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Newsletter: Fall 2004

Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, Performance—Today & Tomorrow

President's Notes



Welcome to the 2004-2005 year of the Guild!

This past June 5th, Rochester Music Guild members celebrated the Guild's 40th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting & Luncheon at Christ United

Methodist Church, including many past Board members. That evening, past recipients of Guild scholarships treated the audience with a lovely concert. I want to thank Lois Kennel and Judy Kereakos for their time and vision in putting together such an outstanding evening. In addition, a special thank-you to Pauli Krieger, Deedee Odell, Nancy Lee Sherden, Carolyn Rorie and Linda Thompson for their work in making the Guild's 40th Anniversary so special.

Of special note, Lois Kennel, a member of the Guild Board for many years, received the 2004 Rochester Orchestra & Chorale (ROC) Award from the ROC Board, honoring her steadfast, generous, energetic support of ROC for many years. Congratulations, Lois, and thank you!

On September 25, 2004, the Guild once again sponsored the first concert of the ROC season at Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall. The concert, titled *Our Town*, honored Rochester's Sesquicentennial celebration. Kicking off the concert was a rousing fanfare by Rochester's composer, Kevin Dobbe. A new video, a salute to Rochester, set to Aaron Copeland's film score, *Our Town*, was premiered. It was an honor to sponsor such an exciting concert.

Susan Claypool, President

40 Years of History

by *Pauline Walle*

The Rochester Music Guild was envisioned in 1963. Seventy women attended the first Annual

40 Years of History, cont'd

Meeting in 1964. Mary Lu Cervania was elected Founding President and her first Board included Margaret Burchell, Peg Hargesheimer, Seiberta Lovestedt and Ruby Dale. The Guild lent strong support to Rochester Civic Music and continues to raise thousands of dollars each year for the now-independent ROC. Members' mission is *music appreciation, education and performance—today and tomorrow*.

The current members—some 200 women and men—help with ushering at concerts, ROC's annual Radiothon and suppers for performers on double-concert days. In-kind assistance amounts to some \$3000 a year. The Guild also assists with the popular HoNk*SqUeAk* ScRaTcH*BOOM in which, at Mayo Civic Center, youngsters try out instruments for classroom and career. Lunch & Learn previews with Maestro Jere Lantz and other presenters are popular.

Some of the special events the Guild has supported over the years include the following:

- * Rochester Symphony Balls, 1974-80
- * Kinderkonzerts and Yulefests, 1978-95
- * The Party at Apache, 1982-87
- * Geranium sales/Garden of Note, 1983-present
- * Recipes of Note cookbooks, 1988-1994
- * Kitchen tours, 1992-94
- * Decorators' Showhouse: Historic Plummer House, 1999

Musical Homecoming—40th Celebration

An enthusiastic audience of some 300 enjoyed the Rochester Music Guild's Scholarship Alumni Honors Recital on June 5, 2004, in celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

The concert at Christ United Methodist Church was offered as a gift to the community during its Sesquicentennial Year. Young musicians from coast to coast returned to perform. Now

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professionals in a variety of fields, the former Guild scholarship winners say the Guild encouraged them to enjoy music for life.



Performers were introduced by an elite line-up of local leaders or Guild scholarship winners. Performers included: **Catherine Anderson Benscoter** of St. Paul, violinist; **Elisabeth Comeaux** of Northfield, an opera regular, soprano soloist,

accompanied by ROC Director Jere Lantz;

Dominic Dousa of Winona, pianist and composer; **Charles Frogner** of Boston, jazz pianist; **Jeremy Hanson** of Lincoln, NB, organist; **Elizabeth McMillan** of St. Paul, bassoonist; **Daniel Roellinger** of Rochester, saxophonist; **Don**



Schlosnagle of Rochester, hornist; and **David Shaffer-Gottschalk** of Colonial Heights, VA, pianist.



Performer **Emily Shin** of New York will pursue flute and composition on the road to a medical career. She founded Columbia University's *Classical Performers* on her campus.



