

**Women Band Directors International
Summer 2018 Conference
June 14 – 17, 2018
Park Vista Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN**

Wednesday (June 13) – Executive Board Only

1:00 p.m. – **Executive Board Meeting**, Dr. Catherine Rand presides
- Meeting with executive board and past presidents

5:00 p.m. – Dinner at TBA

Thursday (June 14)

9:00 a.m. – **Executive Board Meeting**, Dr. Catherine Rand presides

11:30 a.m. – Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. – Meeting with **Executive Board and Committee Chairs**

Thursday (June 14)

3:00 p.m. – **Welcome all members** to the conference, hotel bar area/lobby

5:00 p.m. – Leave for Dinner - Pottery House Café and Grill, 3341 Old Mill Rd., Pigeon Forge, TN (If you are running late, you might want to meet us there.)

*The Old Mill Pottery House Café & Grille offers a picturesque dining experience in the Smoky Mountains. Located in the former home of Pigeon River Pottery's founding potter, Douglas Ferguson, original stone floors line the dining room and the large stone fireplace provides warmth and atmosphere during chillier months. When weather permits, ask for a table outside on the patio beside the small pond lined with cheerful plants. For lunch and dinner, we serve quality steaks, grilled salmon, fresh local trout, and Southern comfort foods. Other menu items include garden fresh salads made to order, delicious sandwiches, burgers, hearty homemade soups and fresh-baked breads made with wholesome grains stone ground at our historic Old Mill. Finish your meal with a slice of cake or pie made from scratch on site in our bakery. Our plates, bowls, salt shakers and even our bathroom sinks are handcrafted by our skilled artisans next door at **The Old Mill Pigeon River Pottery**. Come and experience our quality and our heritage and see why we are rated #1 in the Smokies on trip advisor.*

8:00 p.m. – Smokey Mountain Opry - \$35.00 – Must be paid by May 1st.

The area's largest musical variety show featuring music from Big Band Swing through today's country. See the most talented cast of singers, dancers, comedians, and musicians the Smokies has to offer! Marvel at our special effects, laser lights, pyro, giant video screens, dazzling costumes, and high flying musicians! Yes... HIGH FLYING MUSICIANS! From Country hits old

and new, yesterday's Disco, Jivin' Swing, Movie Favorites, and a little Motown! Songs from Frank Sinatra, Kenny Loggins, Carrie Underwood, Garth Brooks, Stevie Wonder, Janis Joplin, The Beatles, Etta James, George Jones, and many others! The Smoky Mountain Opry has it all!

Friday, (June 15)

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. – General Meeting, Dr. Catherine Rand presides

9:00 – 9:50 a.m. – **Session 1** – Technology in the Bandroom, presented by Stacy Coker, West Ashley High School, SC

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. – **Session 2** – Panel Discussions, Building your Curriculum, facilitated by M.J. Robinson

Dr. Catherine Rand – College
Jammie Phillips – Middle School
Jenny Collins – High School and Starting a new program
Karen Williams Lanning– Cross Curricular Instruction

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. – **Session 3** – Women's Issues, presented by Dr. Courtney Snyder, University of Michigan

12:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own and free time in Gatlinburg OR hiking and exploring mountains, OR shopping in Pigeon Forge.

6:00 p.m. - Meet for dinner at Park Grill, 1100 Parkway. We have a reserved area for dinner under the name of WBDI.

8:00 p.m. – Putt-Putt Tournament – Treasure Quest Golf (Indoor and air conditioned), 653 Parkway. This is just for fun, but we will have some prizes! Participants will pay as we go in.

Saturday, (June 16)

6:00 a.m. – Meet Kathy Cox in lobby if you wish to hike Laurel Falls, which is one of the easiest hikes in the Smokey Mountains and is paved. Round trip, the hike to Laurel Falls and back is 2.3 miles. Hikers will climb roughly 314 feet in elevation before arriving at the 80-foot waterfall. The hike is well worth it though – Laurel Falls is very photogenic!

9:00 – 9:25 a.m. – General Meeting and winner of Putt-Putt Tournament announced!

9:30 – 10:20 a.m. - **Session 4** – Recruiting and Retention by MJ Robinson, Summerville, SC

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. – **Session 5** (Mini Session) – Podium attire with Dr. Sue Creasap

11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch at Mills Park (Mills Park Rd off of 321), where we will have a covered pavilion and Prepaid Subway Sandwiches (Disc Golf Course, track, softball field, horseshoe pits). Please bring your lawn chairs if you have them. For those who like to play guitars, bring them! (No amplifiers will be allowed in the park)

2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Conducting Symposium – (Dr. Catherine Rand, Dr. Sue Creasap, Dr. Robin Bell, Dr. Courtney Synder)

5:00 p.m. – Dinner at Calhouns , Banquet style of BBQ pork and chicken – Prepaid \$25.00 by May 1

7:00 p.m. - **Session 6** - Mentoring

Sunday (June 17)

9:00 a.m. – Farewell breakfast at the Log Cabin Pancake House (Airport Rd.)