

Band History

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Little Chute Community Band
1924 - 2010



- 1898: 12 men met and started a band for Little Chute's 50th Anniversary.
- The Little Chute Community Band has been in existence for over 75 years, having officially started in 1924. A group of 25 men from Little Chute formed the band. By 1930, an official organization of the band occurred; this meant the band had officers, by-laws to follow and most importantly a conductor. In 1930 the first formal Annual meeting was held, led by Stephen "Stub" Peeters.

Facts and history of the band.

- 1924: There were 25 members, which grew to 36 members. Some members were Lett Janssen, Bud Weyenberg, Orville Peeters, Harold Janssen, and John Leygraaf.
- 1940: The first women were nominated as members in the band.
 - Vivian Van Dyke
 - Wilma Dereks
 - Rosalie Biesterveld
- Over the years the band has fluctuated in the number of members.
- More than 370 members have passed through the band. Each concert may bring new musicians that stay for a concert, a year or life time. Paul Lamers, has been with the band for 72 years.
 - Currently the band has about 38 members, with ages varying from 15 to Paul Lamers, age 87. The band has been involved with many activities in the community.
 - Centennial, Bicentennial and Sesquicentennial parades for Little Chute, Outagamie County and other surrounding communities.
 - 1965 - Corpus Christi processions for St. Johns in Little Chute.
 - Memorial Day parades.
 - 1965 - Riverview Sanitarium.
 - 3 local nursing and assisted living assisted living facilities. Parkside Care Center, Golden Venture, St. Pauls Home.
 - Over 25 years of Kermis Celebration parades.
 - Over 15 years of CheeseFest Celebration parades and concerts.
 - Christmas parades
 - Concerts at King Veteran's Home in the 1980's and again the late 1990's.
 - Concerts were performed many places in the community, most well known at Heesakker Park in Little Chute, until 1996 when the band shell was built in Doyle Park. We have performed here ever since.
 - 1996 started playing for the Fourth of July at Roberts Lake. The band parades around the lake on pontoon boats, playing marches, polkas and Dixieland.
 - 2000 started playing for Christmas Concerts continuing to this day.
 - 1980's and again 2000- 05 - Joint concerts with Kimberly Community Band.
- The band has been blessed with talented conductors including:
 - A.J. Rice 1924
 - M.J. Heyden 1930
 - M.A. Mesta 1931-1936
 - Galen Unser 1936
 - Milton Herberg 1936
 - William Novotny 1936 - 1941
 - Harold Janssen 1941 - 1988
 - Anita Gilles 1988 - 2000
 - Dave Sawall 2000
 - Jean Robinson 2001 - 2004
 - Dave Sawall 2004 - 2008
 - Peter Krautkramer 2009-present

