

Pottsgrove to mark 40th with banquet

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LOWER POTTS GROVE — The Pottsgrove School District's 40th anniversary celebration is kicking into high gear.

Entitled "Forty Cheers for Forty Years," the district's anniversary committee has set a schedule of events in March and May.

The highlight will be a banquet and dance for alumni Friday, March 22, at Sunnybrook Ballroom. District officials are hoping to invite every living Pottsgrove graduate to the event.

A volunteer committee came up with names of about 4,500 alumni. Money raised from 40th Anniversary hats and T-shirts will go toward mailing the invitations, which will go out via third-class mail sometime this week.

The cost of the dinner is \$30 per ticket. The band "Powerplay," which includes Pottsgrove graduates, will provide the music. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The remaining events are open to the public and free of charge.

The schedule of spring events begins with an orchestral concert on Monday, March 18. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Orchestral groups composed of elementary, intermediate and high school students will perform a variety of music. Alumni groups will perform ensemble pieces.

On Tuesday, March 19, a choral festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. A select group chosen from the district's three elementary schools will perform. The intermediate and high school choruses will also be on hand, as will a community group. That group is currently being formed. Practices are being held Thursday evenings at the intermediate school.

The evening's grand finale will include singers from each group. That performance will be con-

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ducted by Nancy Bixler, Pottsgrove's choral director for 37 of the district's 40 years.

Following the musical theme, a band night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 25 at the high school. Bands from all levels of the Pottsgrove band program will perform in addition to the Pottsgrove Community Band, which is under the direction of Rodney Boyer.

Tom Roberts, retired Pottsgrove band director and a Pottsgrove resident, will conduct the finale, which will be performed by members of all of the bands.

The U.S. Army band will join in Pottsgrove's anniversary celebration with appearances on May 2 and 3. The band will perform before the entire student body during a series of assemblies on both days.

On the evening of May 2, the band will hold a free concert for the public. A time has not yet been set.

The district's first-ever Expo will be held at the high school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 11. District-wide educational programs will be featured and displayed throughout the school.

Any questions regarding the events should be directed to Eleanor Brennan at the district administration building.