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President's Notes

Welcome to another Rochester Music Guild Year 2006 – 2007.

Our mission is to support and promote the art of music in the Rochester area. We have been proud to help support the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale and to provide educational and scholarship opportunities that promote music appreciation and performance.

Our past president, Ella VanLaningham, and her husband, Glenn, the RMG treasurer, have given strong leadership to our program. Ella was responsible for the annual meeting program and year-end report. Through their computer skills and many community contacts, both will continue to keep the Rochester Music Guild on the right track. Please thank Glenn and Ella for their volunteer services.

We have an outstanding RMG board that is dedicated to supporting our goals. Give them your appreciation when you read about their work in our newsletters. Congratulations to Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins for another record year in sales for the "Garden of Note." Yes, you may be asked to volunteer by any of our board members. Please say yes.

The annual concert, luncheon, and meeting were held on May 6 at Zumbro Lutheran Church. Zumbro also hosted our board meetings last season and will continue to do so on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:45. All members are welcome to attend as observers. We extend our

thanks to the Zumbro Church and staff for their kind hospitality and for renting their facilities to a non-profit organization for a very nominal fee.

The RMG annual meeting began with scholarship chair, Ione Schloegel, who welcomed and introduced outstanding scholarship winners: Celeste Johnson (piano and vocal), Eugene Kim (cello), and Evan Johnson (piano). After a delicious luncheon catered by Fred Regal, President Ella VanLaningham recognized retiring board members for their service to the RMG and the community: Nancy Kampmeier, Margaret Carpenter, Barbara Frogner, Ione Schloegel, Susan Strike Claypool and Virginia Anderson. We are honored to welcome our new board members: Jean Gutschenritter, Marilyn Riederer, Carl Schroedel, Carol Schroedel, Jackie James, and Chris Parisi. Jean will serve as our secretary, Marilyn is our new president-elect. Jackie and Chris will both oversee the scholarship program. Carl and Carol join Gay Segar as members at large.

Richard Odell, husband of past president DeeDee Odell, is donating his skill and time as our webmaster. The address is:

www.rochestermusicguild.org
 I hope you can consult it from time to time to keep up on our activities.

The Rochester Music Guild is looking forward to another great year of music in our community.

Majel Ann Hall



Join or renew your membership by Oct 16 and be entered in a drawing for TWO FREE TICKETS to an RSOC concert of your choice

(two sets of 2 tickets each to be drawn on October 17 from names of all members current as of Oct 16)



Spectacular RSOC Gala Event October 6, 2006

You are invited to launch the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (RSOC) 2006/2007 season, *Journey of the Imagination*, with **A Bon Voyage**

Gala on Friday, October 6, at the beautiful Somerby Golf Club in Byron, MN.

The spectacular five-course evening includes a red carpet champagne reception, dinner with fine wines, a live auction with experience-focused items, musical interludes from the Rochester Symphony Orchestra chamber ensemble, and a raffle drawing.

Individual tickets for this event (black-tie optional) are \$150, or \$1200 for a table of eight. Seats are limited to 150 and are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The finale of the evening will be the drawing for winners of our Bon Voyage raffle. You need not be present to win.

The four major prizes are:

- 1st Trip for two to Italy (Umbrian Hills, Florence and Rome) with coach airfare on a fully escorted RSOC tour June 15-23, 2007 (valued at \$8996) OR \$5,000 cash
- 2nd Cash prize of \$2,000
- 3rd Cash prize of \$1,000
- 4th Cash prize of \$500

To purchase raffle tickets (\$25 each) or to reserve tickets for **A Bon Voyage Gala**, call the RSOC Office at 286-8742.

The Bon Voyage Gala Committee, under the leadership of Linda Freeman, is planning many special touches for this season-opening event. Proceeds will be used to support a concert series that takes us to many ports of call, to send our acclaimed musicians into the classroom, and other musical outreach efforts.

Sharon Tuntland, RSOC Fund Development Chair



Herberger's Community Day November 11, 2006

Herberger's Fall Community Day event is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th. This program enables our organization to earn money for Guild education and scholarship programs, as well as for our Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale support, by buying and selling coupon books. This is a great fundraiser as the Guild gets to keep **100%** of the money from any coupon packets we sell!

