. We have even taken lessons to learn the proper beats and have been taught by UCHUSVTR to use our voices to create a situation where the drums talk to each other.

Our parade trailer is in the process of being repaired, thanks to the work of Guy Cochrane.

A small group of us attended the %DQ XNFRQVLRQKHOG LQ Pentiction, BC, last May. It was a beautiful setting to have a conference, a parade and a chance to meet members from Gizeh and the men from the XNQH HQRWUDMOOLOQWR RWKHU areas of the country as it links old and new friends together. Our band ZHQWR%XWWH0RQDQIRUWKH361\$ competition. Al Bedoo were excellent hosts and a great time was had by all those who attended this function. We are having a Pot Luck Ladies 1LJKW LQIFHPEHU WR FHOHEUDWH WK contributions to our band.

The Black Camel visited our band WKLVDU WDNQ.OOXVWULRXV 6LU 3 6WHIDKXNDQ 1REOH 9HUQRWHQ both men brought their talents and their laughter to every event.

We are keeping the same executive for 2016 as in 2015, I guess we felt that everyone did such a great job they should continue in their stations.

We have made donations to local organizations both the Canmore Air Cadets and the Round Up band received donations this year. This was a great year for bringing back the spirit of our band and we have enjoyed many social events for our nobles and ladies.

This year's recipient of the 68/7\$16 \$:\$5' ZHQ WR *X\ Cochrane for his many years of commitment and dedication to our Oriental Band. We also gave Ken

McLaughlin the Band Director's
presenting Art Laing with a trophy as
our Band Director for our many wins
under his guidance at competitions over
the years.

The Al Azhar Oriental Band wishes
Christmas and remember the Ladder of

Thank you,
Jim Bota

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our performances) from the Aleppo
Oriental band may be found at our
website which is located at:

<http://www.oband.mysite.com>

Thank you for visiting the site. We
hope your visit will be an enjoyable
one and that you will return to the site
frequently for updates.

Shalom,

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Greetings from the members of the
news from our band once again and I

super news of our successes at the
Bands) competitions, I am only now
reporting. The events that took place at
competition and July 2015 Imperial
rewarding for our band. But first I
must come clean, I am not a writer so
take this article as is with my advance
apologies.

To start with our band traveled the
short distance to Corpus Christi Texas;
to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and

There we enjoyed the various super
rooms at several hotels. Every one of the
hospitality rooms were well hosted by
the members, their family and friends.

and it was well supplied with goodies.

7\$62% 3UHVLGHV ORH
Rahmeh arranged the annual breakfast
gathering to welcome members of
the Texas Oriental Band and their
ladies and guests. The arrangements
officers were sworn in: Mike Pinson as
as 1st3DQ/HV&DZOH IURP6KDURQ
VP.

competitions for unlimited, large and
small categories were a 'no brainer'
because there was only one band in
each category. However, the medium
Alzafar band were the two bands
competing.

At the end, both bands were very good
DQ LW ZDV VR FORVH EXW 6KDURQZRQ

1st place concert and Alzafar won 1st
place showmanship and the overall
6WDWH KDPSRQKLSODJ WRWDO ZDYD
WLH%RWKEDQVZLOOVKDUHWKH\$OO6WDWH
Championship Flag for half of the year
with Alzafar having it for the 1st half
DQ 6KDURQCDMLWIRU WKH half.
The Alzafar OB is honored to have
FRPFIWHG DQ VKDUHG WKH \$OO 6WDWH
KDPSRQKLSODJZLWK6KDURQ2%
)RU WKH ORQH VV WLPH 6KDURQ%
been, and still is, one of the strongest
bands in Texas and Alzafar stands
privileged to share the trophy with
them for 2015.

1HW WKH \$ODIDU 2% WUDMOHG
WR ,PSULDO RXVWRQRU WKH \$62%
competition that was held in July. Here
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First, all of the OB members and their
IDPLOLHVHMRHG WKHLU 6KULQ6WDWH
hospitality rooms. But more so the
hospitality room provided by outgoing
\$62% 3UHVLGHQ DM OFBUWKDQ
WKHRILFHUVRIWKH\$62% 7KHUHZDV
unlimited humor and fun, but most
importantly, fellowship among all was
first class.

