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Co-President's Notes

The Rochester Music Guild Board welcomes Darlene Bannon, who recently joined the Board as producer of our "Bravo!" Newsletter. Darlene is a nurse anesthetist at St. Marys Hospital. We are delighted to have her join us in this important role

We are anticipating the culmination of the year-long efforts of our Fortieth Anniversary Committee—Lois Kennel, Judy Kerekos, DeeDee Odell and Pauli Krieger—in our traditional Annual Meeting Luncheon on June 5 and our Scholarship Honors Alumni Recital that evening—both to be held at Christ United Methodist Church. We look forward to your joining us for these special events. The year-long celebration began with the Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Marriott Hotel in May, 2003.

The Rochester Music Guild provided 16 volunteers to assist with the January 24, 2004, "Honk, Squeak, Scratch, and Boom" event. Ann Monk arranged with HyVee North for box lunches for the musicians and other workers involved. The lunches were well received and appreciated. There were 325 young participants this year; their comments ranged from, "Awesome," "Fun and Cool," "Instructors very good and patient," "A great gift to our community," to "Came with my sister and it was fun anyway," and "I'm very glad my music teacher made me come." The timing for this event was changed from September to January at the request of many of the music teachers. Fortunately, the weather cooperated!

Music Guild members bought and sold the five dollar coupon books and filled various

"working" roles during Herberger's Community Days on November 22 and February 28. Total income from the two Community Day Events was \$642.82. Watch for and support the Fall Community Day in November. These events provide good opportunities for us to earn funds to support our education and scholarship programs.

The Radio-Thon weekend March 13 and 14 found members helping in various roles at KNXR and providing bars and cookies for snacks for the workers. Guild Scholarship winners performed. The Radio-Thon raised pledges of approximately \$70,000 for the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale. Rochester Music Guild sponsors the concertmaster chair and the principal harp chair in addition to one of the ROC Concerts.

Thanks to Shirley Edmondson's dedicated efforts, "Garden of Note" sales are well underway. Vouchers in amounts of \$25 and \$50 from Sargeant's provide a way to purchase plants, trees, flower arrangements, corsages and so on while providing support for the Rochester Music Guild's "Dedication to Music Appreciation, Education and Performance Today and Tomorrow." Garden of Note is our major fund raiser in support of our scholarship program and the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale. A huge Thank You to Shirley and the dedicated sellers.

Ruth Vigness has arranged for delightful "Lunch and Learn" experiences. Heidi Oehler had attendees dancing—in costumes yet—during her presentation in the Social Hall of the Presbyterian Church on March 19. Maestro Jere Lantz presented his always interesting and informative concert previews in October, December and April.



Upcoming Events

Fifty talented young people participated in the Scholarship Competition held February 14 at Rochester Community and Technical College. The judges were from LaCrosse and were very complimentary as to the quality of performance they heard.

The March 7 Recital by the winners at the Unitarian Universalist Church and the reception which followed were well attended. Connie Scheulka, Sylvia Swede and Virginia Anderson coordinated the important scholarship events and the lovely reception.

In addition to their other important responsibilities, Barb Frogner and Ella VanLaningham published an update to the 2002-2003 Membership Directory and included a calendar of Spring 2004 events. The complete Rochester Music Guild Directory will be published every two years—a cost-saving measure.

Joyce Sharp, Faye Waldo and Sarabeth Watson have been busy arranging for ushers for Rochester Orchestra and Chorale Concerts. If you would like to serve as an usher, please contact one of them.

Loya Olson has Guild *Recipes of Note* cookbooks for sale. They make thoughtful gifts and proceeds support our programs and education efforts.

Garden of Note Fundraiser

We are selling \$25 and \$50 vouchers (expire June 3) redeemable at Sargent's again this year. Last year we made \$5600 from sales and donations. The profit goes towards our scholarship program and our \$6000 pledge to Rochester Orchestra. We hope to have another successful sale this year. A big **Thanks** to our sellers this year: Virginia Anderson, Nancy Brubaker, Margaret Carpenter, Nan Douglas, Barbara Eakins, Shirley Edmonson, June Flathers, Pat Friedericks, Jean Gutshenritter, Anne Judisch, Lois Kennel, Judy Kereakos, Shelia Kramer, Phyllis Layton, Ann Monk, Deedee Odell, Chris Parisi, Lynn Pearson, Trudy Rocca, Joyce Sharp, HeeJune Shin, Pauline Utzinger, Ruth Van Vugt, Faye



Waldo, Almyra Whitehead, Janet Woods Kim Buske (Vita-Tan and Nail Paints).