The coupon books are a terrific bargain: the books cost \$5.00 and offer eight 20% off coupons plus a voucher for **\$10.00** off one item—just in time for holiday buying. All you need to do is purchase one item on Community Day to double your \$5.00.

In mid-October, two coupon books along with more information on the sale will be mailed out to members. Please watch for this mailing and plan to support our mission by purchasing the books for yourself or selling them to friends.

If you would like to buy a book in advance (or pick up several to sell), please contact Gay Segar (288-3158) or any Board member.

Gay Segar, Member-at-large



2006 Scholarship Winners, Eugene Kim and Celeste & Evan Johnson, performing at RMG Annual Meeting.

Scholarship Awards

Alyssa Edlund, from John Marshall High School, and Kelly Mason, from Mayo High School, were the winners of the Sid Suddendorf memorial scholarships awarded by the Music Guild last spring. The Rochester Music Guild awarded the two scholarships in memory of Sid Suddendorf, long-time music consultant for the Rochester School District.

The Rochester Music Guild also presented a Music Guild Scholarship Award to Joshua Rohde, a member of the Century High School orchestra.

Winners were selected with the help of the high school music teachers.

Ione Schloegel

Scholarship Competition

The 43rd annual RMG Scholarship Competition for students in grades 8-12 will be held Saturday, February 3, 2007, at Rochester Community and Technical College. In October, brochures with all the important details and entry application will be distributed to local music organizations and available at Schmitt Music, Hamilton Music, and Welhaven. The application deadline is January 12, 2007. A winner's recital will be held Sunday, February 18, 2007, at 2 pm. The location for the recital will be announced at a later date.

Please help spread the word and encourage any young musicians you know to participate!

Jackie James & Chris Parisi, Co-Chairs

Rochester Symphony & Chorale *A New Office and a New Season*

The office of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale (RSOC) is moving! For over six years, Myrna Hamilton has most generously donated space on the second floor of the Hamilton Music Building – beginning after the orchestra's separation from the city's music program. Thank you, Myrna!

Looking toward better accessibility, increased visibility, and growth, RSOC needed expanded facilities. They selected ground-floor space in the Riverside Building at the corner of Broadway and 4th Street SW. Move-in date is in the next few weeks—watch for announcements about a grand opening. Please stop by so they can welcome you in their new space.

Get swept away to another place and time in the new RSOC season, starting with a crisp summer morning in the Bavarian Alps. The orchestra, under the direction of Jere Lantz, will reach across centuries to share a unique experience with audiences that came before us ... people whose lives, so very different from our own, were moved by the same timeless pieces that will move you this season. The first concert of the season will be *A German Feast* on November 18, 7:30 pm at Mayo Civic Center, featuring the meat and potatoes of music—from Weber's romantic Overture to *Oberon* to Mendelssohn's rhapsodic Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra, featuring the glamorous Hamann sisters. Add to that Beethoven's mighty fifth and you have a musical meal guaranteed to stick to your ribs.



Please join RSOC's ensemble of 70 accomplished orchestral musicians as they launch this season's exceptional journey and welcome Maestro Jere Lantz to his 27th year at the helm. Jere always demonstrates that experience combined with enthusiasm that can lead to ever deeper and richer artistic performance.

Also, be sure to attend the pre-concert reception, 6:00-7:15 at the Mayo Civic Center, with Somerby Golf Club donating gourmet appetizers. At 6:50, Jere Lantz will provide an insider's view to the performance with one of his enjoyable and informative chats. The suggested donation for this reception is \$20 per person, but



contributions in any amount are welcome. No reservations are needed. Somerby has graciously agreed to sponsor these receptions for all concerts held at Mayo Civic Center this season.

Meet your Rochester Music Guild Board Members!

Sylvia Swede *Music, Church, Community, the World*



Growing up in LeSueur, Minnesota, Sylvia sang in her church choir, her school choir, and the "Merrie Melodies", an octet that won honors in state competition. Sylvia's interest in music continued during her undergraduate days at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. "I've always just loved music," says Sylvia.

Sylvia came to Rochester after teaching 7 years in Windom, Minnesota. She taught 8th grade English here for over 30 years, taking a break only to earn her master's degree from the University of Iowa. During her years in Rochester, Sylvia's musical interest have focused on the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and the Rochester Music Guild, and she has also been a season ticketholder of the Minnesota Orchestra for many years.