Then came the competition ... Every
EDQZKHWKHURQHUV 6KRZPDQKLS
of Parade, demonstrated musical talent
and all had the mindset to have fun and
took every opportunity to raise funds
IRUWKH6KULQUVKLOGUHQRVSEWDOMXVW
DVVWKHKDGGRRQDWWKH7\$62% RUSV
Christi Convention just a month prior.
\$V IRU RXU \$62% 3UHVLGHQ DM
OFBUWKVRE:HOORQ

During the Parade competition
Alzafar Oriental Band won first place
in Parade in the medium category.
First Place in the medium category for
the Fantasy competition was won by El
Karubah. Thanks to our music director,
IREOH-LP:KLWHKRXVHIRUJXLGLWKH
Alzafar OB on the right path and led us
WRUHFHLMZDUGVDW7\$62%LRUSV
and Imperial Houston.

XULQWKH \$ODIDUV \$XJXVW 6WDWH
Meeting, the Alzafar Oriental Band
received recognition from our Potentate
for the bands accomplishments this
year. In the 36 years of activity, the
Alzafar Oriental Band has received
7 Imperial Championships, 17 All
6WDWH)ODJVst Place Concerts, 27
1st3ODFH 3DUDGH6KRZPDQKLSnd
Place Concert, 8 2nd Place Parade for
a total of 93 trophies. And we're not
GRQHW

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2XU EDQ KDV EHHQODVLEH \$62%
competition; however, the Alzafar
Oriental Band will regroup after the
holidays and set our sites for the coming
2016 competitions.

Until then, may good health be
granted to you and your family... and
*RG%OHVV

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Greetings to the Bandsmen from all
around this wonderful realm of which
we are fortunate to be a part. Amara's
band, as previously reported, is still in
a downturn and would like to get some

new members. We have not had a great number of new members joining this year. We have worked very hard once again. In 2014, we had a significant increase in dues and that was a very hard task to get the number of past due members to pay. In 2016, the per capita dues assessment was increased at Imperial in Houston, Amara has chosen and has a special called meeting to hold the dues at the same rate as 2014 and 2015, absorbing the per capita increase.

Our Christmas Parade schedule starts on December 5th and ends December 13, 2015. We hope all of the bandsmen and their families had a great Christmas and Chanukah Holiday and are looking forward to a great 2016 beginning. Events coming up are as usual - Divan, Unit and Clubs meetings. We will have a Hospital visit and interact with our patients past and present; East/West and West. We will have a band visit to the hospital. Best wishes for a successful 2016 to all Bands and Bandsmen.

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As previously written, Bahia Oriental Band continues to be "dim" but we have occasional "called meetings" to discuss items of interest.

The Band's annual Christmas celebration on December 12th was, as always, a very enjoyable time and it was nice seeing some of the former members. We had by all with a fantastic meal.

facility or building anew. God Bless the children in the hospitals. God Bless America

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6RUU, PLVVHG ODVW LVVXH RI KHABAR, going thru removal of melanoma, spent a lot of time during Easter vacation in the Florida sun, most times coming home like a cooked lobster, also at the same time was bit by a tick, which caused lyme disease, this put me down for awhile. The black camel paid us a visit, taking retired horn player Alex and he sure enjoyed his time with the band.

Don't know if band will go to the Imperial in Houston. Champions in 2009 and champions in 2015. Thanks to our only president being installed in 2015. We both had a great time there. Wishing all had a wonderful holiday season.

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1HZV IURP WKH :25/'&21&(57 &\$03,21 0(,80 &/\$66(O Karubah Oriental Band and second in parade competition.

We are still suffering from an extreme hangover from winning at the Imperial in Houston. Champions in 2009 and champions in 2015. Thanks to our only president being installed in 2015. We both had a great time there. Wishing all had a wonderful holiday season.

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Our first yearly parade "The Pecan Festival" in Colfax, La. was rained out. By the time this article is read we would have performed in three to five Christmas parades throughout the area. Our annual Christmas/Fair Victory celebration was held on Dec. 19 with a fantastic meal.

One major change with our group is....no more Arabic costumes in public parades. We will be wearing our white band shirts with our fez. I never thought we would be doing this, but with the way things are now in todays world, changes have to be made.

APRIL 21-24, 2016, THE 6287(\$67(51 25,(17\$/ %\$1'\$662,\$7,21 2(2:1 will be hosted by our band here in \$/(\$;15,\$ /\$ \$OO RX ROG timers can remember the Hoedowns we hosted in years past. Plenty of Cajun food and flair with a lot of fellowship. All bandsmen and ladies are welcome. Registration info is published on different page. Best wishes for a great 2016.

Pictured left to right: John Melder, Billy 21HDODQDEY&DVHFHLMQWKH fantasy and parade awards at Imperial.

