



**Jim DeCaro**

Jim DeCaro was born in San Diego, California and he went to high school in Berwyn, Pennsylvania where he graduated from Conestoga High School. He received his BME in 1979 and his MM in clarinet performance in 1981 from Indiana University. His career includes two years of teaching band in the MCCSC in Bloomington, Indiana, twenty years teaching band and jazz band at Edgewood Junior High School in Ellettsville, Indiana and ten years in the Lawrence Township Schools of Indianapolis teaching band and jazz band at Belzer Middle School and serving as the Curriculum Director for a township wide summer performing arts program.

Highlights from his career include directing his eighth grade concert band from Edgewood Junior High School at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, multiple concert band and jazz band performances at the annual state IMEA convention, unanimous first division and gold ratings at the annual ISSMA Organization and Jazz Band contests, multiple performances and 1st place awards in various band contests in Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois and Ohio and Honor Band awards at the Purdue University, Eastern Illinois and Mattoon Jazz Festivals.

After retiring from public school teaching in 2013, DeCaro has worked with several local high school and middle school band programs, served as a frequent adjudicator at numerous concert and jazz band contests and festivals, directed several honors concert and jazz bands, served as a presenter at several IMEA conferences and served on ISSMA state list music revision committees. He has also had articles published in several publications. For the past seven years, DeCaro has served as a University Supervisor of the music education student teachers and now as an Adjunct Lecturer in the music education department at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

DeCaro is an active clarinetist and performs as the principal clarinetist with the Indiana Wind Symphony and also as a clarinetist with the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, St. Luke's Orchestra and the Southern Indiana Wind Ensemble. Jim and his wife Cheryl have two children and four grandchildren. They reside in New Palestine, Indiana.