

Honoring our Mothers

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with a wonderful, relaxing concert in the park. For the past several years the Pioneer Band has opened the Allentown summer concert series with a traditional Mother's Day concert and this year was no exception. Conductor Jay Durner programmed a variety of selections to appeal to persons of all ages. If your interest was Broadway, the band played favorites from the "Sound of Music" as well as "Cats." For a relaxing and more pensive moment, there was a beautiful Percy Grainger arrangement of "Irish Tune from County Derry" (also known as "Danny Boy").



Jay A. Durner, Conductor

And, although the weather was rather cool, the band warmed things up with marches such as the "Royal Bridesmaids March," "Footlifter" and even a traditional German arrangement entitled "Hoch Heidecksburg." The wind picked up and what more appropriate piece than a medley of "Mary Poppins" tunes. (You could almost picture Julie Andrews with her umbrella.)



Pioneer Band at West Park of Allentown, PA

By the time the musicians performed the music of the rock group Chicago, all hope of feeling the warm rays of the sun were gone. To everyone's surprise, after a few opening notes, the sun broke through. With such songs as "Make Me Smile" and "Saturday in the Park" it became a warm and sunny day, and, certainly brought smiles to both audience and musicians alike.