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2PHDJDLOVKH,UHP1RELOLWFDQROG their heads high with regards to this Oriental Band. The occasion marks the fourth consecutive year the band has EHHQHFDUHG)LUVW 3ODFH 0\$62(806) 626-7573 Champions.” In addition the band ZDV DOVR DZDUGHG)LUVW 3ODFH 0\$6\$ Champions and First Place Drum Major. A special rap on the gong is extended to our Director Fred Dietrich whose timeless efforts and leadership were well deserved in securing these DZDUGV2XUEDQVPDQXN6FKRILHOG was elected to 3rd Vice president of

0\$62%SDQZLOOVHUMKLVSHVLGHQ Beach convention was due to the following Oriental Band members: 6WHKHQHDWHU DQ -DPHV RQUV – Musettes; Warren Lewis and James Hudock – drums; James Mason-gong; James Roberts – tambourine; Jack 3RZHOOFPEDOVDQ/XN6FKRILHOG – block.

Other activities of our band included the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade on August 22. This was a good “tune-up” in preparation for the recent Virginia %HDFK 0\$6\$ RQUVLRQLQOO\ our parade schedule for the year ended ZLWKWKH1RMPEHU9HWHUDUQ3DUDQZH UHSHVHVHWHG .KLD 6KULQ in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre.

7KLV DVW 1RMPEHU ZH KDCG our 104th Annual Meeting in which the following officers were chosen: Director – Fred Dietrich, President – James Connors, Vice President 2:DUUHQH ZLV 6HFUHWDU\22OLQ Evans, Treasurer – James Roberts, and)LQQLDO6HFUHWDU\$WHKHQHDWHU

Finally, the band and our Meri Aides will have its Christmas Party on December 8th as many presents HFKDQHKDQDW6DQDV5DIIOH With the winter solstice upon us we will close our tent flaps until the UHKHDUVDOV EHLQRU WKH 6FUDVBRGW Patrick’s Day Parade. Being one of the ROGHVW2ULHWDQDO%DQVLKULHGRPZH are hopeful our Bedouins will flourish RPHDJDLOQ

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-XVW EHIRUH WKH ROLGD\6HDVVRQFA thoughts started here with what our organization and its members should be thankful for. Our Oriental Band had a busy 2015 and if one gauges our accomplishments as a mark of success, we have had much to give thanks for.

Crab Fest 2015, our largest fund raiser of the year, on February 28th, was a huge undertaking and achievement thanks to our volunteers, patrons and the donations we received. This night was of enough benefit to help subsidize RXU WUDMOV WR \$OO6WDWH DQ ,PSUI It’s looking like we might be sold out for, in just a few weeks as this is read, **Crab Fest 2016**. We decided to hold it a month earlier on January 16, when Dungeness crab are more plentiful off the Washington coast.

We finished another good year with RXU SIURUPDQHDW RXU 7HDV 6KULQ FRPSWLWLRQDO6WDWHLQUSV&KULVWV was a great time of fun and fellowship with the return trip, a member of our Cycle Escort unit and a friend of many in the Band, missed a curve and wrecked himself and his bike. He was LQULWLFDOFRQLWLRQRUDZKLOHLQDO Antonio, but has recovered well and as a result of it has a slight hitch in his gitalong.

The next month, by invitation of **Imperial Sir Jerry Gant**, we had the privilege to entertain at the opening of the 141st.PSIULDO6HVVLRRQXVWRQ \$V PHVLRHG LQWKH 6HSHPEHU 1D Khabar, that was a pretty heady experience for us. Again, we were good DPESVDGRUVRI.KLD6KULHQDQ,FDQ say for all who participated - no regrets were left behind.

2Q6DWXUGD\ 2FWREHU WKH Band helped with what has become the largest fundraiser of the year for .KLD6KULQWKH&UMWWHBU 3DUW\ It is so called because the door prize at this party was a spanking new, 2016 RUMWWH 6WLQD7KH UHVROH WR LW was phenomenal. Three floors of the 6KULQWVHU ZHUH ILOOHG WR FDBFLV The Band ran the largest bar and it was busy all night but our mixologists were to the task. With the silent and live auctions and the many individual unit raffles, the night was a full-on financial and public-relations success for Khiva 6KULQ .KLD6KULQKR VWHGLWV ELDQDO 6KULQUV RXVWRQRVSWDO QLOF LQ

the second week of October where the Houston hospital chief-of-staff and his support staff traveled to Amarillo to see current patients and those who are about to be admitted to the Houston hospital. They bring the orthotics crew with them and braces are made and refitted on the spot. This event fills an essential need for those who cannot travel to Houston for whatever reason with care, follow-ups and check-ups for the children who have had previous procedures. These clinics also greatly benefit the Travel Fund as many of the children seen here do not necessarily require expensive travel to the hospital for care. Many of the helpers at these clinics are Ladies and the Oriental Band. I may be repetitive with my clinic rhetoric, but we are so fortunate that these clinics continue to come here.

