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President's Note

Greetings to all our members and other lovers of music. As the breath of spring blows over Minnesota there is an expectation of newness

and change in the air. Our board will be planning to make our music guild even better next year.

Congratulations to all our scholarship winners. Marilyn Riederer and I were honored to hand out scholarships to our talented contest winners. Accompanists, parents and teachers of these young people were also recognized by the scholarship co-chair, Chris Parisi.

Joe and Chris Parisi organized a reception following the recital, where I heard from many told me how much they enjoyed the musical numbers. Jackie James and Chris Parisi planned the scholarship programs, sent out the brochures, hired the judges and organized both the competition and the recital. Attend the RMG annual meeting to hear some of these recital winners perform. A special thanks to all who contributed bars and cookies to the reception.

Please thank Gay Segar, member at large, who directed our very successful Herberger's Community Days and to all who bought and sold the coupon booklets.

The Radiothon is one of the big fundraisers for the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. I thank all of you for your donations of snacks and sweets and for your energy in helping RSOC meet its goal.

Our nominating committee headed by past president, Ella VanLaningham, is busy contacting members for Music Guild board positions next year. Those who have served

on the board in the past know the value of working with so many wonderful people. Please say yes if you are called. The nominations will be announced at our annual meeting.

Regretfully, Sylvia Swede and Pauline Utzinger will be leaving the board. Since I worked with Sylvia many years ago, I know the value of her work ethic, intelligence and humor. Pauline has not only been a conscientious, meticulous historian, but she also has sent out numerous gracious notes on behalf of the Rochester Music Guild. Thank you both. We will miss you.

Barbara Eakins and Carla Nelson will again coordinate the Garden of Note sale, which is our largest fundraiser. This year, in addition to our many members, the board of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale will join in selling garden vouchers from Sargent's Landscape Nursery.

Take advantage of the spring Lunch & Learn programs, an enjoyable opportunity to increase your musical education. Please thank Marilyn Riederer who stepped in to chair this activity after the death of Ruth Vigness.

Our annual luncheon meeting will be held at Zumbro Lutheran Church, on Saturday, May 5th. See the article on page 3 of this newsletter for details. Put this enjoyable event on your calendar and bring your friends.

It has been an honor to have served as president of the Rochester Music Guild with its dedicated organization and board. I especially thank Glenn and Ella VanLaningham for their help and guidance, Joyce Lewis, who edits *Bravo*, and my husband Dick Hall for his support. I look forward to meeting many of you this spring through RMG activities. I will soon be giving up my music director baton to our president-elect, Marilyn Riederer, an energetic, strong leader. I ask for your continued support for Marilyn and her board starting July 2007.

Majel Hall, President

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Top row left to right: Rafael Nuguid, Kaysie Peterson, Alexander Ryu, Laura Bond, Matthew Green, Alissa Kludtke. Bottom row left to right: Aimee Breederland, Elizabeth Michelson, Anne-marie Ryu, Teresa Edwards, Irissa Hubka, BreaAnna Hanson. Absent: Celeste Johnson, David Shin

Scholarship Competition

The Rochester Music Guild held its 43rd annual Young Musicians Scholarship Competition on Saturday, February 3 at Rochester Community and Technical College. Thirty-eight talented area musicians competed in four categories - piano, strings, voice, and wind instruments - for awards totaling \$4600. In addition to first, second, and third place awards in each category, two special scholarships were given out - the Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship and the Sloan Foundation Camp Scholarship.

Several of the awards are named for notable area musicians and leaders in the arts. The Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship was established by the Douglas family and friends from this community and across the country following the untimely death of Carter Douglas, a gifted young Rochester pianist.

The Sloan Summer Camp Scholarship is funded by the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation and has recently been renamed in honor of Rev. Carl Schroedel, retired minister of Peace United Church of Christ, who passed away this winter. Rev. Schroedel was a member of the Rochester Music Guild Board, had served on the Rochester Symphony Orchestra Board, and was

an active and dedicated arts performer and supporter.

