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President's Notes



As we look toward the future for our 2007-2008 season, I wish to reflect briefly upon our recent past. Last season

was a year of loss and a year of growth. In 2006-2007 the Guild suffered the loss of two cherished Board members, Ruth Vigness and the Reverend Carl Schroedel. Ruth for many years coordinated our *Lunch & Learn* program, while Carl, a longtime music supporter, was just beginning his term as a Member-at-Large. Their dedication to our music community will long be remembered.

The 2006-2007 season was also one of growth and development. Our membership experienced an increase of nearly 10%, with Membership Chair, Kay Weaver, reporting a total of 197 individuals. Our fundraisers, under the leadership of Gay Segar (Herberger's Community Days), Carla Nelson and Barbara Eakins (Garden of Note), and Sylvia Swede (Publications), provided a firm financial foundation to enable us to achieve our mission. Our scholarship program, under the direction of Jackie James and Chris Parisi, allowed us to honor 17 outstanding young musicians with awards totalling \$4,900.

The Rochester Music Guild's mission is to promote and enhance music enrichment within our community. We are, indeed, a service-oriented organization, and it is on the strength of our volunteers that we achieve this mission. Last year, under the direction of Faye Waldo, we provided ushers for

each of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale concerts. Our membership provided volunteers for the RSOC's outreach programs of HoNk*SqUeAk* ScRaTcH*BoOm, Radiothon, various receptions, and the Garden Fanfare financial appeal. Our *Lunch & Learn* programs provided a myriad of experiences ranging from Maestro Lantz's always insightful and entertaining concert previews to Carolyn Mead's instructive presentation on the philosophy and technique of the Suzuki Method of teaching, to Jan Matson's enlightening journey towards a holistic approach to music.

Our Arts Advocate, Pauline Krieger, kept us abreast of current national and community art legislation and information, while Historian Pauline Utzinger provided Gracious Gestures to our membership and kept us in touch with our rich past. And, finally, our Publications Editor, Joyce Lewis, took on the monumental job of creating our *Bravo!* newsletters which provide a marvelous mechanism for disseminating Guild information to our membership.

A strong organization requires a strong leadership base. In 2006-2007 we indeed had a solid group of workers providing this foundation. Our Secretary, Jean Gutschenritter, dutifully recorded all of our minutes while Treasurer, Glenn VanLaningham, did an outstanding job of keeping us both fiscally responsible and well-informed.

My final reflection on the past is to thank two extremely dedicated and hard-working women in the organization, outgoing Past President, Ella



Join or renew your membership by October 10 and be entered in a drawing for TWO FREE TICKETS to an RSOC concert of your choice

(three sets of 2 tickets each to be drawn on October 12 from names of all members current as of Oct 10)

VanLaningham, and outgoing President, Majel Ann Hall. I am deeply grateful for the wonderful assistance of these two individuals. Ella has been a tireless worker for this organization for a number of years and her insights concerning past and future directions for the Guild have been invaluable. And finally, Majel, who demonstrated an amazing flexibility towards leadership and service when dealing with unexpected situations such as the deaths of our board members and the November storm which caused the cancellation of our Membership Social. But perhaps I am most grateful for her cheerful willingness to step in and organize the successful Annual Meeting last May when I was unable to fulfill my responsibilities in that capacity due to prior family commitments. Her understanding and patience were greatly appreciated. I look forward to her continued leadership in the role of Past-President during this coming year.

And now to the future. In addition to those acknowledged above, with the exception of retiring members Pauline Utzinger, Sylvia Swede, and Ella VanLaningham (who will serve in an unofficial capacity as assistant to the Treasurer), the 2007-2008 year welcomes an outstanding group of individuals to our board. New to the board are Co-Historians--Judy and Jim Sloan, *Lunch & Learn* Chair--Jeff Webster, Member-at-Large (Book Sales)--Naomi Atrubin, Member-at-Large (Volunteers)--Judy Webster, Ushers--Nancy Slocumb, and Webmaster--Rick Kiscaden.