We have lost two long-time members, Charles "Butch" Palmer in August. Butch was a very thoughtful and quiet (most of the time) and had to be carefully listened to as they could interject insight in conversations which usually would break out a room in mass fits of laughter. We will greatly miss Barbara and Gloria will continue to come and be with us as they please.

The Band is now in the process of reorganization of our room with the construction of a trophy case large enough to hold 36 years of collected hardware and recognition. This new monstrosity now presides at the outside entrance to our rooms. At this time, it is still a project in progress as we have discovered just how costly custom glass and mirrors can be. Hopefully, it will be complete by the time the Band hosts the **TASOB Mid-Winter Conference** in March. The date for that conference is in Texas. The host hotel has been secured,

other plans are being finalized and hopefully, our mailings are out to our Texas Bands. All Oriental Bands and officers are welcome to share our hospitality. More information is available at mike_carolepinson@sbcglobal.net (there is an underscore there: mike_carolepinson@....).

It's time for our community Christmas parade, the Parade of Lights December 4th. In preparation, we dust off our float and check the strings of lights to decorate as needed according to the theme. It has become a sort of tradition with our participation and many of us have a grand ole evening that night.

We will soon start our Band officer elections to choose our leaders for (myself excluded). It's a thankless job with lousy compensation. Also, many of us go to the leadership our officers will be taking over.

As I close, I hope all will have had a very Merry Christmas and are We have much to be thankful for. linings, but one just has to remember our benefactors are to put it all in perspective.

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KOB members Dr. Wiki, Lady Wiki, and Glenn Simpson entertain our patients at the October 2015 Khiva Shrine Hospital Clinic

*New braces...
just some of our services at the clinic.*

The 2015 Khiva Corvette Party door prize

The KOB working the big bar at the Corvette Party 2015

MEDINAH
Addison, Illinois

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**UHHWLVIREOHV*
Many of you know that the Medinah Oriental Band was the original Oriental established in 1899 and have been continually in existence since that time.

On July 4th, 2015, we participated in three parades. Medinah's Brass Band shared our float, and, under Howard Giesen (Oriental Band) and

Chuck Masny (Brass Band), the crowds were amazed and delighted with the quality and amount of music that we all performed. Then, as we do every year, we had a curb side hotdog cook-out with the appropriate liquid refreshments and, as always, it was fun, fun, fun.

Our musical OV was held on August 16th, 2015, in conjunction with the Brass Band. We had a good turnout and dazzled the crowds and the Divan with the scope of our repertoire. In DGGLWLRQ EDQ IURP 6DQZLFK ,/ played afterwards.

2XU 0XVLFDO LUHFWRU 1REOH: Brother Bruce Allman, recently moved out of the area. We will miss him.

2QIRMPHEHU th, 2015, the Oriental Band participated in Medinah's Fall Ceremonial. Our oriental-sounding music revved up the crowd and also added authenticity to the proceedings. Our members played in fine form.

Finally, we're all looking forward to our annual Christmas Dinner. This year it will be held at the Medinah Oasis on December 12th, 2015. More fun and frolic to come....

As always, our practices continue on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of every month until the end of the year. Beginning in 2016, the practices will change to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We're always looking for HZPHPEHUVVRXGRQHMQDMWR NZKRZWRSDDDQWUXPHQ :H will teach you how to play the musette (snake charmer horn), the drums, or the cymbals and we will provide the instrument; all you have to do is show up with an enthusiastic attitude and a ZLOOLQVWVROHDUQOORXUGLUHFWRU %URWKHU1REOHRZDUG*LHVHQW 339-2335 for more information.

