



Four members of the Overbrook String Band were on hand to perform for the Rotary club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne. John Hicks, Mike Vogel, Carmen Vitanza, & John Holt played many of the Mummers traditional tunes such as Golden Slippers, When You're Smiling, Four Leaf Clover, When The Saints Go Marching In, Happy Days Are Here Again, Alabama Jubilee, & Beer Barrel Polka. You can't help but clap & want to get up & dance. The leader of the band is John Hicks, who is the fire chief for the Upper Darby Fire Company. The Overbrook String Band moved from Second Street in South Philadelphia to the fire company in Highland Park. John said that there have been many new members from the local high schools, especially from Upper Darby and Penncrest. They added a much needed number of wind & brass instruments. The Mummers are 112 years old. The Mummers Museum, located at 2nd and Washington Ave. in Philadelphia. In February, the Mummers put on the Show of Shows in Atlantic City. On New Year's Day, they report to their headquarters to get ready at 5:00 A.M. They then take a bus to South Philadelphia and start to march the two miles down Broad Street at 10:30. This year, Overbrook is the first to march. They would have preferred a later time. John said that although may not win the top prize, they love what they do & want to keep the spirit of the Mummers alive.

*-Jack Schulman*