My personal goals for this organization include increasing our membership base and visibility in the community while continuing to provide the exceptional support for music appreciation, education, and performance for which the Guild is well known. As members of the Guild, you can help me achieve these goals by encouraging others to join us in our mission. Thank you all for being part of a group of music lovers and volunteers who touch the hearts and minds of others through music.

Marilyn Riederer, President

2007 Senior Scholarship Awards

Each spring, the Rochester Music Guild awards a \$100 scholarship to a senior at each of Rochester's three public high schools. The students, recognized for musical excellence and dedication, are selected by the music faculty at each school.

Two of the awards are given in memory of Sid Suddendorf, a long-time music consultant for the Rochester School District. This year's Suddendorf scholarship award winners were Courtney Gill (John Marshall High School) and Coral Graszer (Mayo High School).

The Rochester Music Guild funds a third equal scholarship for a senior at Century High School and this year Lucy Oehler received that award. All the scholarships were presented to the students at Senior Award ceremonies this past May.

Jackie James/Chris Parisi, Co-Chairs



Herberger's Community Day Saturday, November 10, 2007

Herberger's Fall Community Day event is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th.

Our members earn money for Guild education and scholarship programs, as well as for our Rochester 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.

Coupon books are available for \$5.00 and offer a wide range of great discounts--just in time for holiday buying. One of the coupons is for **\$10.00** off, so 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 organization 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

2008 Scholarship Competition

The 44th annual RMG Young Musicians Scholarship Competition will be held Saturday, February 2, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester. The Rochester Music Guild will award a total of \$4800 in scholarships to winners in four divisions – piano, string instruments, wind instruments, and voice. Students in grades 8-12 who live within a 50-mile radius of Rochester are eligible to compete. A scholarship brochure with all the details and a registration form will be mailed to area music teachers and made available at Rochester music stores, the Rochester Symphony Orchestra office, and student music organizations by early November. The brochure and registration form will also be available on the Music Guild's website (rochestermusicguild.org). A winners' recital will be held Sunday, February 17, 2008, at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church.

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

Jackie James & Chris Parisi, Co-Chairs



2007 Scholarship Winners Celeste Johnson, Teresa Edwards, and David Shin, performing at RMG Annual Meeting.

Rochester Symphony & Chorale "Piping Hot!"

Two years ago the Rochester Symphony Chorale launched a season extra, "Piping Hot," built around The King of Instruments, as Mozart dubbed the pipe organ. "Piping Hot" features the imposing organ at the Church of St. John, as well as the Rochester Chorale and local choir members. The new tradition returns at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Church of St. John, 11 Fourth Ave. S.W., Rochester.

The Church of St. John actually has two pipe organs, an antiphonal organ located at the back of the church and the main pipe organ. Built in 1938 by Wicks Organ Co. of Highland, Illinois, the antiphonal organ was one of the first organs built under the supervision of Henry Willis III, son of the famous English organ builder. The main pipe organ was built in 2002 by Rieger-Kloss of the Czech Republic. Rieger-Kloss has been building organs since the mid-19th century and is the largest organ builder in the world today.

Among the selections will be Mendelssohn's "Grant Us Thy Peace" and a new hymn, "The Gift," by Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas and Twin City organist/writer Marilyn Biery. The meditative "Lumen de lumine" by former Rochester organist/composer Gerald Near will be complemented by the dynamic choral fanfare "Dazzling as the Sun" by New Englander Gweneth Walker.

Two popular hymns, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "How Firm a Foundation," will be wrapped in new trimmings. Solo organists from the Southeastern Minnesota chapter of the American Guild of Organists will provide their own gifts of music seated at The King of Instruments at St. John's.

This concert is sponsored by McNeilus Companies Inc. General admission is \$20.00. For more information, call Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale at 28-Music (286-8742).