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We'll see you
in Tampa for the

2016 IMPERIAL SESSION

MELHA 6SULQJHOG0DVV

Chris Parker



*UHHWLOQ IURP WKH 1RUWKHDVW big hairy audacious goal for the Ladder RI 6PLOHV ,I ZH DOO ZRUNWRJHWKHU on this, we can reach and beat it, no problem. As Mike Hartup would say, remember folks it's for the kids. Jeff has that beautiful piece of artwork that he had made, make sure if your band sees him that you sign his, but he is selling copies so if you would like one don't forget to order one from him. It looks great in our unit room and I have one in my home as well. 1RZIRUZKDW WKH 0HOKD 2ULHQD band has been doing. We just had our 29th Annual Halloween Dance which was one of the best we had in years. This event is something special to me, when I was a kid about 5 or 6, I would help the guys set up, cook, and clean up the next day. This year I called upon a past president and personal friend of mine to run it and for two weeks after the party, people are still talking about it. Keeping this tradition alive is something that I feel very strong about it's not just a band fundraiser but a very GR PRUH HUH LQWKH 1RUWKHDVW we liked and enjoyable night out for DOOWKDWDDWHQHGR5LFLHWKLV for you brother, great job.

8SLQHZLVWRQW WKH 1(62%\$ meeting we discussed ways to bring our northeast bands together. I touched on how Melha and Rhode Island are already working together to help one another in any way that we can. In all fairness I wish I had the time to GR PRUH HUH LQWKH 1RUWKHDVW we are going to try and set up jam nights where we get all the bands together and just play and learn from one another. More importantly, enjoy the fellowship of what we do. If we all work together then we become an unstoppable force.

1RZIRUWKH,PSIULDOLQXVWRQ for any of those nay-sayers out there who say the OBs are dying I got one word for you, Khiva. If you missed their opening of the Imperial, boy did you miss a great performance by one hell RIDJUHDWEDQ\$6DODDPWRDOORIRX you guys made anyone who calls them VHOIDQULHQDOEDQVDPQRXGRX guys rocked that place but at least there was no hole to be fixed in the ceilings. I had so much fun meeting all of you who came out. With live entertainment in the hospitality room by Gluck and Zumpe, the jokes (thank you) and just the fun and fellowship of the whole WKLQZDVJUHDW6SIFLDOWKDNJRCK

to Kurt Plaut for playing with us in competition, the triangle sounded great brother.

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In closing just once again don't IRUJHW WKH/DGGHUVRI6PLOHV EHFDD it's for the kids. Don't forget to have fun because it's what we do. Don't forget to involve and engage your younger members because that's how they will learn and keep this going for future generations. Don't forget about our men and women in the military because without them we would not be able to enjoy the freedom we have. Don't forget about our brothers that came before us and paved the path of ZKLFKZHZNWRGDIRZ,ZLOOTXRWH the Pote of Melha, who is quoting his grandfather, who is Past Pote of Melha, "If everyone carried a toothpick, then no one would have to carry the log."

Aleikum es salaam,
Christopher Parker

MOSLAH

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“can.” By the time you are reading this have come and gone, with 2016 in full swing. I sincerely hope that everyone

The Moslah Bedouin Oriental Band has its new slate of officers in place and ready to continue in the tradition of supporting our hospitals, the children, your last visit to our oasis much has been accomplished. After coming down off the high from Imperial in Houston, we participated in a local street drive which provided those always needed funds for our two Texas hospitals, Houston and Galveston. Then, many folks assisted in

For us here in Fort Worth we are which will be held in Amarillo under the watchful eye of Khiva Oriental Band. comes faster than folks realize. This year we will be there in June right down in Houston. Until we meet again; Go in Peace.

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Another Thanksgiving has passed and my stomach is thoroughly stuffed, as if you

The Band has basically folded its tent for the winter, as there are no parades planned. On December 1st the Draggin Ladies will

be decorating the Temple foyer with the usual decorations. The Band members show to help out in the effort. The Annual December 12th at the Temple. There will be a prime rib dinner for all who attend.

At this time I would like to congratulate

We are in need for more horn players. I hope we switch to single reed so as to encourage others to play or join the band

The incoming Potentate has asked the Band to play at his installation and Celebratory Ball. He must have hearing

In last month’s meeting we proposed going back to Monday practice and meeting at 6:30 PM instead of Tuesdays at 7 PM. I’ve seen no appreciable difference in the

The Officers were nominated for next year and, most likely, will be elected

for Pasha 1, Frank Martinez Pasha

2016 are Acki Mueller for the 1 year position, Jim Hutchins PP for the 2 year position and Robert Kennar for the 3 year position. All will do a credible job I am sure.

Fraternally,
Bruce Garner

RAJAH

Reading, Pennsylvania

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Greetings from the oasis of Rajah. I know I’ve been a little lax in hitting the deadline for an article and I apologize. Dock my pay.

The Rajah Oriental Band is still up and running. We have taken in a few new members and had some of the older ones who haven’t been around for a while coming back.

The Band made the annual pilgrimage We have not participated the past few years and we were a little rusty. Oh well, we made a showing.