Since her retirement from teaching, Sylvia has taken an active role in the Rochester Music Guild, first as a member of the Ushering and Scholarship committees. She now serves on the board and capably handles our publications fundraisers, including the annual Barnes & Noble Bookfair and the continuing sales of our successful cookbook, *Recipes of Note for Entertaining*.

Other community organizations claim a share of Sylvia's time and energy as well; she is currently involved in the Community Food Response through the Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Rochester Area Retired Educators (RARE), and PEO (a philanthropic and educational organization for women). She is a facilitator for Presbyterian women in First Presbyterian Church, as well as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities area. She has served as president of several community organizations, including PEO, Rochester Education Association (REA), Rochester Area Retired Educators, and Delta Kappa Gamma (an international honor society of women educators that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education).

Sylvia is also a world traveler; her international ports of call include South Africa and China. She has been on mission trips to Venezuela and to Hungary (five times!). And she has traveled to Cuba twice as a member of a task force working on a partnership between the Twin Cities presbytery and the presbytery of Matanzas in Cuba. Where will this busy woman head next?

The Rochester Music Guild is grateful to Sylvia for bringing her talents and experience to our board. Thanks, Sylvia!

Joyce Lewis

Meet your Rochester Music Guild Board members!

Pauline Utzinger

Educator, Librarian, Historian



Pauline's interest in music came from a musical family background. Her mother was a pianist and her sister a violinist. Pauline's major interest has been in classical music.

Pauline was born and educated in Rochester, graduating from Rochester Senior High School. Her education continued at Carleton

College where she majored in psychology, and received her teaching credentials.

An avid supporter for Carleton, Pauline has served the Alumni Association most of her life, representing her class for fundraising. For her service and her career, Pauline received the very prestigious Award for Exceptional Service. She has also been a 50-year member of AAUW.

For graduate studies, Pauline attended Bryn Mawr College near Philadelphia. She completed a degree in educational psychology and later received a degree Master of Science in Education from Winona State University. Along the way, she also completed a degree in library science.

Pauline's initial career experience included positions as dean of student dormitories and dean of freshmen women at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Desiring to return to Minnesota, she first taught at Pine Island and then was a counselor in Winona Senior High School for 10 years. The latter was her favorite position, directly counseling students about their educational and career opportunities, however the death of her father brought her back to Rochester to live with her mother. They resided together until her mother died.

In Rochester, Pauline worked for 16 years with the Rochester Public Library in community relations and adult programming. After retirement, she continued to serve the Friends of the Library both as president and as a volunteer. Among other activities and interests, Pauline has been a life member of the Olmsted County History Center, serving as president and providing classes in genealogy.

Pauline has been on the RMG board for many years now, serving as the RMG historian. She also writes notes of recognition and sympathy for the Board. Thank you, Pauline for your long-time service for RMG.

Glenn VanLaningham

Ruth Vigness

Satisfaction from Education and Volunteerism



Ruth graduated from West Texas University where she had a double major in music education and English and played the French horn in the school orchestra. Following graduation, she taught music for two years.

After coming to Minnesota, Ruth taught both Spanish and English and was subsequently transferred to another field, history. One of her

missions in this area was to teach students how to influence change through political participation.

Ruth's interest in several fields came in part from her upbringing in the Rio Grand Valley in Southern Texas. Her parents had moved there from Minnesota to manage land purchased by her grandparents. She not only grew up with Mexican children as her playmates, she learned Spanish as a second language and learned about the needs of the Mexican people, later to influence her volunteer services.

Following a move to Rochester, her career in teaching continued for 35 years until her retirement in 1997. She directed the choir at the Presbyterian Church during an interim period while the church was seeking a music director. This was one of her most enjoyable experiences. During this period she became acquainted with RMG through Nan Douglas who mentored her in the Lunch and Learn program. Once aboard, she loved the program so much that she has been responsible for Lunch and Learn for about eight years.

In her retirement, Ruth decided to spend much more of her time as a volunteer in areas where she believed she could make a difference. She became a member of the Samaritan Bethany Foundation Board. In this capacity, she tried to improve the working conditions of the staff and the comfort of the patients. Through her own church, Bethel Lutheran, she devoted her efforts to both local and international mission programs. With her interest in the Mexican people and her knowledge of Spanish, she has taken mission trips, often twice per year, to Mexico. She also sings in the Bethel choir.

