

THE LONG ISLAND SUNRISERS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

# Membership Handbook 2010

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## Welcome

**T**he Staff and Administration of the Sunrisers Drum and Bugle Corps would like to thank you for your interest in our organization and welcome you to our **2010 Membership Day & Open House**.



The Corps has been through many changes throughout its history. The efforts of the most recent changes have helped us make a huge leap in our educational and competitive goals. Together membership, staff, administration and our sponsors have forged a new path for our Corps. The path has given opportunities to performers of every age to come together and achieve the highest degree of excellence in the marching arts.

We believe the key elements are in place for the Corps to retake its place among the best Corps in the Drum Corps Associates. We have the correct mixture of staff, administration and with your commitment-membership and talent to make great strides forward in quality of design and performance.

Thank you again for your interest and we hope you find the Sunrisers Drum and Bugle Corps the right corps for you and your friends.

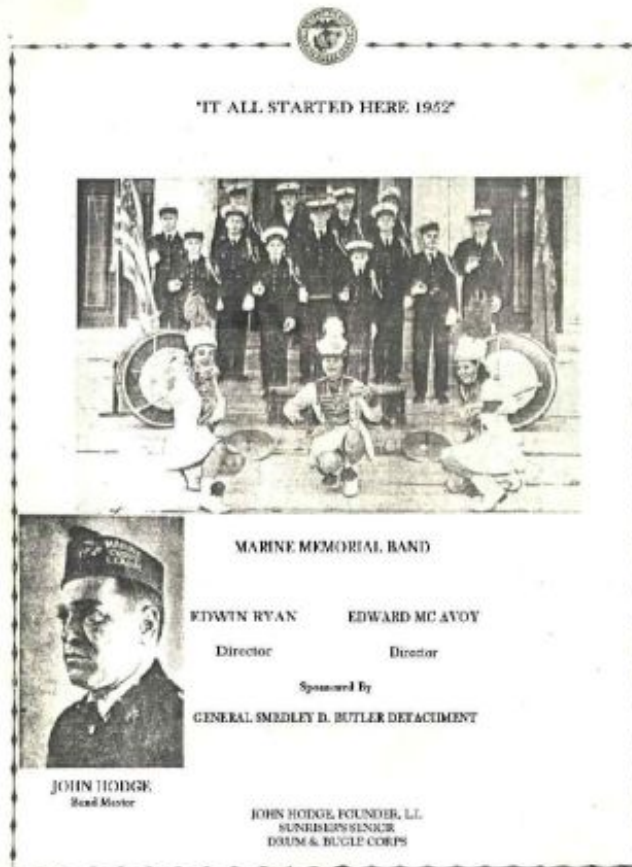
### The Return to Long Island

After nearly 25 years away, this edition of the Sunrisers is proud to return to the place of its birth - Long Island, NY. Whether you realize it or not, as a member of the 2010 Sunrisers you are participating in a truly historic moment in the history of this famed organization.



## Roots and History of the Sunrisers

In 1952, the Marine Corps League of Massapequa, Long Island, was formed by returning WWII Marine Corps veterans. These veterans started a marching musical group comprised of local children to represent them in parades. As the group grew and demands for their performances became more and more, the veterans decided to allow older members to join, thus becoming a Senior Corps. The group outgrew the Marine Corps League and moved to Freeport.



championships, 1977, '78, '82, '83, '87, '88 and most recently the 2007 Drum Corps Associates Class "A" Championship.

The Sunrisers were appointed Nassau County's Marching Musical Ambassadors in 1982, and voted the Corps of the 80's by the Drum Corps Hall of fame.

For a more comprehensive history of the drum corps go to [www.sunrisers.com](http://www.sunrisers.com), click "About Us" on the menu at the top and then select "Corps History" from the menu on the left.

In 1958, Les Brown's a popular song "The World is waiting for a Sunrise" in conjunction with the fact the group rehearsed near the Sunrise Highway spurred the fledgling senior corps to adopt a new name, thus the Sunrisers were born.

The Sunrisers began competing in parades, local field competitions, comprised of the Northeast Circuit of Senior Drum Corps and Drum Corps Associates.

The Sunrisers were the first drum corps to allow women in their color guard. The group was known for their innovations and sophisticated music which continues to this day. The Sunrisers were the first senior drum & bugle corps to field mallet instruments.

The Sunrisers have won numerous titles including the 1968 NE Circuit Championship, and 7 DCA

## Corps Sponsors and Supporters

### MetroAEG

**T**he Sunrisers is promoted and supported by **The Metropolitan Arts & Education Group. MetroAEG**, through its support of groups like The Sunrisers, enhances learning by providing extra-curricular arts education to the residents of Long Island regardless of their background and expertise level. Learning programs are dovetailed with, and provide enhancement to the band music programs in the secondary schools since they are often taught and/or coordinated by the same educators in these local school systems.