She said the Guild helped her ease into performance on the big stage. **Erin Spackman Rushforth** of Glendale, CA, vocalist and Suzuki violinist says, *Through music, I have tasted the satisfaction of working toward a goal and achieving it.* Her toddler loves to “play” with rhythm and Rushforth is starting Suzuki teacher training. **Ben Woolman** of St. Paul, guitarist and senior microcomputer analyst for the Wilder Foundation, says, *For me, music and my life are inseparable . . . it's the supreme focus of my energies.*

Three of the performers are from the Kuipers family. Violist **Rachel Kuipers** recently appeared in Carnegie Hall with Itzak Perlman and the Perlman Music She has been the Juilliard School Rachel hopes to degrees in music and medicine. **Joseph Kuipers** is a junior in the New England Conservatory of Music where he studies cello with Paul Katz. He also studies composition privately with Pozzi Escot. **Hannah Kuipers** has had national recognition in piano and harp performance and also is a vocalist. She was the *MacPhail Concerto Competition* winner in harp this March. Completing the line-up of performers was **Glenna Muir**, piano teacher of Rochester.



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All the performers can be considered rising stars. And all credit teachers along the way. Voice coach, Almyra Whitehead, who sang under every ROC conductor, herself helped students perform nationally and, in some cases, attain world careers, including singers John Uhlenhopp, Ann Woolner and Nora O'Sullivan. Whitehead's voice student, Nora O'Sullivan, has sung in Boston and with groups in California, as well as with ROC and Rochester's Choral Arts Ensemble. John Uhlenhopp appears with an opera company in England and Denise Konicek solos on the East Coast.

Attending the 40th Celebration Board Presidents Over the Years



Front row (L to R): Dorothy Combs, Beckie Merideth, Pauli Krieger, Lois Kennel, Shirley Edmonson, Suzanne Tolman, Judy Kereakos

Back row (L to R): Carolyn Rorie, June Flathers, Sandra Weissler, Deedee Odell, Betty Sande, and Susan Claypool

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BOOKFAIR: November 8-13

When you make a purchase during that week and give your Rochester Music Guild voucher to the cashier, the Guild will receive a percent of the net sale. Spread the word to family and friends and think about future birthdays, holidays, and “just because” gifts.

Vouchers will be in the October 30 ROC Concert program OR you may call me at 282-5132. If you don't have a voucher, be sure to ask for one at the store and write in *Rochester Music Guild*.

Sylvia Swede

Herberger's Community Day November 20, 2004

Members earn money for Guild education and scholarship funds by buying and selling coupon books and filling various “working” roles in the store during Herberger's Community Day.

Coupon books are available for \$5.00 and offer a wide range of great discounts—just in time for holiday buying. If you would like to buy a book in advance (or pick up several to sell), please contact a Board member.

Welcome Sarabeth Watson —New Board Member



Sarabeth's undergraduate major was Elementary Education. Her Master's Degree was in Education of Blind and Visually Impaired Students. She taught first grade for three years in Iowa and second and third grade for two years in an International School in Tehran, Iran. The other 30 years were spent in Rochester as an Itinerant Teacher of Visually Impaired Children from birth through graduation. She has volunteered in Nursing Homes and has tried about every job but pastor and choir director in the churches she has attended. This is the third year that she has ushered for Civic Music Programs. She enjoys taking Community Education classes, traveling, stamping and photography. Music has been a part of her life from her earliest memories. Even in rural Connecticut, her parents took her to their Community Music Series. In Boston, she



attended the Symphony, the Pops Concerts and other special music events. She took piano lessons from the age of 9 to 18. During her last six years in public school she took oboe lessons and played in the school band and orchestra. The two things she loves best are colors and music. She says, *As long as I don't go deaf and blind, I will have at least one aspect of God's world to delight and transport me.*

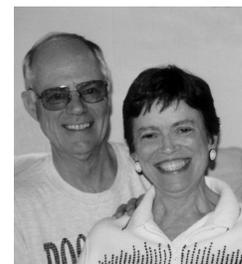
Lunch & Learn

Maestro Jere Lantz presented a very entertaining program in September, talking about the upcoming concert. We are delighted that he will be joining us again on February 28 to talk about ROC's spring concert, *Brass to Basics*. We also have a real treat in store for us in November when Allen Bishop, ROC's Principal Oboe, will be with us. To be on the list to receive a flyer, be sure to contact me at 282-1788.

Ruth Vigness

Glenn VanLaningham —Looking After the Books

Gratefully, keeping us from being a segregated, all-female Board, Glenn was elected to the Board last June at the Annual Meeting as our Treasurer. He joins his wife, Ella, who joined the Board one year earlier as Membership Co-Chair.



Glenn and Ella moved to Rochester in 1965 when Glenn became Executive Director of the Family Consultation Center (now Family Service Rochester) a position he held until his retirement in 1995. Glenn enjoys reading, travel, music and history. He has been a substitute teacher and served as a facilitator for the Diversity Council since his retirement. He also is President of Community Food Response, a program he cherishes.

