

NEW HORIZONS INDY, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Kettles, Milestone Birthdays, and Crocodiles

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Not a concert goes by that Director John doesn't tell the story about having to stop half way through rehearsals for a coffee and doughnut break. Is this what is meant by the Kettle Band? The coffee kettle?

No, this Kettle Band is a conglomeration of wind instruments playing parts 1, 2, 3, or 4 rather than flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, baritone, etc. And this band varies from day to day, depending on which players are available. And coffee and doughnuts? No way! Absolutely no doughnuts with Director Bob. Strictly performances.



Last year our Kettle Band played Christmas Carols for the Salvation Army instead of ringing a bell. Each Friday between Thanksgiving and Christmas our Kettle Band played for two hours, in a chilly walkway adjoining the parking garage and the Circle City Mall.

On Christmas Day the Kettle Band played Christmas Carols for the Wheeler Mission for Homeless Men. The homeless were multitasking watching a basketball game, listening to, and singing with the Kettle Band. It was a new experience and greatly appreciated by the men and Mission.

All in all, the Kettle Band provided over 100 service hours during the month of December and collected over \$700 for the Salvation Army.

NEVER SMILE AT A CROCODILE "Never Smile at a Crocodile, no you can't get friendly with a crocodile, don't be taken



in by his wicked grin, he's imagining how well you'll fit within his skin..." Those are lyrics from Disney's *Peter Pan*.

This is Michelle Carroll, one of our younger band members and a stay-at-home mom who is very

devoted to her Eagle Scout sons. So when one of her boys wanted to earn a special National High Adventure Grand Slam Award Boy Scout patch by attending several "high adventure" camps she supported him, like any good mother would. But she, her husband and one other son went one step further by accompanying him on what turned out to be a trip of lifetime: paddling 63 miles in a canoe through the swamps of Louisiana!



While the overnight accommodations were good (on-shore cabins, and as the only female, she had one to herself), the typical Boy Scout campfires each night were a highlight, and they enjoyed beautiful scenery, sunrises and sunsets, they also contended with Tropical Storm Cindy, which delivered 25 MPH winds and one to two foot swells for four hours of difficult paddling.

And then there were the eyes peering up from under the water. Can you guess why "Never Smile at a Crocodile" is Michelle's new theme song? We even played part of it in "Disney at the Movies," but she declined to stand and be recognized.



"Up close and personal" with a crocodile — this picture was taken by Michelle!

Michelle, whose hair, makeup and dress are always perfect, doesn't look like someone who would spend a week in a canoe and contend with alligators, but she was brave and did it for the love of her son!

180 COMBINED YEARS

These two members represent what New Horizons Band is all about. Both are 90 years young and keep the rest of us hopping.

Clarence White recently

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Clarence White and Mary Zinkin