Pauline Walle

Meet your Rochester Music Guild Board Members!

Naomi Atrubin *Canadian Transplant*



Born and reared in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Naomi continues to look back with fondness on her years on the prairie. Her loyalty to Canada has never diminished. In school she developed an early interest in music from first grade, eventually completing the prestigious Toronto Conservatory exams with honors in piano. She also excelled in many sports – track and volleyball being among her specialties.

Not long after high school graduation, Naomi's father died, and the family relocated to California where she attended school at Berkeley, receiving a degree in English. She taught for several years in Los Angeles schools before returning to study for a degree in nursing from the Columbia University. Nursing became her lifetime career, but was interrupted for a number of years devoted to child rearing. She and her husband, Alan, had three children.

A transfer of her husband, an engineer, brought the family to Rochester (IBM: "I've Been Moved") in September 1962. Continuing her full-time responsibilities in child rearing, Naomi became a "hockey mom" for her son who eventually played on several semi-pro teams in the USA and in Europe. She also became very involved in community activities, being on the Community Concert Board and assisting the Minnesota Symphony during the years it performed in Rochester. She eventually was able to return to her nursing career. She has one daughter living in the Twin Cities and one in New York, in addition to her son, who lives in Florida.

Participation in sports has always remained a significant part of Naomi's life. Tennis and running were always important to her. She has participated in both 5K and 10 K events. Eventually some health issues restricted some of her activity. Playing bridge has now become her passion – she is a regular at duplicate events locally and some district tournaments. She participates in other local bridge clubs and is currently in three book clubs – reading being another of her favorite pastimes.

Naomi joined the Rochester Music Guild Board in July of this year. She has taken on the responsibility of sales projects for the organization. You will get acquainted with her if you stop by to look over any items we have for sale – proceeds, of course, going to support the various projects of RMG. Say "Hi, Naomi," and make a purchase!

Glenn VanLaningham



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Meet your Rochester Music Guild Board members!

Carla Nelson

Not a new face



No one in Rochester needs an introduction to Carla Nelson, well known to all of us from her three campaigns for the District 30A seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives. And Rochester music lovers remember her as the winner of last spring's First Annual Aspiring Conductor contest!

Carla was born and grew up in Iowa, the daughter of a high school principal and an elementary school teacher. She attended Indianola High School, the University of Northern Iowa, and Drake University. With a degree in education, Carla taught school in Iowa, married, and started a family. She and her husband, a financial planner, chose to relocate to Rochester because it's such a great place to raise a family. They moved here in 1983 with their first son, Jeremiah; and soon added two more sons, Joshua and Jonathan, to the family. Eventually Carla returned to the classroom in Rochester at Holmes Elementary School, and went on to Willow Creek Middle School as a reading teacher. She earned a master's degree in Education Teacher Leadership before leaving the field of education for the Minnesota legislature. She continued working on education issues in the state capital, serving on committees for both K-12 and higher education. Carla now owns and operates her own Allstate Insurance Agency out on West Circle Drive.

Carla's oldest son, Jeremiah, now grown, is a professional singer and songwriter, teaching and performing guitar and other strings. Middle son Joshua is studying public recreation at South Dakota State University, and the youngest son, Jonathan, is also at SDSU studying engineering.

Carla's interest in music goes back to her high school days playing clarinet in the band, and continued when she was selected as a member of America's Youth in Concert, a national concert band. For Carla, the highlight of the band's European tour was when they played in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Moving on to college, she joined the University of Northern Iowa Wind Ensemble as the only non-music major in the group. In addition to the clarinet, Carla plays piano and played in the pit orchestra for community theatre productions of Music Man, West Side Story, and My Fair Lady. Carla admits that she doesn't play her clarinet much these days but she continues to be active as a performer by singing in the Rochester Chorale for the past eight years. She has been a member of the Rochester Music Guild board for the past three years, working with Barbara Eakins to organize and coordinate the Garden of Note Sale, our biggest fundraiser. We look forward to another successful sale next spring!