Ella worked part-time as director of Bethany Nursery School for 10 years while rearing two children. She became director of the American Association of Electromyographic Medicine in 1979, continuing until her retirement in 1995. Ella

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enjoys participating in a number of volunteer activities, including coordination of a tax program for low-to-middle income families, food programs for the needy and her Kiwanis club for which she is incoming President.

Ella and Glenn met at the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. Married following the first year of the graduate program, they wrote their master's thesis together. They were told the marriage would last if they could get through that task together. And it has . . . for 45 years!

Cookbook Special for You

Need a hostess gift? Something for a bridal shower? Or a birthday present? Buy RMG's *Recipes of Note for Entertaining* for only \$6.00 (sold in stores for \$10.00). Support Rochester Music Guild's work with your purchase. Contact Sylvia Swede at 282-5132.



Meet the President

We are delighted that Susan Claypool agreed to serve as our President this year even though she is buried deep in studies in a Master's in Instruction program at St. Mary's University. Susan was born in Rochester and grew up on a farm in Spring Valley. She has a BA in History from the University of Minnesota and spent 15 years at Mayo as a respiratory laboratory technician. She has three sons—16, 18 and 24—and her husband, David, is an Emergency Medicine physician at Mayo. Susan has been a soprano in the Chorale for four years and served as its librarian for two years. She has studied voice under our member, Suzan Ockey. She also serves as a volunteer for the city's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and enjoys horse riding, bicycling and reading. Thank you, Susan, for leading our team this year.

Scholarship Competition

The 41st RMG Annual Scholarship Competition for students in grades 8-12 will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2005, at Rochester Community and Technical College. The winners' recital will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2:00 pm

at the First Unitarian Universalist Church. We hope that many of you will encourage young music students to participate in the competition and also support the winners by your presence at the recital.

Ione Schloegel

Garden of Note

We had another successful year for our Garden of Note fundraiser in partnership with Sargent's Landscape Nursery. Profits from voucher sales and donations came to \$5,011.64. This helps support our scholarship program and our \$6,000 pledge to the Rochester Orchestra & Chorale.

Three cheers for our team of twenty-six sellers (listed in the Spring *Bravo!*), and a big thanks to all our customers! We have a number of sellers who over the years have built up their customer lists to over \$1,000 in sales. **Congratulations to Nancy Brubaker**, who was our top salesperson again this year with sales over \$3,200. Those with sales of \$1,000 to \$2,000 were: Almyra Whitehead, Sheila Kramer, Nan Douglas, Shirley Edmonson, Lois Kennel, Janet Woods, and Hee June Shin with Diane Witzig,. The Music Guild greatly appreciates the many volunteer hours given by our sales team, and the continuing support of hundreds of people in the community. May your gardens be beautiful all summer!

Shirley Edmonson

Memorial for Mary Jean Martens Guild Charter Member

The Guild lost a charter member and loyal supporter in the death of Mary Jean Martens in Oklahoma on July 1. Attendees at our Annual Meeting in May 2003 will remember her reminiscing. A beautiful memorial service was held for her at Charter House on August 7. Her husband, Dr. Ted Martens, served as President of the Rochester Civic Music Board in the late 70's.

Sid Suddendorf Awards

Ellen Beck, a senior at John Marshall High School, and Kristina Judisch, a senior at Mayo High School, were the winners of the Sid Suddendorf memorial scholarships awarded by the Music Guild last spring. Winners were selected

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with the help of the high school music teachers. The Rochester Music Guild awarded the two scholarships in memory of Sid Suddendorf, long-time music consultant for the Rochester School District. Kristina Judisch is the granddaughter of Mr. Suddendorf.

Connie Schuelka

Membership

Welcome to another musical year in Rochester. We need all of your participation. Whether you help children select their instruments, buy a cookbook, enhance your garden with Sargent's coupons or assist with youth scholarships, our Guild promises worthwhile, fun volunteer activities. Our Board voted to increase our dues this year, but we know you will continue your strong support.

Rochester's Sesquicentennial gave us "something to remember." For forty years the Guild has provided memories for scholarship participants and supported our musical community. Now, more than ever, the Music Guild is working to provide needed funds for our wonderful Rochester Orchestra & Chorale and promising young talent.

Thank you so much to those who have already contributed. In addition, we extend our thank-you in advance to those of you who have been too busy with travel, start-up fall activities or school plans. Please send in the membership card and join us again. We want to include your name in our new membership directory.

Majel Hall and Ella VanLaningham

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