

Headlight

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More Than a Song

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If you have ever attended a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, then you have heard the bouncing and jovial opening chords of Neil Diamond's classic before the bottom of the eighth inning. However, you may not know how it came to be that "Sweet Caroline" became near and dear to the Fenway faithful, most of whom sing along when the song comes on during the game.

It was in 1969 that Neil Diamond first released "Sweet Caroline", a song which he later stated was inspired by the daughter of former president John F Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy. Along with Neil Diamond, the song has seen much success, and has gone platinum in the 44 years since it was conceived. "Sweet Caroline", like many other songs, was casually played in many sporting events, including a select number of Red Sox games in the late nineties to early 2000's. In this time period, the song was most often played later in the games, and only when the Sox were winning. Once John Henry took over the Red Sox in 2002, the song earned a permanent place in the hearts of Sox fans, as the song came to be played at every home game in the eighth inning.

Songs like "Sweet Caroline" that are significant to a sports team carry significant weight in the outside world as well, it has become a trademark of not just "Red Sox Nation", but of the city of Boston as well. In tough times such as the tragic events of the last week, it is songs like "Sweet Caroline" that serve as rally cries to the people of Boston, and show the brave resiliency of a city. In light of the events in Boston, "Sweet Caroline" was played in ballparks across the country in support of the Red Sox and Boston, including Yankee Stadium, an act that put aside the baseball rivalry

between two cities and showed unity as a nation. In addition, Neil Diamond himself was present at the Red Sox game on Saturday as the Sox took on the Kansas City Royals, and asked if he could lead those present in his song during the game, a sign of respect to the city that has preserved his relic of a song for the last eleven years. The team agreed, and Diamond went out on to the field before the bottom of the eighth inning and sang; the Red Sox won the game, and "Sweet Caroline" has never sounded better.

In other news, here are some recent releases in the music industry:

Fall Out Boy: Save Rock and Roll (4/16/13)

Fall Out Boy was one of the most successful rock bands of the 2000's, with hits such as "Dance, Dance", and "Thnks Fr Th Mmrs" (Apparently Fall Out Boy has a problem with vowels). However, all good things must come to an end, and so did Fall Out Boy, and after releasing a flop of an album in 2008 (Folie a Deux), and a greatest hits album the year later, it looked as though the band was done. Instead of bowing out from the rock world gracefully, the band apparently has decided to do it kicking and screaming with its new release, Save Rock and Roll. Each song on the album shows the band trying to conform to one, if not more of music's current popular characteristics, featuring rappers such as Big Sean ("The Mighty Fall") and trying their best to replicate Mumford & Sons ("Young Volcanoes). It fails quite badly. The band has clearly lost their somewhat edgy and alternative identity, and not been able to find it again. There are not any standout tracks on the album, but if you close your eyes very tightly when listening to "Death Valley", you can hear the genius behind earlier albums like From Under The Cork Tree. (3/10)

Importance of Gratitude

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For the longest time, I have never really taken the time to appreciate how lucky I am to have amenities like a computer, bed, or a stable home. Over April vacation, I went on a mission trip to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota with my youth group. It was definitely a wake-up call when we drove by very small houses in poor condition, and found out that the students do not have a great education, and only about 75% of them graduate from high school. After discovering this, I began to feel guilty about complaining several times about things such as my computer being slow, my bed not being comfortable enough, or my room being too small. I realized that all the times I complain about not having things be good enough, there are people in the country who don't even have a bed or a good education. I decided to stop feeling guilty about my petty complaints and be more appreciative of what I have.

I have never paid much attention to the distance between houses and buildings in Marblehead, but when we were driving through the wide open plains of South Dakota, it became a rare occurrence to see several houses close together. Also, I never realized how big and elegant the houses and their landscaping are here. I'm happy to say that I have been home for a week now, and I haven't complained about my bed or anything significant since. The trip was an eye-opening experience, as it allowed me to escape my wealthy small town and view things from a different perspective. It would be great if everyone was able to experience this revelation, but I'm glad that I had the opportunity to, because it has definitely taught me the importance of gratitude.

Citizen Scholarship Foundation of Marblehead Race

Marblehead is lucky to have one of the best school systems in the state, and Marblehead High School offers students a solid base to jump-start their college career. But with college tuition and hidden fees rising faster than the ocean tides, for some, the college dream may be just that: a dream. Most would agree that everyone deserves the chance for a full education, regardless of financial standings. So what is a broke high school senior to do? That's where Marblehead Dollars for Scholars comes in. Previously named the Citizen Scholarship Foundation of Marblehead, this foundation has awarded 1,150 scholarships since the inception of the chapter 25 years ago, amounting to \$2,502,500 in awards. I had the pleasure of speaking with two passionate board members, Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Magee, about their upcoming fundraising event.

On Saturday, June 1, Marblehead Dollars for Scholars is hosting a second annual 5k race and family walk at Devereux Beach. All money raised goes directly to Marblehead High School seniors who need college fund support. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. and loops around the Neck. It will be professionally timed by North Shore Timing, and prizes will be awarded! A DJ and multiple vendors will be present to add even more pep to the event.

Registration is \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. You can register online at www.csfmarblehead.org, or beginning at 7:30 a.m. the day of the race. Don't be intimidated, though! Everyone is welcome to walk if they would rather, or even just cheer on the participants. Come take a look and see just how many of your coworkers, friends, and neighbors have invested their time and effort into supporting Marblehead Dollars for Scholars so students can achieve their college dreams. If you are unable to attend the event, not even for a few minutes, you may make a tax deductible donation online at www.csfmarblehead.org. Please make checks payable to Marblehead Dollars for Scholars.

Your donation will help twenty Marblehead seniors attend college who may not be able to otherwise, so allow yourself that extra piece of chocolate as a reward. You deserve it.

Goal of Race: Get community aware of how many students get assistance to go to college.

1. What is the CSFM?

Citizen scholarship foundation of Marblehead

Now called: Marblehead Dollars for Scholars (Same organization, new name)

Need based scholarship, helps those truly struggling to afford to go to college

Everything raised goes directly to the student

2. How many students has the CSFM assisted over the years?

1150 scholarships have been awarded in the past 25 years, amounting to \$2,502,500 in awards.

3. How are you connected to the CSFM?

Mrs. Norman & Mrs. Magee: both board members

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4. What is the CSFM Race/Family walk?

5k race @ Devereux beach, Professionally timed by North shore timing, (Mike Page) People are welcome to walk if they'd rather.

There will be a DJ and other vendors, so it'll be lots of fun!

5. Is this an annual event or is it new this year?

Second year, hope to continue

6. How will the money raised be used?

20 need-based scholarships for seniors at Marblehead High school

7. Who can apply for a scholarship?

Senior from Marblehead high school, Marblehead resident

8. When is the race?

Saturday June 1, 9:00am

9. How much does it cost to register?

\$10 for HS and under, \$25 for adults

10. Will there be awards?

Yes, various prizes

11. How can people register?

Online at: www.csfmarblehead.org until May 30

Day of registration opens at 7:30am

12. How can people learn more about the CSFM and the race?

Online at www.csfmarblehead.org

13. Can someone donate if they don't want to participate in the race?

Yes! Online at www.csfmarblehead.org, make checks payable to Marblehead Dollars for Scholars (and it is tax deductible.)

But it is encouraged that everyone come to the race, just to cheer the racers on and recognize how many of your friends, neighbors, and coworkers are working together to assist financially-challenged students go to the college of their dreams.

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