#### Mission Statement



The goal of **MetroAEG** and the Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps is to enrich the lives of citizens of our communities by providing wholesome, arts-based, performance and educational opportunities to all involved, regardless of racial, gender or socio-economic background. The Sunrisers organization is dedicated to facilitating access to the arts, and to providing youth and young adults with activities that instill pride, teamwork, motivation, leadership, self esteem and values that are carried back into the community in which they reside.

#### Sponsors

We are fortunate to be the recipient of generous support and sponsorship by the following companies:

- *Innovative Percussion Inc.*
- *Dynasty Percussion*
- *CLSS Enterprises*
- *New York Sportscene Magazine*
- *Meinl Percussion*
- *Remo*
- *Sticktape.com*
- *2-Cool Percussion*

## Sunrisers Management



<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Director</b>	Gary Williams
<b>Asst. Director</b>	Lawrence Visconti Jr.
<b>Treasurer &amp; Secretary</b>	John Torres
<b>Membership Coordinator</b>	Jim Dyckman
<b>Vice President</b>	Dave Franceschina
<b>Vice President</b>	Jim Dyckman
<b>Alumni Liaison</b>	Tony White
<b>Business Manager</b>	Nat Mazyck
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Ellis Mirsky

## Code of Conduct

**Attendance** - All members are required to arrive at all corps events on time. “On time” is defined as 15 minutes prior to reporting time. If you are unable to attend an event, contact your Caption Head or Section Leader prior to your absence.

**Positive Attitude** - The creation of a great product can be physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. All members are expected to foster a PML (Positive Mental Attitude). Instruction and general direction come from Caption Heads, Field Staff and Administrative Representation and then from Section Leaders and in-line instructors. Any conflict resolution and clarification comes from those parties previously mentioned.

**Substance Policy** - As with any all-age organization, responsible members of legal drinking age may enjoy adult beverages after rehearsals and performances, where permitted by law.

The Sunrisers Organization will not tolerate:

- Consumption of Alcohol in or out of uniform, during rehearsals or corps functions by any member
- Use or possession of illegal substances
- Possession of any weapons unless authorized to do so

These policies apply to all members, staff and administration.

**Fundraising** - In order to provide rehearsal facilities, staff, uniforms and equipment, the Corps needs to raise money. It is each member’s responsibility to contribute equally to these efforts. Every member is required to participate in parades, exhibitions, and fundraising events and, of course, competitions. The Corps is compensated in various ways for their appearances and efforts.

**Presentation** - Each marching member, staff member and administrative person represents not only the Corps but also the community, school and family from which he or she comes. Your professionalism and mutual respect for each other and those in other organizations is NON NEGOTIABLE and the disregard for such can be grounds for expulsion from the organization. These behaviors are applicable to rehearsals, parades, competitions, bus trips and all other Corps-related events.

The Corps uniform, whether it is guard costumes or Corps proper, must be cleaned prior to ALL appearances. All aspects of the uniform must be in proper order and condition. Members are responsible for purchasing their own footwear and gloves.

# Financial Responsibilities

## Membership Contributions

**M**embership Contributions are a necessity for the existence of the Sunrisers. Your membership contributions help to financially support the Sunrisers so that we can function during the season. The minimum contribution is **\$300.00** for the 2010 season. This contribution includes all costs for the season with the exception of hotel accommodations, food expenses, and transportation to and from rehearsals. Online payment plans are available to our members.



### Early Pay Discount

**Save 30% !! Pay \$200.00 by Jan 16th, 2010** and we will consider your Membership Contribution paid in full.

**Save 20% !! Pay \$240.00 by Jan 23rd, 2010.**

### Pay Online

Your Membership Contribution can be paid online at **www.sunrisers.com** using a major credit card or a PayPal account. To pay this in way:



1. Click "Membership" on the horizontal Main Menu bar.
2. Choose "Pay Online" from the menu on the left hand side.
3. Follow the Instructions

### Pay by Check

Your Membership Contribution can be paid by personal check in person, or by mailing to the following address:



Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps  
P.O. Box 157  
Plainview, NY 11803

Every marching member is responsible for meeting this financial requirement.

### Other Costs

**Bus fee** - The cost of transportation has risen over the last several years. Unfortunately, those costs have been passed down to the Corps. In order to provide bus transportation, it is necessary for us to collect **\$10 per bus ride** per member riding the bus.

**Equipment Maintenance Fee** - Next to membership, our equipment is the most vital resource we have. We will collect a one-time \$25.00 maintenance fee if you take any piece of Corps equipment into your possession. If any piece of equipment is not returned, you will be billed for the retail cost of its replacement.

