

**Program:** Veterans Day Salute

**Speaker:** New Horizons Swing Band

**Introduced by:** Jeff Rasley

**Sponsored by:** George McCord MD

**Guests:** Donna Holl, Jo Baize, Stephen Jacobs, Melissa Murphy, Patricia Mestichelli, Cindy Rose, Tom Rasmussen, Barbara Solomon

**Attendance:** 98

**Scribe:** Dick Garrett

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A long time ago, 1991 in fact, Doctor Roy Ernst of the Eastman School of Music had a great idea. There are lots of older people in our communities who have musical talent but no outlet for the practice of their musical skills. He birthed the idea of New Horizon bands; an idea so appealing that his bands exist throughout the US and in several foreign countries. The idea was so successful that there are now over 200 bands, orchestras, and choirs engaging more than 10,000 members worldwide. The associations formed within these groups became important for social interaction as well as mental stimulation. The Indianapolis New Horizons Band was formed in September of 1994.

The Sciencetech Club was entertained today by an “offspring” of a typical New Horizons band – they call it the New Horizons Jazz Band. It is conducted by Al Spangler who used to be the band director at Speedway High School. The emcee is a familiar face to most of us; Don Hein served for many years as the sports director on WTHR, channel 13. His experienced voice was much appreciated as he announced the various numbers. The band was composed of 19 members, one of whom is their vocalist as well as a saxophone player. Debby Heingler did a great job singing *God Bless the USA*; what a pleasurable voice she has. We were entertained by music of the 1930’s, 40’s up to the youngest song written in 1968.

The concert began with the Star-Spangled Banner and ended 14 songs later with a jazz classic, *Sing, Sing, Sing* made famous by the Benny Goodman Band. Many of the group exhibited exceptional talent, and we were very pleased to be able to enjoy their wonderful music.



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