



Spring 2017

# Keynotes

## Music for Winds

### Muskoka Concert Band to perform with the Metropolitan Silver Band

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The band group is made up of the following ensembles:

MUSKOKA CONCERT BAND  
KINGFISHER COTTAGE BAND  
MUSKOKA BIG BAND  
HUNTSVILLE HARMONY YOUTH BAND

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[www.facebook.com/muskokabigband/](https://www.facebook.com/muskokabigband/)

The Metropolitan Silver Band was founded in 1931 and has been associated with Metropolitan United Church since 1934. The brass band is a special ensemble as it utilizes only the instruments of the brass and percussion families.

Its concert and service schedule of over 20 performances a year also sees the MSB performing at a variety of churches, seniors' homes, and concert venues in the Greater Toronto Area. Its repertoire includes classics, marches, the music of the great musicals, religious music, popular selections, and contemporary works written and arranged for

brass band.

The concert on May 13, 2017 at The Active Living Centre in Huntsville will feature performances by the Metropolitan Silver Band and the Muskoka Concert Band. The two bands will combine for several joint pieces, guaranteed to raise the roof!



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## **NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada Series Sponsor for the MCB Outdoor Summer Series**

The Muskoka Concert Band is delighted to welcome a new partner, the NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada Ltd. as our 2017 summer series sponsor.

NTN is the third largest bearing manufacturer in the world with 50 plants around the globe. NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada Ltd. was established in 1968.

NTN bearings are used in many industries such as, automobiles and motorcycles, electric vehicles, wind turbines, agricultural machinery, food machinery, medical equipment, robots, and paper manufacturing.

President and CEO of NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada, Mr. Paul Meo believes in the importance of supporting communities and local organizations. We appreciate his support of the Muskoka Concert Band.



NTN manufactures snowmobile bearings.  
The brand name is “Black Ice”.

Paul Meo,  
President and CEO  
NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada Ltd.

# Huntsville Harmony Youth Band

## Huntsville Harmony Youth Band's March Concert

The Huntsville Harmony Youth Band hosted an Open Rehearsal Concert on March 28 at Huntsville Public School. It was an informal concert, held in the group's regular rehearsal space, room 209. We had a great audience made up of parents, friends and even some members of the Muskoka Concert Band. Instructors Alana Hall and Kim Barlow led the band through their warm up scales, followed by Donkey Round and Tambora. Next came the trio Tromclariphone, including Luna Neudling-Black, Olivia Luttrell and Gabby White (with a little assistance from Alana and Kim), who performed Scotland the Brave. The whole band then played the Theme from M\*A\*S\*H\*, a popular TV show from the seventies. The grand finale was a special arrangement of "Ghostbusters".

The HHYB is in its second year and we've grown from 6 members to 15 players! Word

is getting around that it's the place to be if you are between 10 and 15 years of age and you want to make music. Our weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays from 4:30pm-6pm at Huntsville Public School, room 209. We are always open to new members, so help us spread the word. If you know of any young people who are interested, contact Kim Barlow at 705-789-8860.



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# Member News

## Profiling the Kingfisher Cottage Band Flute Section

Joe Alfano spends most of his musical time playing saxophone, mostly in rock and roll and R& B bands, but also in the Muskoka Concert band. He started playing the flute a few years back to round out his musical endeavors. Joe is mostly self-employed in managing properties and cottage maintenance, and also finds time to snowshoe, ski and play hockey.

Laurene Boutin teaches in Huntsville (French immersion) and has been a musician for a dozen years. She is a gardener who loves to cook and also enjoys running. As an artistic outlet, Laurene works on stained glass projects, and she is an avid reader of Canadian literature.

Although she began studying the clarinet in grade 8, Yvonne Green wanted to play the flute in the Kingfisher Cottage Band. She was one of the founding members in 2006. She works as a service coordinator for a non-profit organization and is certified as an advanced PADI scuba diver. She spends many of her vacations exploring oceans all over the world.

Part of a musical family, Jeanine Spring has enjoyed playing with the Kingfisher band for several years. She works as a coordinator for the Sexual Assault Services Survivor to Survivor Program. Along with her husband and son, she runs the Etwell Concert Series and sings in her husband's band. She is also President of the Sisted Fair.

Lois Bundy, our newest Kingfisher flute player, works as a lab technician at the Bracebridge Hospital. She played flute in grades six and seven, and is what we call a 'comeback player', taking it up again after many years. In her spare time she enjoys growing flowers, fruits and vegetables in her garden. She recently became a Canadian citizen after living here for 40 years.





