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Newsletter: Spring 2005

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President's Note

The Rochester Music Guild had an exciting weekend on March 12 and 13. On Sunday, 2005 scholarship winners held a recital at the First Unitarian Universalist Church. Ione Schloegel did a marvelous job organizing the contest and recital. The students performed wonderfully. I was pleased as the Guild's President to hand out the awards to the young performers. Rochester is blessed to have so many talented young people.

The night before we were entertained by Stephanie Wendt's performance of *Clara's Visitor* at the First Presbyterian Church. The church was filled to capacity with over 275 in attendance. Stephanie was marvelous in her portrayal of Clara Schumann in the period immediately following her husband's voluntary admission to an asylum for the mentally ill. In particular, Stephanie's piano rendition of her own works, as well as those of her husband and their close friend, Johannes Brahms, was compelling. The Guild would like to extend many thanks to Marilyn Riederer and her co-chair DeAnn Spencer who spent countless hours planning and organizing the event. In addition, we would like to thank generous contributors, the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation and Charter House, and our co-sponsor, the Rochester Area Keyboard Club. Proceeds in excess of \$2400 will be divided between the two sponsoring organizations to support scholarship programs for youth in our area.

On the same weekend, Guild members provided treats for volunteers assisting with the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale Radiothon fundraiser. Delectable goodies provided by Diane Hellie, Phyllis Layton, Betty Sande, Ione Schloegel, Carol and Carl Schroedel and Nancy Lee Sherden were enjoyed by all. Cynthia Larson, RO&C Director, reported that one half of one cookie was all that remained when the Radiothon ended on Sunday night.

Surprisingly, the year is drawing to a close and my presidency will be finishing in just a few short months. As my year is ending, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their time and talents in this worthwhile endeavor to support the cultivation of music in Rochester.

Susan Claypool, President

Annual Meeting on May 7

The date is set ... and arrangements are made! Do plan to join us for our annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, at Zumbro Lutheran Church.

We will begin in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon with a mini-concert by some of the talented young people who entered

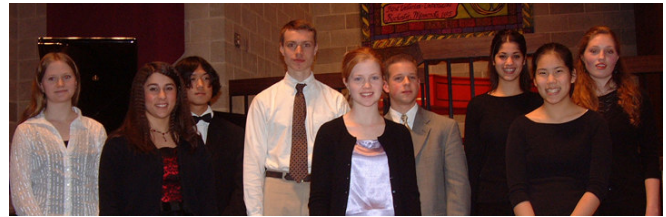
our scholarship competition. We will then move to the Kairos Room to enjoy a lunch and fellowship together. Immediately following, we will hold a short business meeting.

During the business meeting, we will review the 2005 budget and elect our new officers. In addition, we will consider a bylaw revision setting the Guild's operational year. Invitations and details will be mailed in April.

We are pleased to announce that Majel Hall has agreed to accept the position of President-Elect for the 2005-2006 year, and Nancy Kampmeier and Glenn VanLaningham will continue in their current positions as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Ella VanLaningham, President-Elect

Scholarship Recital



Nine talented young musicians made their recital appearance at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, March 13, 2005. They were the winners in the 41st Annual Scholarship Competition held on February 5 at the Rochester Community & Technical College. Susan Claypool, Guild President, presented the Certificates of Merit and the Award Money. Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Committee Chair, was MC.

An unusual occurrence was the triple performance of Hannah Kuipers, RCTC PSEO student, who was the first place award recipient in piano, voice and harp. She received the Sally Duffy Memorial Award for her vocal performance, and the Georgia Daniel Memorial Award for her performance on the harp. First place winner for winds was Nadia Malek, Century High School. Hannah



Meline, violinist and home-school student from Wanamingo, received the Carter Douglas Memorial Award.

Second and third place piano winners were Silas Bergen, RCTC PSEO student, and Esther Liu, Century High School. Second and third place vocal winners were Mariah Ciangiola, Rushford-Peterson High School, and Lucas Lesmeister, home-school student from Stewartville. Second and third place string winners were Eugene Kim and Joshua Rohde, Century High School. Second and third place

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winners for winds were Alyssa Edlund, John Marshall High School, and Carryn Christianson, Fillmore Central High School. Joshua Rhode, Century High School, and Carryn Christianson, Fillmore Central High School, were unable to attend.