The 1st place award in the strings category is the Georgia Daniel Memorial Scholarship and was established in 2000 to honor the memory of Georgia Daniel for 22 years of service in the Rochester Public Schools teaching strings and directing orchestras.

The 1st place award in the voice category is a memorial scholarship for Sally Duffy, who died of cancer in 1994. She was a two-time President of the Rochester Music Guild, and had a passion for the arts in general and for music in particular, especially choral music.

Following is a complete list of this year's winners:

Carter Douglas Memorial Scholarship: Celeste Johnson – Pine Island, for outstanding performances in voice and piano. Her teachers are Nancy Lee Sherden, voice, and Esther Wang, piano.

Sloan Foundation Camp Scholarship: Anne-marie Ryu – Rochester, for outstanding performance on the violin. She is taught by Jonathan Magness.

Strings Division

First Place (tie):

Rafael Nuguid – Rochester; student of Ray Shaws**Elizabeth Michelson** – Rochester; student of Linda Thompson

Third Place:

David Shin – Rochester; student of Mark BjorkPiano Division

First Place:

Teresa Edwards – Rochester; student of Gretchen Wilson

Second Place:

Alexander Ryu – Rochester; student of Sue Leonard

Third Place:

Laura Bond – Rochester; student of Horacio NuguidWinds Division

First Place:

Kaysie Peterson – Byron; student of Sue Martino

Second Place:

Matthew Green – Rochester; student of Ellis Workman

Third Place:

Irisa Hubka – Rochester; student of Nancy OsteraasVoice Division

First Place:

Alissa Kludtke – Byron; student of Nancy Lee Sherden

Second Place:

Aimee Breederland – West Concord; student of Cynthia Dario-Good

Third Place:

BreAnna Hanson – Rochester; student of Nancy Lee Sherden*Jackie James, Scholarship Co-Chair***Seeking New Board Members**

Our Rochester Music Guild Board is a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers, so it is a pleasure to serve on it. Ask any of us!

At the moment, we are seeking candidates for various chair positions and member-at-large positions ... so, there is a range from which to choose!

Please give Ella VanLaningham a call at 289-2668 to discuss your interest ... you'll be glad you did!

Remember to check out our website
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Webmaster: Rick Kiscaden
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**Scholarship Recital**

On Sunday afternoon February 18, the Scholarship Recital was enjoyed by parents, friends, teachers and Music Guild supporters. Winds winners Irisa Hubka, Matthew Green and Kaysie Peterson performed pieces by Franz Dippler, Hayden and Mozart while the violinists, Elizabeth Michelson, Rafael Nuguid and Annemarie Ryu played Vioott, Weiniawski and Saint-Saens.

Miss Ryu was presented the camp scholarship by Jim and Judy Sloan of the Sloan Foundation in memory of Rev Carl Schroedel. The piano pieces performed by Laura Bond, Alexander Ryu and Teresa Edwards included the composers Liszt and Beethoven. The vocalists BreAnna Hanson and Aimee Breederland sang a spiritual arrangement and a Torelli piece. Although Celeste Johnson, the winner of the Carter Douglas Scholarship was unable to attend, Nan Douglas spoke on behalf of all the musicians who participated in this competition. Her remarks credited the Music Guild for sponsoring this event enabling musicians to continue their endeavors. She and the Sloans both emphasized the need to support the young musicians in their studies and the crucial role of music in our communities.

Both President Majel Hall and President-Elect Marilyn Riederer congratulated winners, parents and teachers. Chris Parisi (co-chair of the Scholarship Competition with Jackie James) introduced performers along with parents and teachers. David Shin was also unable to play. A reception was held following the concert in honoring participants and their families. Many thanks to Ella VanLaningham, Marilyn Riederer and Kay Weaver for providing baked goods. And a round of applause and gratitude to parents and teachers alike who instill the love of music in our children.