Ruth states that "music is a sociable thing," an opportunity to meet and be with people, and use many of her skills. Lunch and Learn combines much of this for her and is why she has loved leading the program.

Glenn VanLaningham

BOOKFAIR: November 24-28

When you make a purchase at the Apache Mall Barnes & Noble from November 24 through November 28, be sure to give your Rochester Music Guild voucher to the cashier so that the Guild will receive a percentage of the net sale. Spread the word to family and friends and think about future birthdays, holidays, and “just because” gifts.

All money raised goes to the music scholarship fund.

Vouchers will be in the November 18 RSOC Concert program or you may use the voucher on this page. Tuck it in your billfold so when you go to Barnes & Noble anytime from November 24 through November 28, you can credit the Guild with your purchases.

If you forget your voucher, be sure to ask for one at the store and write in *Rochester Music Guild*.

Sylvia Swede



Cookbooks and Notecards

In the spring issue of *The Land* magazine, reviewer Sarah Johnson raved about *Recipes of Note for Entertaining*, the Rochester Music Guild cookbook. She called it a cookbook “with a touch of class ... a feast for the eye, ear, and taste buds.”

If you are looking for a unique present, for a shower, a birthday, or a hostess gift, these classy cookbooks are still available for only \$6 from Sylvia Swede (282-5132) or Majel Hall (282-7085). The Guild also has notecards for sale, 5 for \$1, with a musical note design.

Sylvia Swede

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BENEFITING:

Rochester Music Guild

Location: *Apache Mall*

Date: *November 24 - 28*

Present this voucher at the cash register at the time of purchase. A percent of the net sale will be donated to the organization.

For Office Use Only:

Register #: _____ Transaction #: _____

Amount of sale before tax, less purchase of Gift Cards, Membership Cards and café consumables:

\$ _____

The following transactions are not included in Bookfair totals: The purchase of Gift Cards, Membership cards and café consumables.

Three-Cheese Spinach Frittata

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 (10-oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
- 8 oz fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup shredded provolone cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 tsp dried Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 oz shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 grated Parmesan cheese

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In a large skillet, heat olive oil until a light haze forms. Add spinach, mushrooms and onion. Cook and stir until onion is transparent. Remove from heat. Add eggs, provolone cheese, garlic and seasonings; mix well. Spoon into a greased 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes until set.

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ENJOY!!

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Membership

Are you ready.....for the 2006-2007 season of the Rochester Music Guild?

We are excited about what we are going to accomplish this season. Would you like to join us? There will be a drawing for free tickets to a Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale concert for those whose dues are paid by Monday, October 16th.

Your dues help us to support music in Rochester in a variety of ways, including scholarships to young musicians, support for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, and Lunch & Learn programs throughout the concert season.

Kay M. Weaver

Win two free tickets to an RSOC concert of your choice!

Two sets of 2 tickets each will be drawn on October 17 from names of all members current as of October 16.

Join or renew your membership by October 16 and be eligible to win!

Lunch & Learn

Join us for a rousing welcome to the new concert season at the fall *Lunch & Learn*, scheduled for Monday, November 13, at 11:30 am in the North-View Room at Charter House. Our very own Maestro Jere Lantz will be there to preview the November 18 concert, *A German Feast*.



Call Ruth Vigness at 282-1788 for reservations. The cost is \$8.50 for the soup and salad buffet, dessert and coffee. Do join us ... and bring a friend.

The next *Lunch & Learn* will be on Monday, January 29, 2007, as Jere previews Nordic composers featured on the February 3 concert of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

Ruth Vigness

Membership
July 2006-June 2007

Name(s) _____
(Please print your name(s) as you would like it printed in the new directory.)

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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Directory Board use only

Membership (tax deductible):

\$30.00 single membership

\$40.00 joint membership

\$50.00+ contributing membership
(single or joint)

Over two-thirds of your membership dues directly support Rochester Music Guild scholarships, the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale, and community educational programs.

I may be able to assist with a Rochester Music Guild activity: Mailings Events Ushering
 Board Committees Any/Other

A new Membership Directory for 2006-2007 will be prepared in October.

