

Brass Band Day in San Francisco
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Without the Brass Band as one of my first SGI activities, I would not have accomplished my dreams as a professional musician,” said Hart Smith, the former San Francisco Brass Band leader in the 1960s, at the Brass Band Recital and Reunion today. SGI-USA Vice General Director Richard Yoshimachi shared his experience of eight years in the Brass Band: With no music in his background, he recalled hearing suddenly from his parents that he had become a Brass Band member. Picking a trumpet by process of elimination, he joined the Brass Band and learned that SGI President Ikeda had started the band to instill hope and confidence in those members struggling against difficult problems. The SGI president also encouraged the Brass Band to rise up and spread its music through the whole world.

As you can see, the San Francisco Brass Band is carrying on that spirit.

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