\$W WKH 0\$62%\$ meeting and election of officers, our Don Heimbecker, also from Rajah, who now has procured the famous “blender.” and thank you for stepping up to the plate

The Band got back into the thick of things during the month of October with a full schedule of Halloween parades and one Veteran’s Day parade. The big blue camel put a few hundred miles under its belt and sucked up its share of camel juice to feed its 10 hungry mouths but we made it through unscathed. We had a great showing at all parades and were received well by the spectators.

Our next big affair will be February 27, 2016, at the Inn at Reading in Reading, PA, where we will host the Annual Rajah / Past President’s Ball. This will be in conjunction with the mid-winter meeting 610-395-6578 or jkgrumbein@aol.com for information and details. Anyone who has ever been there can tell you this is a great, fun weekend.

From the Rajah Oriental Band and myself, have a very Merry Christmas and

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We had our election of officers and Herb Armes is President Carr is VP and the other officers remain at their stations. Due to lack of members at practice (rehearsal) we have moved our business meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. We will have our business meeting following our lunch.

Our Christmas party will be over by the time this article hits the newsstands. We will have a good representation from the Divan along with band members and their ladies. Also in attendance will be our gal Emily and her family including sisters Taylor and new baby Lauren. Eight year old Emily just underwent her 18th operation. This one was to adjust the rod in her back.

had a busy and prosperous fall with several parades and a ceremonial with some new band members recruited. First was attending only to find out that they were pulling out due to the was a big success and our band was well represented. We also had a very successful Fall Ceremonial where our band put on a good show before the Friday night program and then strutted a successful fall circus.

We're happy to report on several new band members. Thanks guys for helping us out. Hope your experience with the band will be as satisfying as mine has been all these 33 years.

We're practicing up for all the holiday parades coming up ready. Hope lots of bands will come for the jam sessions and camaraderie.

Florida Ambassador, for the great job he does keeping us all band director, Floyd LaDue, for all their work for the Florida Association.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and try to stay warm and healthy this winter. Remember to stop by and

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Paul (Greek)

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Thought to remember - We learn from our mistakes, and most of us never lack study tools.

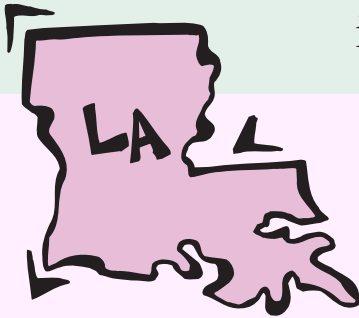
Keith Oviatt presenting the check to Ill. Sir Ed Ferris

Parade season is over and it was a short one for us. We had eight capable bandsmen on the wagon for the few parades we went to.

Join us for the
2016 A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting
to be held during the

Southeast Hoedown Weekend

of April 21st to the 24th
in Alexandria, Louisiana



Come on down to Louisiana
and enjoy some real southern
hospitality ~ "Cajun Style."

Please register with the El Karubah Oriental Band using the registration form on Page 22. Let's show our support and have a great weekend!

The Mid Winter Meeting time and location will announced over the weekend based on the planned activities.

In Memory of Peter J. Lawn

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The ASOB Communications Manager will conceptualize, plan and implement ASOB's internal and external communications. (See full discription in September 2015 issue.)

A letter of application along with a full CV should be sent to: Chris Tsaros 3rd Vice President, ASOB at : christsaros@gmail.com

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(Memory Theresa Brewton)

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Khiva Oriental Band

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Midian Oriental Band

C. Vince Bobrosky

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* Indicates second donation

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AMARILLO, TEXAS, MARCH 18-20, 2016



We urge representatives and members from all Texas Oriental Bands to attend and we welcome all national bands to share in our hospitality.

For information contact

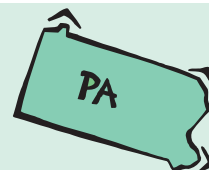
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THE MID-WINTER MEETING of Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association

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It will be in conjunction with the Annual Rajah / Lancaster County O.B. Ladies Night / Past Presidents Ball.