Please return this form with your check, payable to Rochester Music Guild, and mail to:

Rochester Music Guild
P.O. Box 5802
Rochester, MN 55903-5802

Fall Membership Social at Realife November 10, 4:00-6:00 pm

You're all invited to the *Fall Membership Social!*

The Rochester Music Guild Board is hosting this event to recognize our members and celebrate their accomplishments. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. This is an opportunity to mingle with friends and celebrate our role in the community.

Music will be provided by one of our own spring scholarship winners at around 5:00 pm.

Put the date on your calendar — Friday, November 10, 4:00-6:00 pm — and come to the party room at Realife Cooperative, 825 Essex Parkway NW. Please join us!

Majel Hall, President



Garden of Note

Thanks to 24 wonderful sellers and many buyers of vouchers, we had a successful partnership sale with the two Sargent's Nurseries. With total sales and donations of \$27,460, we cleared \$5,492 for the Guild. Shirley Edmondson was our top seller for 2006 with sales of \$3,400.

Thanks to our sellers (*sales > \$1,000): Virginia Anderson, Nancy Brubaker*, Kim Buske (VitaTan), Nan Douglas, Margaret Carpenter*, Barbara Eakins*, Shirley Edmondson*, Pat Friedrichs, Jean Gutschenritter, Ann Judisch, Lois Kennel*, Judy Kereakos*, Phyllis Layton*, Ann Monk, Carla Nelson*, Deedee Odell, Lynn Pearson, Pauline Utzinger, Ruth VanVugt, Faye Waldo, Almyra Whitehead*, Diane Witzig*, Janet Woods, and Concert Sales*.

The profits support our scholarship program and our \$6,000 pledge to the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. The Music Guild appreciates the many volunteer hours of our sales team and the support of the Rochester community. May your gardens always be beautiful with your items from the use of the Sargent's vouchers.

Carla Nelson & Barbara Eakins



Young Musicians Recitals

The Rochester Music Guild, along with the Rochester Area Keyboard Club/Local Association and the Southeastern Minnesota Suzuki Association, is proud to support the Young Musicians of Southeastern Minnesota recital series for teenage classical musicians.

All recitals will be held this year at a new location: The First Unitarian Universalist Church at 1727 Walden Lane SW in Rochester.

The first concert will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at 4:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by November 27.

The second concert will be held on Friday, January 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by January 15, 2007.

The third and final concert will be held on Friday, April 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by April 16, 2007.

Teachers may register two students for each program by mail, phone or e-mail. You need not be a member of one of the sponsoring organizations to present a student. We wish to include as many teachers and students as possible from all around our area.

Students must be 13 years of age or older to perform. Solo and ensemble performances are welcome. Performers should represent the highest standards of preparation and musicality. Memorization is preferred. Students must find and pay their own accompanists.

There is no performance fee. A basket for donations will be displayed at each event. Please consider a donation to keep our expenses as low as possible.

To register a student, or if you have questions and/or comments, please contact:

Barbara Bartleson
2303 Crest Lane SW
Rochester, MN, 55902
286-9230 or bartles@charter.net

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2006
Rochester Symphony
Orchestra & Chorale presents
A Bon Voyage Gala
Somerville Golf Club
Byron, MN—6:30 pm

November 10, 2006
Fall Membership Social
Realife Cooperative
4:00-6:00 pm

November 11, 2006
Herberger's Community Day
(see page 2)

November 13, 2006
Lunch & Learn
Maestro Jere Lantz
Charter House—11:30

November 18, 2006
RSOC Concert
A German Feast
Mayo Civic Center
Presentation Hall—7:30 pm

November 24-28, 2006
Barnes & Noble Bookfair
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December 2, 2006
Young Musicians Recital
First Unitarian Universalist
Church—4:00 pm

December 16, 2006, 7:00 pm
December 17, 2006, 2:30 pm
RSOC Concert
Messiah

Christ United Methodist Church
400 Fifth Avenue SW

January 12, 2007
*RMG Scholarship Application
Deadline*

January 13, 2007
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January 19, 2007
Young Musicians Recital
First Unitarian Universalist
Church—7:00 pm

January 29, 2007
Lunch & Learn
Maestro Jere Lantz
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Bravo! is the official newsletter of the Rochester Music Guild. It is published to inform members and friends about our activities, which support and encourage music, music, music.

Our membership year runs from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.
The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

We have received your membership dues for 2006-2007. Thank you!

As of September 13, we had not yet heard from you. Please join us in nurturing music in the Rochester Community.