Joyce Lewis

Gay Segar

Not enough hours



Gay Segar sold her accounting business some years ago in order to retire and spend more time with her two grandchildren. Now there are eight grandchildren and she wonders how she'll find the time to do her own taxes!

Gay grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota, where she and husband Larry were high school sweethearts.

They attended the University of North Dakota, where Gay got her degree in elementary education. She taught 5th grade while Larry got his master's degree in engineering. By the time Larry took a job with IBM in Rochester, Gay was ready to stay at home and be a full-time mom. As the children grew up, Gay went back to school in accounting and started her own accounting business with a partner.

Now that the "world's most incredible children" are grown (and are parenting the world's most incredible grandchildren), Gay and Larry take a little time off to travel the world (the Baltic region, central Europe, western Europe, Costa Rica, Thailand). Sometimes they take the whole family along...once on a Disney cruise and once to Mexico, where they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary by rappelling down in to a 50-foot-deep underground river and also ziplining over a lake. This year, they are making a fall trip to Australia to see a new part of the world. In quieter moments, they play competitive duplicate bridge and enjoy reading.

Gay has always been interested in music, "all kinds of music." She took piano lessons as a child, and saw to it that her three children had the same opportunity. Gay and Larry are longtime season ticketholders of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. Having served on many community boards over the years, including AAUW, Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, Samaritan Bethany Nursing Home, and the Community Food Response, Gay decided three years ago that she wanted to devote some of her time in support of music in Rochester.

She came on the board as a member-at-large, and has coordinated three very successful years of Community Days with Herberger's. This project, held twice a year, earns money for Guild education and scholarship programs, as well as for our Rochester Orchestra & Chorale support, by selling coupon books for Herberger's Community Days. These coupon books are available for \$5.00 and offer a wide range of great discounts, including a coupon for **\$10.00** off any purchase, so all you need to do is purchase one item on Community Day to double your \$5.00. If by chance you don't get an opportunity to purchase one of these coupon books before November 10, be sure to give Gay a call!

Joyce Lewis

BOOKFAIR: November 23-26

When you make a purchase at the Apache Mall Barnes & Noble from November 23 through November 26, 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. This Thanksgiving weekend Bookfair is just in time for your Christmas shopping!

All money raised goes to the Rochester Music Guild scholarships and educational programs.

Vouchers will be in the November 10 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 23 through November 26, 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*.

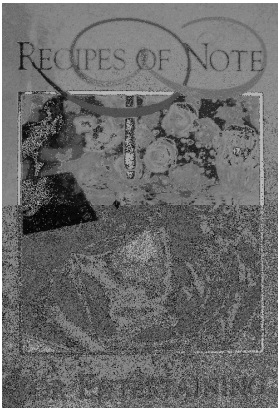
Naomi Atrubin, Member-at-large

Cookbooks and Notecards

If you are looking for a unique present, for a shower, a birthday, or a hostess gift, the Rochester Music Guild cookbook, *Recipes of Note for Entertaining*, is still available for only \$6 from Naomi Atrubin (292-1341) or Marilyn Riederer (281-8341).

The Guild also has notecards for sale, 5 for \$1, with a musical note design.

Naomi Atrubin, Member-at-large



Three-Cheese Spinach Frittata
from *Recipes of Note for Entertaining*, page 174

- 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 cup grated Parmesan cheese

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.

Margo Stich

ENJOY!!

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Membership

Are you ready.....for the 2007-2008 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 10th.

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, Membership Chair

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

Three sets of 2 tickets each will be drawn on October 12 from names of all members current as of October 10.

Join or renew your membership by October 10 and be eligible to win!

**Fall Membership Social
October 28th, 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. Members are welcome to invite guests that are interested in seeing what we do. This is an opportunity to mingle with friends and celebrate our role in the community. You will be receiving an R.S.V.P. invitation in the mail.