**For Information, Contact John Grumbein
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EDITOR



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2016 SOUTHEAST SHRINE ASSOCIATION

El Karubah

Oriental Band

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ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

PROGRAMS FOR 2016 HOEDOWN

THURSDAY, APRIL 21st

10:00 a.m. – Noon	SESOBA Registration at Hotel
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
4:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting (Oriental Band Room @ Shrine Club)
6:00 p.m.	Open Meal “Cajun Sampler” - Shrine Club

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Registration at Hotel
DP	Hospitality Room Open
11:00 a.m.	Band Director’s Meeting – Oriental Band Room Shrine Club
11:45 a.m.	Luncheon – Nobles & Ladies (Shrine Club)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ladies Attractions (Meet at Hotel)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Meal/entertainment “Cajun Style” – Cochon-de-Lait (pig roast) Shrine Club

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Band Competition – Shrine Club
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	President’s Reception – Shrine Club
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Banquet/Awards Presentation – Shrine Club
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open

“Laissez les bons temps rouler”

Dates: 21-24 April 2016

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th

8:00 a.m.	Farewells in Hospitality Room
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A.S.O.B. Mid Winter Meeting will be in Alexandria, Louisiana on Saturday, April 23rd at a time and place to be announced.

La Quinta Inn & Suites Alexandria Airport

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Sincerely,
John Melder
President, S.E.S.O.B.A. 2016

A.S.O.B. BANDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



I. Purpose:

The purpose of the A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award is to recognize an Oriental Band member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the A.S.O.B., to the Ladder of Smiles, to his Shrine Center, and to his Oriental Band.

II. Criteria

The criteria for this award are as follows:

a. Member in good standing in his Shrine Center

~~or~~ Area A.S.O.B. Ambassador.

b. Demonstrated Leadership within his band, and the A.S.O.B.

c. Demonstrated Leadership within his band, and the A.S.O.B.

1. Willingness to assist and lead where possible

and or Shrine Center.

~~or~~

f. Must demonstrate goodwill towards all OB Members

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V. Award

The A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award will be a plaque with the A.S.O.B. Logo, A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award, Year, Member's Shrine Center, and his ~~EVY~~

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2016 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 3 - 6, 2016

A.S.O.B. Headquarters Hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Tampa Airport - Westshore
4500 W Cypress St, Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: (813) 879-4800

Contact Don Moores, A.S.O.B Secretary / Treasurer for all questions:

Phone: (561) 747-9898 / Email: shrinerdon@bellsouth.net

Mail form to: Don Moores, Re: 2016 A.S.O.B. Imperial Session
47 Chestnut Trail, Tequesta, FL 33469-2129

***** Room Rate is \$121.00/night (plus tax) AND \$20.00 Imperial Fee *****

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A.S.O.B. IMPERIAL SCHEDULE

July 2016

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Redwood/Cottonwood

Sunday, July 3rd

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7:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens Location: Redwood/Cottonwood

Monday, July 4th

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Competition times are subject to change based on number of bands registered.

After Fantasy Hospitality Room Opens Location: Redwood/Cottonwood
Competition & Delegate Location: Hospitality Room
Registration – Banquet Tickets Pick-Up
Hosts: Harry Pressman and Darren DeHass

Music Academy Workshop TBD

5:00 pm Hospitality Room Closes Free Evening

Tuesday, July 5th

9:00 am ASOB Annual Meeting Location: Pinewood
Dress: Red Jacket, tan slacks, ASOB shirt & tie jewel, name tag
and fez
Host: Jeff Moores

9:00 am Ladies Brunch Location: Palm Court
Dress: Business Casual by invitation
Host: Katie Crow

6:00 pm Social Hour (no host) Location: Woodland Foyer
Dress: Formal Tux with White Dinner Jacket, white tux shirt, black
tux pants, black shoes, jewel & fez (No nametag)
Ladies Dress: Formal (Cocktail Attire)

7:00 pm Awards Banquet /Installation Location: Lake Forest Ballroom
Dress: Same as Reception
Host: Jeff Moores/Tom Crow
Hospitality Room Will Open Following Banquet

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

***“We Play For The Children”,
Support YOUR Ladder of Smiles***

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\$125,000

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A.S.O.B. Meal Reservation Request Form

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President's Award / Incoming President's Banquet

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COCKTAILS (no host) 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

Please mark your choice of Entree, \$50.00 per person, U.S. Funds.

_____ Pan Seared Black Grouper w/ Sauteed Baby Spinach, Rock Shrimp, Kalamata Olives, Tear Drop Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts drizzled with a lemon Buerre Blanc

_____ Herb Roasted Airline Chicken Breast stuffed with Goat Cheese, Baby Spinach, Crisp Pancetta, Fresh Sage, with Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2016

NOBLE'S NAME: _____

LADY'S NAME: _____

SHRINE CENTER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Please make your cheques/checks payable to Harry Pressman and remit to:

Harry Pressman
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Houston, TX 77096

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We will % will not % compete for trophies. There will be approximately _____ performing members.

