

DGMC Newsletter

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A New Club Year has begun!

The May meeting is always a dual meeting which finishes one club year and begins the next. There was so much discussed at the board meeting on May 6th that we decided to send out a special summer newsletter to update everyone of our end-of-year activities and to invite all interested members to a set of 3 important planning meetings which the board is holding this summer.

DGMC Summer Meetings

Since our regular program year is always so busy, the DGMC board is using the summer break to hold three planning sessions to develop new ways our club can achieve the goals which are stated in our Vision and Mission Statements. These meetings are open to ALL members. We would love to have any members who are interested in helping us work on these objectives attend as many of these summer meetings as they can.

All meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm at Rose Verona's home (320 Third St., DG). The dates are: June 10, July 8 and August 12.

The June 10th meeting will be devoted to designing a new DGMC brochure. Jim Molina has volunteered to handle this task and has already produced a number of good ideas. We hope to finalize the details of our new brochure on June 10th, so Jim has enough time to produce the new brochures by our first program in October.

If you would like more details about these summer sessions, please e-mail Rose at rverona1@comcast.net or call her at (630)963-3108.

Rising Stars Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the six 2012 Rising Star Scholarship winners! On May 1st, Rose Verona presented awards at Downers Grove South to Dan Leahy (tenor), Ian M. Williams (piano) and Josiah Williams (trombone). On May 15th,

Marilyn Wilcocki presented awards at Downers Grove North to Katie Kraine (violin), Brett Latman (trumpet) and Joseph R. Vitti (euphonium). This year we were able to award each recipient \$300.

Piano Festival & Competition

The 2012 Piano Festival and Competition culminated with thirty-three students performing in the honors recitals on April 29th. The Junior Competition winners were Jason Wu (1st Place) and Megan Petzold (2nd Place); the Senior Competition winners were Tien-Hui Huang (1st Place) and Allison Kirkegaard (2nd Place).

Chairperson Darlene Crilly would like to thank many people and groups who donated much to make this event possible. A special thank you to the Downers Grove Rotary Club which donated both first-place awards. Another thank you goes to the family of Bea Chiswick for establishing a yearly scholarship which provides both second place awards. More thank you's go to Faith United Methodist Church and Hendricks Pianos for the use of their pianos and facilities for our contest.

And, finally, many thanks go to the following members and friends of DGMC who gave generously of their time to make the Festival and Competition a success: Barbara Dickerman, Beth Ciner, Eve Ciner, Lorie Crnkovich and Mary Ellen Newsom.



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OUR VISION: A DYNAMIC MUSICAL ARTS COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE AND ENGAGE MUSICIANS AND FRIENDS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PERFORMANCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Charles Dickerman Scholarships

Each year, the Downers Grove Rotary Club awards a Charles Dickerman Scholarship to a senior who has been active in music and plans to continue his/her activity after high school. (Majoring in music is not a requirement). The award is in honor of Charles Dickerman, who was an extremely active member of DGMC. This year, the Rotary Club gave out two scholarships and we are proud to report that both winners were awarded DGMC Rising Stars Scholarships in 2011. Barbara Dickerman presented both awards – to Zach Plata at DGS and Hannah Young at DGN.

New Member

We're pleased to welcome Christy Sivik to the Downers Grove Music Club. Christy is currently a special education teacher and is completing a doctorate in educational leadership. Music has been an important part of her life since early childhood. She received a BA in theater and speech communications with a minor in music from Saint Xavier University, is active in her church as a cantor and choir member and is looking forward to performing at a future DGMC program. Christy's address is 509 S. Oak, Westmont, IL 60559 and her phone number is 630-640-1214.

DGMC Notes

• **The Rising Stars program**, which traditionally has been held in March, will be held on the first Tuesday in April in 2013. There were too many scheduling conflicts with the high school in March, 2013.

• **Festival Dates have been set for 2013.** The String Festival will be on March 3rd with the honors recital on March 17th. The Piano Festival will be on April 14th with the honors recitals on April 28th.

• **Keep updated with the latest DGMC news** by visiting our website www.downersgrovemusicclub.org

Thank You!

We want to thank Nancy Mundinger for all the years she has served us so graciously as our Social Chairperson. Nancy resigned her post in May – she wishes to have more time to spend with her family (can you imagine that). Nancy will still be active in DGMC as our corresponding secretary, historian and editor of the music teacher directory.



Nancy Mundinger and Joanne Bollinger
at our Show Tune Night

We also want to thank Josh Evanovich for his service as Member-at-Large. He has been a quiet but very thoughtful and active board member. We will miss him at board meetings but hope to see him at some programs while he is still in the area.

Another Important Thank You!

Finally, the Downers Grove Music Club would like to gratefully acknowledge the support we have received from Hendricks Pianos. As you know, more than half of our programs were held at their facility but they waived their usual fee for every one! If you or any of your students are in the market for a piano, please be sure to visit their showroom.

**Show Tune Night
May 1, 2012**