# Upcoming Events

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Spring Concert – Muskoka Concert Band with The Metropolitan Silver Band	May 13 at The Active Living Centre - Huntsville
Spring Dance with the Muskoka Big Band	May 26 - Bracebridge
Spring Concert - Muskoka Concert Band	June 4 - Gravenhurst - Trinity United Church - 2:00 p.m.
Canada Day Celebrations – Muskoka Concert Band featuring over 100 voices of area choirs!	July 1 at River Mill Park in Huntsville – 9:30 a.m.
Dwight Beach Concert – Muskoka Concert Band	July 5 at Dwight Beach – 7:00 p.m.
Port Sydney Beach – Muskoka Concert Band	July 19 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert on the Docks – Muskoka Concert Band	July 26 at River Mill Park – 7:00 p.m.
Orillia Concert – Muskoka Concert Band	Aug 6 – Orillia Aquatheatre – 6:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting - PRO-BUS Club Muskoka North	Sept 14 - Faith Baptist Church - Huntsville - 10:00 a.m.

## Sponsor Profile - Attainable Solutions Inc.

*Blayne Hutchins who owns Attainable Solution Inc. is well known around Muskoka. Attainable has sponsored the Muskoka Concert Band for the past five years. I met with him recently to interview him for Keynotes. Here is what I learned.*

Blayne started working in landscaping at the age of 12 for a company in Huntsville.

When he graduated from high school in 1994 he went out on his own. His business grew but he had a problem. He did not like having to lay off employees during the winter so he branched out. Attainable started building steel frames for docks. That led to building boathouses, which led to building homes and cottages.

In 2000 he built his own home and now Attainable builds homes throughout Muskoka, some of which are worth over \$2 million.

Today, Attainable is a full service contractor completing new builds, renovations, landscaping, steel docks, septic fields, and tree maintenance. They can do drawings and plans.

Attainable has a full fleet of heavy equipment including 2 barges, 7 excavators, skid steers, and dump trucks.

When you ask Blayne what sets him apart he immediately talks about the importance of having a good name. He quotes Proverbs 22 Verse 1 which says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

He says that every contractor makes mistakes. The key is what you do to correct them. That

is how you turn your customers into fans. Blayne thinks that having satisfied customers is the key to growing his business.

When asked about the reason for supporting the arts he talks about the importance of community. Blayne believes that community is important. Blayne is a family man devoted to his wife Jennifer and their three children. He says community is like family and it is important to invest in the community.

The Muskoka Concert Band is proud indeed to be associated with Blayne Hutchins and Attainable Solutions Inc.

Thank you Blayne.



Blayne Hutchins  
Attainable Solutions Inc.



## Muskoka Big Band - Bracebridge Dance - May 26

Spring is here and it's time to get moving.

What better way to do that than get out and dance!

On Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> the Muskoka Big Band will be playing their first official dance at the Bracebridge Legion. I



In keeping with the Muskoka Concert Band Group's community support through music, this event is a benefit for both the Bracebridge United Church and the Muskoka Big Band.

Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the music starts at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are only \$10 and are limited to 100. Further donations can be made at the dance. Refreshments will be served by the Legion who have graciously waived half their normal hall rental fee in support of our efforts.

## Roger Bolt Retires from the MCB Board

Roger Bolt has stepped down from the board of The Muskoka concert Band after many years of service.

Neil Barlow presented Roger with a plaque and spoke to the band about Roger's contributions to the organization. He served in executive roles, helped to write the original by-laws for the band and arranged for grants from Bell Canada retirees program.

We will miss his support on the board.





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## **New Board Members**

At our Annual General Meeting in April 17, 2017 the membership elected the following new members to the board.

Bill O’Neill - Bill will serve as VP

Janet Copland - member of Muskoka Concert Band and Kingfisher Cottage Band

Carol Anne Robinson - member of Kingfisher Cottage Band

## **2017 Directors and Officers**

Gord Duncan - President

Merrill Perret - Past President

Bill O’Neill - VP

Rick Lamoureux - Secretary

Fran Harvey - Treasurer

Janet Copland - Director

Debbie Cybulski - Director

Carol Anne Robinson - Director

Jean Bagshaw - Director

Neil Barlow - Music Director

Kim Barlow - Asst Music Director