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Title _____

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Band Information

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Member of Regional Associations _____

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Date: _____ Title: _____

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2015)

Any band desiring to appear in the A.S.O.B. Fantasy shall notify the Chairman of the Fantasy Committee by mail. A form is furnished for this purpose. Please indicate whether the Band will appear in the Stage Presentation, the Parade or both, and indicate the number of bandsmen who will be performing. Additionally please indicate if the band desires to compete for awards, as it is permissible to appear for exhibition only. Bands appearing for exhibition only will receive Judge's Sheets for their performance review, but the exhibition scores will not be included in the Fantasy competition.

For those bands wishing to compete in the Fantasy (Stage Performance, Parade or both), there will be a registration fee of \$2.00 per member, payable either in advance or during the Music Director's Meeting. Registration for the Fantasy and Parade competition will be open through the Director's Meeting. To be eligible to perform all Bands must register prior to the conclusion of the Director's Meeting. All bandsmen appearing in the performance are counted as A.S.O.B. members in good standing. The number of performing bandsmen cannot be more than the number of current A.S.O.B. dues members for a band. The A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer will confirm that the number of performing members is equal or less than a band's current A.S.O.B. membership total. Should a discrepancy occur regarding the number of performing members, a band can make payment for current dues to the A.S.O.B. Secretary Treasurer at the Music Director's Meeting to correct this situation. Performance Class assignment will be made at the Director's Meeting based on the number of bands and the number of performing bandsmen in each band. After the class assignment is announced, a drawing to determine the order of appearance within each classification for the Stage Presentation and Parade will occur. One number will be drawn by lot for each band in their respective classification. Once the Music Director's Meeting is over, no changes to the classification or order of appearance will be allowed.

Judging will be based for stage performance and parade as follows:

	Stage	Parade (Marching)	Parade (Float)
Costumes.....	10%	0%	0%
Overall Sound.....	10%	0%	0%
Showmanship.....	10%	20%	20%
Appearance.....	10%	20%	20%
Musical Presentation (Warm-up Numbers).....	25%	60%	60%
Musical Presentation (Competition Number).....	35%	0%	0%

*Note: Showmanship for units riding on a float includes points for the float itself.

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

There will be 4 classifications consisting of Small, Medium, Large and Unlimited Bands. The band assignment and classification to a category will be made at the Music Director's Meeting based on each bands registration information.

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The Concert Number will appear in issues of the Na Khabar and all bands are required to play it. It shall be the closing number of each presentation. Arrangements and/or embellishments to the theme can be at the discretion of the band, and they may be as elaborate as they wish.

Each band shall have warm-up numbers selected from the A.S.O.B Library before presentation of the Concert Number. However, the band must remain on stage at least eight (8) minutes and not to exceed twelve (12) minutes. There will be a loss of five (5) points per minute (or fraction thereof) for any over/under time. Time will commence following the announcement of the band by the M.C. and the first sound made by a band member whether it is spoken, sung or played by an instrument. If the competing band elects its own introduction, entrance or other opening spectacle, time will run from the commencement of such activity. Personal microphones are not permissible and if used, that band will be disqualified. Pyrotechnics will be permitted

All music played by competing bands including warm-up numbers must be of Oriental motif. There will be an automatic five (5) point penalty for any visible music used during Fantasy/Parade competition. There can be limited solo presentation not to exceed one (1) minute. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. The same solo rule applies to music played at the point of Parade judging which is designated by appropriate street signs.

Costumes: Bands are asked to be appropriately dressed in Oriental and Mid-East motif-type costumes; however, due to political climates and concerns for showing respect for our military, bands may wear non Oriental or Mid-East costumes as long as the band's costumes are uniform. As an example, points would be taken away if a band had members in unit shirts and slacks and other members in Oriental or Mid-East costumes. As long as a band has a uniform look, judging will not be reduced. Neatness should be considered.

Showmanship: This is the flourish and enthusiasm shown by all members and the originality of performance and presentation.

Appearance: March capability, attention to Director, as well as movements both on stage and street.

Overall Music Presentation: Playing ability, music of Oriental or Mid East motif, and arrangement will be highly considered. Continued playing ability will be most important in Parade and concert.

Judging: Will be made up of impartial judges who have knowledge about musical, theatrical, marching, showmanship and costuming. Judges will be briefed by a selected member of the Fantasy Committee.

Float Design: Must be of Oriental or Mid East Motif, indicative of Oriental Bands.

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*To send contributions please visit our website at: **www.asob.org***