LOCAL 400

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

The Score

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Member Updates – June 2026

At the end of June, Local 400 reported **511 members**, a net gain of zero members from the prior month. There were 399 Regular, 111 Life, and 1 Youth members. Below is the activity for the month of June.

WELCOME New Members

Dustin Ciano (Trumpets) - 6/9

Roxan Jurkevich (Percussion) - 6/11
Elisabeth Chang (Cello) - 6/11

Welcome Back Reinstated Members

Chieh-An Yu (Violin) - 6/8

Resigned Members

William Connors (Tuba) - 6/30
Lauren Holtshauser (Trumpet) - 6/11
Paulina Dixon (French Horn) - 6/27
Trevor Babb (Guitar, Banjo) - 6/30

Life Member Attainment

William Whitaker (Trombone, Bass Trombone, Tuba) - 6/15



Dues Notice Reminder for 2nd Half 2026
DEADLINE APPROACHING: July 30, 2026

At this writing, there are roughly 50 members whose memberships expired on June 30 who have not yet renewed their membership dues for the second half of the year. **THE DEADLINE TO RENEW OR RESIGN IN GOOD STANDING IS JULY 30**. If your dues or resignation letter is not received by July 30, you will be SUSPENDED and will have to pay a late fee to be reinstated. Dues invoices were mailed to addresses of record on June 1. You can also renew online at the AFM site or on Local 400's website.

Are my dues due? Click the button below to see the most recent list of members whose dues have not yet been received.

Are my dues due?

Please do not allow yourself to become suspended or subsequently expelled by failing to resign in good standing by the deadline date. Suspension or expulsion will prevent you from joining any other Local in the United States or Canada. Resignation in Good Standing is especially important for our members who play in orchestras with Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report on AFM Convention

There are some very big changes coming next year that will directly affect members, many in a positive way. Please click the button below to read the entire article.

- Multi-card rebate eligibility threshold lowered
- Standardization of Suspension and Expulsion periods
- Member participation in CBA discussions
- Mandatory announcement of Federation job postings
- Per Capita dues increase staggered over 3 years

Read the Article

HARTFORD YARD GOATS ORGANIZED LABOR NIGHT

Local 400 is pleased to participate in the Hartford Yard Goats Organized Labor Night on Saturday, September 5 at Dunkin Park in Hartford. We have purchased a block of 25 tickets that we will give away to members via a lottery system described below. The block of seats purchased are in Section 120 and are in portions of Rows L, M, and N. They are on the 3rd base side about midway back in the lower bowl.

Hartford Yard Goats Organized Labor Night has become an annual tradition that recognizes the contributions of union members and organized labor throughout Connecticut. It's much more than just another baseball game—it's an opportunity for union members, their families, and labor organizations from across the state to come together for an evening of fellowship and public recognition.

Join your fellow Local 400 members for an evening of baseball, camaraderie, and labor solidarity! Organized Labor Night with the Hartford Yard Goats is a chance to celebrate the contributions of working people while enjoying one of Connecticut's best family-friendly summer traditions. Whether you're a lifelong baseball fan or just looking for a fun night out with friends, this is a great opportunity to connect

with fellow union members from across the state, cheer on the Yard Goats, and cap off the evening with a spectacular fireworks show. We hope you'll be part of this celebration of organized labor!

Gates open at 4:30pm, pre-game ceremonies begin at 5:30pm, and the game starts at 6:10pm.

HOW THE LOTTERY WILL WORK

1. Twenty-five tickets (12 pairs and 1 singleton) will be given away via a lottery system.
2. Members in good standing who wish to enter the lottery must **click the button below**, which will send us an email requesting that you be entered into the lottery. Be sure to provide your name.
3. The lottery will close at **5:00pm on August 15**, at which time 13 names will be randomly selected from those submitted by the deadline. The first 12 names drawn will receive a pair of tickets; the 13th name will receive a single ticket.
4. The local will send an email by August 16 to all the winners with instructions on how to obtain their tickets. The email address used to enter the lottery is the one under which the tickets will be held.
5. Tickets are digital and will be available through the Yard Goats online portal.
6. Winners must follow the link in the email and will be required to create an account at the Yard Goats online portal to claim their tickets.
7. At the game, show your tickets via mobile phone for entry.

Enter me in the Lottery!

MPTF Updates

by Christine Melson, MPTF Co-ordinator and Acting President

Local 400 recently participated in several performances for the MPTF America 250th Celebrations. There is still a considerable amount of funding available for the MPTF fiscal year (May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.) At the 103rd AFM International Convention in Ottawa, I was able to meet with MPTF Trustee Greg Linn, Samantha Ramos, (Vice President, Grant Management), and Susan Fu, Grant Manager. They send warm regards and encouragement to members of Local 400!

Members need to be aware that MPTF has adopted stricter time frames for submission of grant requests. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FEWER THAN 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE WILL BE RETURNED. This obviously means that all relevant materials regarding an MPTF performance must be received well before that

deadline in order for the online application to be written in time for appropriate submission.

Please note below specific deadlines for special initiatives for February, March, and April, funded at 100% of the Public Service scale. Begin planning performances now in order not to miss out on this valuable opportunity available to our members!

February - Black History Month - Submission deadline January 1, 2027
March - Women's History Month - Submission deadline February 1, 2027
April - Jazz Appreciation Month - Submission deadline March 1, 2027

How to Apply for MPTF Funding

LOCAL 400 - OUT OF OFFICE



Local 400 will be on vacation from July 10 through July 19. Your voicemail and email messages will be answered promptly upon our return.

WANT GIGS?

Are you a solo performer? Are you in a group?

AFM Entertainment is the official website for the AFM's booking and referral service. It connects musicians with gigs for events like weddings, parties, and corporate functions, acting as an online booking agency. The service provides a platform for AFM members to create a profile, register their act, and be hired by individuals and organizations seeking live music, while also offering AFM-approved contracts as a guarantee for bookings. The main website is visible to the general public. There is a separate link (top right of page) for musicians. That's where you upload your materials and register your act.

—> LET THE AFM DO THE HEAVY LIFTING FOR YOU! <—

The AFM provides the communication interface between potential customers and your group. It also handles all of the contract work. Acts can be listed in geographic regions beyond its home local. Only one member of a group needs to be an AFM member. Why wait? Visit AFM Entertainment today!

NOTE: There is another musical booking agency website called "AFM Entertainment" with a nearly identical URL except that it ends in ".com" THIS SITE HAS NO AFFILIATION WHATSOEVER WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS. They just happened to have registered their domain name first. Be sure to visit and bookmark the **.org site linked in this article.**



HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved, PLEASE let us know your new address! You can easily change your address online at the AFM website, and that change will flow through to us here at Local 400. You can also send address updates to us via email or phone call, and we'll be happy to update our records.

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*Don't forget to add **afmlocal400.org** to your trusted email senders so that our communications don't wind up in your junk/spam folders.*

*Add **(860) 854-8176** to your safe list of text message senders. We occasionally use this purchased number to send important voice or text messages to our members.*

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