Put the date on your calendar — Sunday, October 28th, 4:00-6:00 pm. It will be held at the home of Steve and Marilyn Riederer – 2101 Baihly Hills Drive SW – Rochester, Minnesota. Please join us!

Marilyn Riederer, Ph.D.
President, Rochester Music Guild

*Membership
July 2007-June 2008*

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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 2007-2008 will be prepared in late October.

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Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn will kick off a great season with Maestro Jere Lantz getting into the story that describes "Best of Enemies", the fascinating title of the November 10 concert. With a title like that, it is bound to be fun and keep us at the edge of our seats. The date is Monday, November 5, at 11:30 am in the NorthView Room at Charter House.

Call Jeff Webster at 507-937-3142 or Esther Pfeifer at 507-282-5383 for reservations. The cost is \$8.50 for the soup and salad buffet, dessert, and coffee. Come join us for a great time and bring a friend.

The next *Lunch & Learn* will be January 14 at the Zumbro Lutheran Church. Our guest will be Paul Vance, Ph.D., RSOC principal cellist and Professor of Music at Winona University. We are planning three "Brown Bag" Lunch & Learn programs at Zumbro Lutheran this season.

Another *Lunch & Learn* at Charter House on February 11, 2008, will again feature Maestro Jere Lantz revealing details of the "Russian Mystery". Bound to be exciting and fun!

Jeff Webster, Lunch & Learn chair

Garden of Note

Thanks to 20 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 \$26,795, we cleared \$5,328 for the Guild. Nancy Brubaker was our top seller for 2007 with sales of \$3,750.



Thanks to our sellers (*sales > \$1,000): Virginia Anderson, Nancy Brubaker*, Kim Buske, Nan Douglas*, Margaret Carpenter*, Barbara Eakins, Shirley Edmundson*, Pat Friederichs, Jean Gutschenritter, Ann Judisch, Lois Kennel*, Sheila Kramer, Judy Kereakos*, Phyllis Layton, Carla Nelson*, Deedee Odell, Pauline Utzinger, Diane Witzig*, Janet Woods, and Concert Sales and RSOC members*.

The profits support our scholarship program and our \$6,500 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, Co-Chairs



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 again this year at The First Unitarian Universalist Church at 1727 Walden Lane SW in Rochester.

The first concert will be held on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 7:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by December 1.

The second concert will be held on Friday, February 15, 2008, at 7:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by February 8, 2008.

The third and final concert will be held on Friday, March 7, 2008, at 7:00 pm. Musicians must register for this concert by March 1, 2008.

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.

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.

Registration must include the student's name, a complete description of the piece to be performed, contact information, and the name of the school that the student attends.

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 20, 2007
RSOC Concert
Musical Magic
Autumn Ridge Church
3611 Salem Road SW
7:30 pm

October 28, 2007
Fall Membership Social
Home of
Steve & Marilyn Riederer
2101 Baihly Hills Drive SW
4:00-6:00 pm

November 5, 2007
Lunch & Learn
Maestro Jere Lantz
Charter House—11:30 am

November 10, 2007
Herberger's Community Day
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Best of Enemies
Mayo Civic Center
Presentation Hall—7:30 pm

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Barnes & Noble Bookfair
(voucher on page 5)

December 7, 2007
Young Musicians Recital
First Unitarian Universalist
Church—7:00 pm

December 22, 2007
RSOC Concert
A Nutcracker Party
Mayo Civic Center
Auditorium
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

January 12, 2008
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January 14, 2008
Lunch & Learn
Zumbro Lutheran Church
11:30 am

January 15, 2008
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Our membership year runs from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.
The Rochester Music Guild welcomes all people who love music!

We have received your membership dues for 2007-2008. Thank you!

As of September 23, we had not yet heard from you. Please join us in nurturing music in the Rochester Community.