*Chris Parisi, Scholarship Co-Chair****All members are invited!****...to the Annual Meeting of the Rochester Music Guild****Saturday, May 5, 11:30 a.m at the Zumbro Lutheran Church***

- *First, a mini-recital in the Sanctuary by three of the talented winners from our scholarship competition: Teresa Edwards (piano), Celeste Johnson (voice), and David Shin (strings).*
- *Next, we will move to the Kairos Room for food and fellowship.*
- *Finally, a short business meeting, when we will review the 2007 budget and elect our new officers.*

The cost is \$10.00 per person. For reservations, please call Marilyn Riederer at 281-8341.

Marilyn Riederer, President-Elect

Marilyn Riederer

The City of Rochester was the big winner when Steve and Marilyn Riederer moved here in 1988 with their two pre-school children. Steve had been appointed Director of the MRI laboratory at the Mayo Clinic. Both Marilyn and Steve had left positions in education to come to Rochester. Marilyn had been a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a PhD in Communication Arts, specializing in the radio and television media. Steve had been a professor in research.

Soon after arriving in Rochester, Marilyn became the Manager of the Children's Dance Theater, a part-time job allowing her to spend most of her time with her children. Through the years when her children were in the Rochester Catholic Schools, Marilyn was active in many volunteer capacities. For the past nine years she has coached the mathematics team. During the last three years, the Lourdes team has made it to the State finals competition.

She has also tutored and taught students preparing for the various college entrance examinations through a program called the Kaplan Test Preparation.

Both of the children are now in college. Julie will graduate from the University of Marquette this spring with a degree in psychology; Christopher is a freshman at Yale.

Music plays a major role in Marilyn's life. She has sung in many choral groups, including opera. She is a soloist at her church and has participated in several theater productions. Most recently she was one of the Andrew Sisters in a production of the Rochester Radio Theater Guild. For those of us old enough to remember, the trio brought back many wonderful memories.

Other hobbies include tennis and bridge. She is a fierce competitor in both.

Marilyn will carry the baton forward for the Rochester Music Guild, accepting the role as President for the coming year. In addition to the duties of President-Elect, she is currently completing the year as Lunch & Learn Chair following the death of Ruth Vigness.

Glenn VanLaningham

Lunch & Learn April 24, 2007

On April 24th, renowned keyboardist and accompanist Jan Matson, will speak on her holistic approach towards music. Join us for this "brown bag" event at 11:30 am at Zumbro Lutheran Church.

Bring your own lunch or order a tasty box lunch (catered from the City Market) for \$8.50. And, be sure to bring a friend! To be on the list to receive a flyer or to make a reservation, contact Marilyn Riederer at 281-8341.

Marilyn Riederer, Lunch & Learn Chair



Barbara Eakins

Barbara re-joined the RMG board last year as co-chair with Carla Nelson for the Garden of Note Sale, our biggest fundraiser. Barbara had previously been on our board, about 15 years ago, coordinating ushers for the RSOC concerts. She may have taken a little vacation from the RMG board, but Barbara's love of music and her commitment to Rochester music continued without interruption.

Barbara grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina, where she was active in high school musical activities. She continued participating in choral music activities and her church choir as a student at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington. After taking a degree in English education, she taught school in Jacksonville, Florida, and Pompano Beach, Florida. She came to Rochester in 1972 and promptly became an RSOC season ticket holder. Barbara sings in the choir of the First Congregational Church and enjoys attending concerts, plays, and ballet performances with her many friends in Rochester.

Barbara has pursued a career in technical writing, first at IBM Rochester and later at Electronic Data Systems in Bloomington, Minnesota. She raised two children in Rochester: Kevin, who now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is the father of her beautiful grand-daughter Rebecca; and Stephanie, who is a manager at Barnes & Noble here in Rochester and is expecting Barbara's second grandchild in April. We know Barbara will be spending a lot of time with her new grand-baby right here in Rochester, but we hope she'll continue her capable coordination of the Garden of Note Sale and still find time to enjoy all that Rochester music has to offer.