Approximate costs to us of equipment pieces:

- Trumpet -\$400 ea.
- Mellophones & Baritones - \$600 ea.
- Tuba- \$4,000 ea.
- Snare Drum- \$600 ea.
- Tenor & Bass Drum - \$1,000 ea.

### Cost Reduction/Incentive Program

**Family Member Discount** - \$50.00 per person will be deducted from membership contribution when two or more members from the same “household” are participating. (More than three family members: discount TBD).

**Member Incentive** - \$25.00 incentive will be applied to the 2010 membership contribution for a member in good standing who recommends a new member for the 2010 season. The "New Member" is required to stay the entire season in order for this incentive to be applied. Pending credit will be held against July installment with the stipulation that failure of new member to fulfill their responsibilities will result in balance of monies due to be paid no later than September 15, 2010.

**“Helping Hands”** - Many hands/individuals are needed to assist in the “day to day” of drum corps. Help is needed in all areas including loading and unloading the truck, picking up/policing the practice area, lining the field, bus coordinator etc. As participating members each of us is asked to share in these responsibilities however there are a few key positions which require consistency to ensure efficiency in running of the corps. The following key positions are available to members who are willing work off a portion of their dues. Interested members should be willing and able to follow thru on task without supervision on a regular basis. Interested members should complete Helping Hands Application found on corps data management system, corpdata.net and email Director and Administrative Assistant for consideration.

1. Truck Driver - Individual person(s) would be responsible for driving the truck/trailer(s) to & from shows/rehearsals. A valid license is required with less than 2 points. (Preferred driver is a family member(s) over age of 30). Individual(s) would be responsible for having truck/trailer(s) at designated location one hour prior to scheduled rehearsal/shows.
2. Loading/Unloading Truck - (4 positions available) – Individuals responsible for coming to all rehearsals one hour prior to scheduled start to unload the truck as directed by truck coordinator. Unloading also

includes shows/parades and exhibitions and loading at the conclusion of the event.

3. Truck Coordinator - (2 positions available) – Individuals are responsible for coordinating, tracking and scheduling coverage with “team” to load and unload at all times.
4. Bus Coordinator - (2 positions available) – Individuals responsible for maintaining bus etiquette while traveling with corps. This includes coordinating loading and unloading of bus at all times, including bays, as well as making sure bus is left clean after use.

# Fundraising

## Parades

Parades are a significant source of operating funds for the Sunrisers and members' attendance at these events is absolutely critical. Generally, members are expected to participate in the following parade performances:

- St Patrick's Day (Mid March, tbd)
- Persian Day Parade (March, tbd)
- Memorial Day (late May, tbd)
- Salute to Israel Day Parade late (late May, early June, tbd)
- Independence Day (July 4)

School performances certainly take precedence where conflicts exist, but **you must let us know what all of your conflicts are**, and for what reason. Please let us know what your weekend school performance schedule looks like as soon as you receive it.

## Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Members solicit pledges from donors for members participation in our bowling event. Bowl-A-Thon Pledge Forms are available at our website.

## Annual Marchathon

Details to be announced

## iGive.com

[iGive.com](http://iGive.com) is an on-line shopping mall. When you shop at iGive.com, up to 15% of your purchase price will be donated to the charitable cause of your choice.

Just by registering as an iGive member, and designating the ***Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps*** as your cause, the Sunrisers will earn money every time you visit [iGive.com](http://iGive.com), whether you buy or not. The more you buy at iGive.com, the more money you raise for your favorite drum corps!

[iGive.com](http://iGive.com) provides categorized shopping in areas such as books & magazines, computers, fashion, kid & teen, music & video, toys & games, pets, automotive, and many more.

To begin earning money for the Sunrisers, visit [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and click on the 'join now' button. Any information you provide during registration is kept **strictly confidential**, and will never be released or sold. Be sure to read the **privacy**

**statement.**

Choose the **Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps** as your "cause", and the corps will earn money every time you visit iGive.com, and even more when you make a purchase.

Register now, and start raising money for the Sunrisers today!

Here's what you need to do:

1. Go to [iGive.com](http://www.igive.com) and sign up by entering your email address and creating a password.
2. Start shopping at one of the stores listed at the Mall at iGive.com. If you use the links to iGive on our website you'll immediately be taken to the iGive website with "Sunrisers" designated as your cause. Look for the "Mall" and search by product name or pick a store.

Alternatively, you can download and install a free "Shopping Window" utility that will make sure that even if you go directly to a participating store's website without going through the iGive "Mall" to select it you will automatically register your purchases with iGive.

Read [http://www.igive.com/html/body\\_shopwindow.cfm](http://www.igive.com/html/body_shopwindow.cfm) for more information about the "Shopping Window" utility. For general information about iGive go to <http://www.igive.com/html/faqs.cfm>.

## Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

The instructional staff will determine the rehearsal schedule in tandem with management as the season progresses. However, the schedule on the Corps website through the winter months should be considered accurate with regard to dates. Locations may change. To access the Corps Schedule, go to <http://www.sunrisers.com> and click "Schedule" on the horizontal Main Menu bar.



www.Sunrisers.com Online Schedule

Staff and administration will schedule and use rehearsal time wisely in an effort to increase the quality and efficiency of rehearsals.

Always check the web site at [www.sunrisers.com](http://www.sunrisers.com) for latest schedule updates. The list below is only a tentative/partial schedule and will be adjusted.

Rehearsal times and locations will change from time to time. It is your responsibility to keep current with changing information.

## Event Notices

Your responsibility with regard to staying informed:

- Check our website **Home Page** at <http://www.Sunrisers.com> . All near-future events and overriding notices will always be posted on our home page.

- Check the long-term calendar on the website regularly in order to see events in the future and to plan accordingly. Access this calendar by clicking “**Schedule**” on the horizontal Main Menu.
- Read ALL **Email** communications from management and staff.
- Call someone via **Phone** if you do not have access to the previous 3 forms of communication.

## Communication

In order for all of us to be the absolute best that we can, and to function in an organized and efficient manner while having fun doing it, we need to know how to reach each other.

### Your Contact Information

Your responsibilities with regard to communication:



- We must have an accurate email address and phone number on record for you. You must notify us when your information changes.
- Your email account must be configured to accept (not trash) mail from the following addresses:
  - [Director@Sunrisers.com](mailto:Director@Sunrisers.com)
  - [JimmyD70@msn.com](mailto:JimmyD70@msn.com)
  - [Suncorps@Hotmail.com](mailto:Suncorps@Hotmail.com)
  - [John@JAFInsurance.com](mailto:John@JAFInsurance.com)
  - [DChina@optonline.net](mailto:DChina@optonline.net)

### Our Contact Information

Should you need to contact us via email, please do so using the addresses provided above.

### In an Emergency

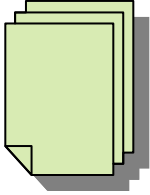
In the event of an emergency please use the following phone numbers:

- (914) 471-2642 Gary Williams, Executive Director
- (201) 207-5561 Lawrence Visconti Jr., Asst. Director
- (347) 482-9244 Nat Mazyck Jr., Business Manager
- (516) 702-1356 Jim Dyckman, Vice President
- (516) 697-0499 John Torres, Vice President
- (732) 995-2793 Dave Franceschina, Vice President



## Required Documentation

While in attendance you'll always have access to hard-copies of documents and forms that are required for membership.



As a member of the Sunrisers you are required to fill out and return the following important documents:

- Medical Information Form
- Membership Application

## Downloadable Forms & Documents

### Forms and Publications

Forms and documents are available on our website. To obtain these files

1. Go to **<http://www.Sunrisers.com>**
2. Click “Membership” on the horizontal Main Menu bar on the home page
3. Click on “Documents” on the vertical menu bar along the left-hand side

The following documents and forms are available for download directly from our site:

- Forms
  - Membership Application
  - Bowl-a-Thon Pledge Form
  - Medical Information Form
- Documents
  - Membership Handbook
  - Recruitment Flyer
  - “FAQ” (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Music

Links to music and audio files will be distributed to you via email when available.

## Volunteers and Support Needed

### Parents & Friends Are Welcome



The Sunrisers are looking for volunteers to help during the 2010 season in the following areas:

- equipment and uniform upkeep and repair
- preparation and distribution of refreshments and supplies at rehearsals and on the road
- help with the general logistics of moving the Sunrisers around at competitions and between commitments
- chaperones

Volunteers will ride with the Sunrisers when the corps takes bus trips and stay over with the corps during weekend trips. The Sunrisers will provide all volunteers with free passes to competitions.

Please, if you have any free time at all, volunteer for the Sunrisers and become involved first hand with one of the finest drum and bugle corps in the United States.

Send an email to [Director@Sunrisers.com](mailto:Director@Sunrisers.com) if you think you're interested or call Gary Williams via phone at (914) 471-2642.

### Our "Wish List"

Monetary contributions and "physical exertion" are not the only forms of needed assistance that you, your friends or your family members can bring to the Sunrisers. Our day to day operations also require brainpower, resources and equipment that you may have access to.



If you have the ability - either through an employer or via your own resources or possessions – to donate items that are on our **Wish List** web page PLEASE contact us. Again, Send an email to [Director@Sunrisers.com](mailto:Director@Sunrisers.com) or call Gary Williams via phone at (914) 471-2642.

Just visit [Http://www.Sunrisers.com](http://www.Sunrisers.com) and click the **Wish List** button on the left hand side of the screen. (Look for the *Wish-List* logo that you see to the left of this text).