

KUTZTOWN PIPE BAND

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PIPING INTO A NEW YEAR



MEET *a Member*

Let's meet our Treasurer!



- 1) **What is your full name?** *Jennie Friehauf*
- 2) **What is your current hometown?** *Kutztown, PA*
- 3) **What is your vocation?** *I am a former geologist turned accountant*
- 4) **How many years have you been playing bagpipes?** *I started learning chanter in 2017, when the band first started.*
- 5) **Why did you decide to play? What was your inspiration?** *Before starting lessons, I knew nothing about Scottish music or bagpipes, and I had never heard or seen anybody playing them in person. It had never crossed my mind to try to play them. But when Laura told me she was starting a band and asked me if I'd like to learn, and after some length of hesitation, I gave it a chance. I thought I would be 'just doing a friend a favor' and I would bow out soon thereafter. I had no idea that I would absolutely love it! So many thanks to Laura for her gentle persuasion and patience!*
- 6) **Have you ever been to Scotland?** *No, but I would love to go someday.*
- 7) **Do you play any other instruments?** *I learned a little clarinet as a kid and a little guitar as an adult.*
- 8) **What is your favorite pipe band tune?** *I don't know that I have a specific favorite tune (maybe "Dollar Sunrise"), but I am partial to the big, moving sound of slow airs with harmonies - I love the long notes and hearing all the sounds blended together. Plus, my fingers don't have to try to move as fast for the slow tunes!*
- 9) **Tell us about your best and/or worst piping experience.** *I wouldn't exactly say it was the worst experience, because it turned out fine in the end, but playing outside in varying types of weather can be challenging...sometimes you don't know what your bagpipes will do. We were about to participate in a parade on a very, very cold day during March 2023. As we gathered around in a circle to start tuning and warming up to play, I couldn't produce a sound! I was worried that I wasn't going to be able to play, and I was miserably cold standing in line, waiting to start marching. Thankfully, once we started moving, I warmed up quickly, my pipes came in, and I was able to play and enjoy the parade with the rest of the band!*
- 10) **Is there anything else you would like to share?** *I am very grateful to be part of the Kutztown Pipe Band, and I think it is such a great group of people. I've learned so much about music, and playing bagpipes continues to be a joy and a challenge every week!*



News

Exciting things are happening for the Kutztown Pipe Band! Numerous events are already scheduled for the upcoming season, including some cool collaborations.

We welcomed a few new chanter students who are learning and practicing.

In November, several band members attended the Pocono Workshop to further our knowledge and hone our skills. We were so inspired that we are going to hold our own workshop, led by our Pipe Major, Laura Sherrod. Watch for details in our next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Fri. 3/8 Kutztown Folk Music Society 7:30 PM St. Paul's UCC
S. Whiteoak St., Kutztown

Sat. 3/9 Keystone Villa in Fleetwood/Blandon ❄️

Sat. 3/16 Parade of Shamrocks - Bethlehem (tentative)

Sun. 3/17 Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade

❄️ - denotes event not open to public

Many more events are on the calendar for spring! Look for them in the next newsletter.

Fall Highlights

King Frost Parade
1st Place
Community Band



Jack Frost
Parade

Annual
Dinner
at the Tavern



KU Military
Appreciation
Football Game



Pocono
Workshop

Reading Southern &
Northwest Middle
Schools
Educational Program



Conrad Weiser
East
Veteran's Day
Assembly



DON'T FORGET

- *KPB has its own Youtube channel
- *You can learn a lot about us on our website www.kutztownpipeband.com
- *We are available for educational demonstrations, parades, festivals, weddings, funerals and memorial services (and lots of other events, too!)
- *We need drummers!!!

KCS CORNER

The Kutztown Celtic Session is a branch of the Kutztown Pipe Band which started in 2022 as a weekly session practice for our multi-instrumentalist band members. Our current session group members bring talent on acoustic guitar, fiddle, flute, smallpipes, uilleann pipes, vocals, whistle, and more! The KCS hosts weekly open sessions each Monday, welcoming anyone who has a love of Celtic music. Contact us at Laura@kutztownpipeband.com if you'd like more information about these sessions.

Catch us monthly at the K'Town Pub!
Next date: 1/22 5-7PM

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Donate** - We are a 501c3 non profit, so all donations are tax deductible. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how.
- Spread the word about our band to family and friends
- Contact us if you're willing to carry our banner in parades!
- Do you know of anyone interested in receiving our emails? Have them contact friends@kutztownpipeband.com
- Learn to play the pipes or join our drum corps
- Subscribe to our Youtube channel here
- You can follow us on and

PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION, AND INSTRUCTION WITH THE GREAT HIGHLAND BAGPIPES

Founded in 2017, the Kutztown Pipe Band is both a student group at Kutztown University and a non-profit community group in the Borough of Kutztown. Band members include faculty and staff from Kutztown University, staff and students from Kutztown Area School District, and residents of the Borough of Kutztown and nearby communities. Each band member is at a different stage in the journey to becoming proficient at the bagpipes and pipe band percussion. We are a learning and performing band that offers bagpipe and drumming instruction to anyone wishing to join the band and embark on the lifelong journey to mastering the Great Highland Bagpipes.

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