Joyce Lewis

Jean Gutschenritter

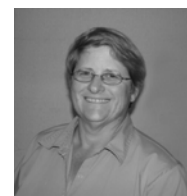
Jean joined the RMG Board just this year, accepting the position of secretary. Her interest in music stems from her early educational experiences at a Catholic school in the small town in which she grew up - Slinger, Wisconsin, near Milwaukee.

Her teacher, a nun, instilled in her a love of and appreciation for music that has lasted throughout her life. "Music makes you feel good," said Jean. It led her to join the RMG in recent years, and accept a position on the board to more actively promote the goals of the organization.

Jean came to Rochester in 1976. She joined the staff at the Clinic in 1980 and has worked there for the past 26 years. She is a medical technician in a micro-biology laboratory.

In addition to attending concerts, Jean plays golf, and spends a lot of time improving her home. She can perform most of the regular maintenance and repairs.

Her current passion is for the Honkers. She attends most of their games during the summer, and was very excited about their performance this past season.



Glenn VanLaningham



Garden of Note Voucher Sale

It is spring! Time for our largest fund raiser, the Garden of Note! Rochester Music Guild volunteers will be selling \$25 vouchers that you can use at Sargent's Garden Center and Landscape Nurseries (both locations) to purchase all the lawn and garden products you need for spring. Use your vouchers anytime up to June 1 to purchase flowers, annuals, gardening tools, mulch, and more! (Exceptions include weddings and landscape design.) Everyone wins. You purchase your nursery products at Sargent's with \$25 vouchers and Sargent's donates 20% to the Rochester Music Guild for each voucher. The proceeds are used to fund the Guild's scholarship program and to help support the Rochester Symphony 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.

To buy vouchers or ask any questions, you may contact:

Barbara Eakins at 288-7800
(eakinsbf@aol.com)

or

Carla Nelson at 288-2159
(CarlaNelson@CarlaNelson.org)

Or you can use the handy order form printed on the back of this newsletter.

*Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins,
Garden of Note Co-Chairs*

New RMG Members

Eight new members have joined us since we printed and distributed our Membership Directory last fall. Their names and addresses are listed below.

Please add the following to your copy of our directory:

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Kay Weaver, Membership Chair



Herberger's Community Days

Our March 3rd event was a great success! Special kudos to Marilyn Riederer for her outstanding efforts in selling nearly 100 booklets!! Total booklet sales

totaled \$ 860, our highest amount in the history of the event.

On the day of the sale Glenn and Ella VanLanningham, Majel and Dick Hall, Pauli Krieger, and Gay Segar donated their time to sell booklets at the store, which will earn us a bonus from Herberger's, yet to be determined.

Many thanks to those who purchased vouchers and/or gave of their time for this event. Thanks to you, we will most likely have earned a total of around \$ 1000 to support our educational programs as well as the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

Gay Segar, Member-at-Large

Upcoming Events

March 24, 2007
2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
RSOC Concert

On the Road with Mozart
Assembly of God Church

April 1 - June 1, 2007
Garden of Note Sale

April 20, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Young Musicians Recital
Unitarian Universalist Church

April 24, 2007
11:30 a.m.
Lunch & Learn
Jan Matson, keyboardist
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Avenue SW

April 28, 2007
7:30 p.m.
RSOC Concert
Back Home to Broadway
Mayo Civic Center

May 5, 2007
11:30 a.m.
Guild Annual Luncheon
Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Avenue SW

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which support and encourage music, music, music.

The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

For more information on the Garden of Note sale, see page 5.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

I would like to buy _____ vouchers at \$25 each.

Make your check payable to *Rochester Music Guild* and send to:

Barbara Eakins
514 7th Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902



**Your vouchers will be mailed to you and can be used immediately.
Vouchers will expire June 1, 2007.**

