

The Peter Lewis and Peter White Music Scholarship.

is awarded to a Kennett High School Senior who is continuing their education in Music. The student must be majoring in Music, whether it be Applied Music or Music Education

Each year, there is a concert to benefit the scholarship. The Concert begins at 6:00pm and lasts until midnight!

The musicians that play that night receive no fee. They play out of the joy that they get from playing with fellow musicians they don't get to play with often. More importantly, they play to honor two fellow musicians who loved life and gave to the community their gift of music, and can continue their legacy through the scholarship.

Besides the admission at the concert, The main source of the scholarship funding is through the sale of raffle tickets. The grand prize is a 5 Day 4 Night stay for two in Bermuda! There are many other prizes, ranging from dinners to jewelry to gift certificates in local stores to ski tickets and more! The success of the scholarship and raffle is due to the generosity of the business community. There are also tee shirts for sale to commemorate each concert.

A History of the Lewis and White Scholarship Concert

In 1976, Jim Myers, co-owner of the Up Country Restaurant, traveled to Bermuda on the Bi-Centennial. There he came across a fun band that called themselves the 'MacKenzie, Lewis, & White Band'. He asked them to the Mount Washington Valley, and in 1977 Peter Lewis, Rod MacKenzie, and Peter White came to the valley. And the rest as they say is history!

Peter Lewis went back to his native Britain where he passed away far too young in 1986. That year Gene Pelzar (co-owner of Up Country), Rod, and Peter White decided to create a scholarship in his memory since Peter Lewis had a love of music, life, and kids.

Rod MacKenzie and Peter White remained in the valley, familiar faces to many for good music and good fun. And every year the Peter Lewis Memorial Scholarship Concert was held to help send a Kennett Senior to college for music, whether it be applied music or music education.

Sadly, in 2002, Peter White joined Peter Lewis to sing in another place, and probably to create havoc. The scholarship concert was renamed to the Lewis and White Scholarship Concert.