Musicians, parents, family members, teachers and friends gathered in the Commons Area of the church for a reception to honor and congratulate the young musicians. Virginia Anderson and Sylvia Swede were hosts.

The judges for the competition were: Carol Rhodes (piano), Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Barbara Christopher (vocal), Viterbo University; Troy Birdsong (strings), assistant conductor and principal bass, La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, Onalaska, Wisconsin; and Barbara Tristano (winds), assistant flute and substitute principal flute, La Crosse Symphony Orchestra.

Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Chair

Herberger's Community Day

Our participation in Herberger's Community Day, February 26, brought \$332 into our treasury. We sold 42 coupon books at \$5 each and received a bonus of \$122, representing the share given to nonprofits supplying volunteers on that day. The club which sold the most coupon books (113) received an additional \$150.

November 19 is the date of the next Herberger's Community Day. Our goal is to reach or surpass the total we received last year, \$927.

Thanks to volunteers Pauli Krieger, Mona Price, Carla Nelson and Lois Kennel for giving of their time for this event.

Lois Kennel

Calling All Instruments!

Ever mindful of its mission to cultivate music in Rochester, especially among youth, the Board of Directors recently approved a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester to help provide instruction for budding musicians and make instruments available.

The Club provides activities for students after school at the former Holmes Elementary School. Many of the participants have expressed interest in learning to play a musical instrument. Primary interest at this point seems to be in learning the guitar.

Now is the perfect opportunity, as those closets and store rooms are experiencing the "spring cleaning ritual," to dust off that old guitar, trumpet, violin, or even old piano, and give a call to the Boys and Girls Club at 287-2311. Tell them "The Guild is calling."

Ione Schloegel, Scholarship Chair

Garden of Note

It is spring! Time for our largest fund raiser. Plan to purchase your nursery products, such as flowers, annuals, gardening tools and mulch, with vouchers from the Guild. Everyone wins. You purchase your nursery products at Sargent's with \$25 vouchers and the Guild makes \$5 on

each, which is tax deductible. The proceeds are used to fund the Guild's scholarship program and to help support the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale.

You can help in two ways. We need sellers – people to sell vouchers to their friends, neighbors, colleagues, relatives. And, of course, you can order vouchers for your own use.

Join us for the Garden of Note kick-off at Sargent's on 2nd, March 24th at 4:00 pm. You can pick up your vouchers, and you will be treated to punch and cookies and the delightful music of Nathan Hickey, violinist.

Shirley Edmonson and Carla Nelson, Garden of Note Chairs

Lois Kennel "I Have to Sing"

Lois Kennel is no stranger to most musicians in Rochester. A member of the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale for 26 years, active with the Choral Arts Ensemble, and a member of RMG since 1975, Lois is retiring from the RMG Board after serving for more than 12 years.



She was RMG Board president in 1977-78 and again in 2001-02. She has been Scholarship Committee chair and Arts Advocate for the Board. Her enthusiasm for programs of the Guild will be missed.

Lois and Art came to Rochester first in 1963 where Art advanced his training as a physician at Mayo in both internal medicine and cardiology. Lois taught at Kellogg Junior High School before taking leave to rear two children, both of whom are married and have two children. Her daughter is a doctoral student in theology in Toronto, and her son is a physician at Mayo.

After growing up in a family of five children on a farm in Pennsylvania, Lois completed her degree in Secondary Education and English at Temple University in Philadelphia. She taught out East, earning her second degree, a PhD ("putting hubby through").

One of the most interesting experiences of her life was living in The Congo (then Zaire) with her husband and two toddlers from 1970 to 1972. Art was hired by the developing government of Zaire to provide leadership and training for medical programs.

Returning to Rochester, Lois became involved in music, her lifetime passion. Her most rewarding benefit from the RMG has been developing friendships through the medium of music. Since her participation in a quartet in high school, music has provided her with stability in life. She takes pride in seeing the missions of the Guild accomplished, especially the development of young musicians, encouraged by the scholarship program.

Lois advocates for the availability, excellence and harmony of music within this sphere of community life. *What energizes me is the conviction that music can and should be a bridge crossing the boundaries of race, gender, social status and faith.*

Glenn VanLaningham, Treasurer