For vouchers call: Shirley Edmonson: 288-7553

Membership Note

We returned from the Holidays to discover that our membership numbers were not quite up to totals from previous years. It's not been an easy time for many with a struggling economy & job losses. Cuts in grants to non-profits make for increasing competition between us all and tough decisions for people about where to give their donation dollars.

Nevertheless, we sent out a very very late mailing with another chance for folks to join Rochester Music Guild this year, and guess what? We had a wonderful response which surprised and delighted us—and now we need to say an extra big thank you! To all of you who responded to our late mailing and dug deep to send in your membership, welcome aboard! We are so glad to have you back! We have had a wonderful Scholarship Contest—hope you made it to the recital, which was thrilling! We're in the midst of the Sargent's sale, and the year is going to have a really great finale with the alumni concert in June.

Thanks for supporting these events and the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale. Til September,
Barbara Frogner & Ella VanLaningham
Co-chairs Membership Committee

Rochester Music Guild plans 40th Anniversary Recital

June 5 is the date of the RMG Annual Meeting/Luncheon at Christ United Methodist Church at noon with a Scholarship Alumni Honors Recital to be held there at 7:00 p.m.

Alumni winners from years 1969-2004 coming from CA to VA and states between will perform a varied program featuring voice, piano, jazz piano, organ, violin, saxophone, guitar, flute, and bassoon. There will be solo and

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ensemble performances. Jere Lantz, Rochester Orchestra Director and his wife, Kristina, will also perform. You will not want to miss this! Open to the public, a free-will offering will be taken to go toward the Guild Scholarship Fund.

When asked "What impact, if any, did winning an RMG scholarship have on your life?" our scholarship alumni say:

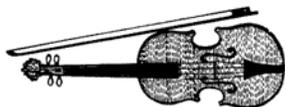
It gave me confidence in my music abilities going into the college music scene. I am happy to help the Guild celebrate its 40th anniversary and even more happy that the Guild is still a strong organization championing Rochester's musically inclined youth.
Don Schlosnagle 69

The summer I spent at the Congress of Strings was the most challenging and satisfying orchestral performance experience of my life and hasn't been exceeded yet!
Lisa DeRemee, 76,77

I never realized until I received that first scholarship that one could be rewarded financially and emotionally for such a gift as singing. I did not realize that I had a talent until I was rewarded through the scholarship from the Music Guild – one's parents, siblings and teachers always encourage you, but to have strangers come forward and support you without having that added agenda is a gift, at times, beyond all of the encouragement a loved one can give to you.
Elisabeth Comeaux, 79

Because of the RMG scholarship I received in 1971, I was able to attend the AFM-CIO-sponsored Congress of Strings in Cincinnati... it ...gave me excellent exposure to a broad range of musicians and musical activities, and which strengthened both my interest and abilities in music...Although I am no longer a "career musician," I have found that music has continued to afford wonderful opportunities for me, and I remain grateful for the generous support of the RMG so many years ago.

Jane Sande, 69,70,71



2004 Scholarship Competition

The 40th Annual Scholarship Winners Recital was held on March 7th at the First Unitarian Universalist Church following a very successful competition on February

14th. Congratulations to the following winners:

Camp Scholarship

Rachel Kuipers (*viola*)

Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship

Mariah Ciangiola (*vocal*)

Vocal:

1st place (**Sally Duffy Memorial Scholarship**) – Laura Ockey

2nd place – Nathaniel Warner

3rd place – Lucas Lesmeister

Strings:

1st place (Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship) – Joshua Rohde

2nd place – Hannah Kuipers

3rd place – Laura Palmen

Winds:

1st place – Kristen Swaard

2nd place – Shannon Edd

3rd place – Tracy Heetland

Piano:

1st place – Allison Bond

2nd place – Celeste Johnson

3rd place – Emily Heetland

Fifty students participated in this year's event, which was held at Rochester Community and Technical College. Judges were Carol Rhodes (piano) from Viterbo University, Terence Kelly (vocal) from University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Philip Golson (winds) from University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, and Jim Hannon (strings) from University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. The competition was open to students in grades 8 through 12.

Connie Schuelka, Virginia Anderson, Sylvia Swede
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