

DGMC Newsletter

A WEST SUBURBAN NETWORK FOR MUSICIANS AND FRIENDS

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Welcome Back!

Our first program of the new 2011 – 2012 Club Year is on **October 4th** at **7:30 pm** at the Downers Grove Community Church, 66th and Fairview. **Village Voices** will open our season with the program they originally planned for last February. If you remember, we had to cancel in February because of the Big Snow of 2011. Now we finally get to

hear this delightful community chorus which is directed by our president, Marilyn Wilgocki. Sarah Flanagan is their talented accompanist. Program details are on page 2.

There will be a short business meeting at the beginning of the program to present and vote on the board's proposed revisions to our by-laws. Details of these changes are on page 3. This will be a good time to pay your dues, pick up your new directory and catch up with your friends.

Hello from your Prez ...

Hello, hello, to each and every one of you musicians and music appreciators! Hope to see you on October 4th when my very own community chorus, **Village Voices**, will lead off the year with song. This 32-voice chorus sings well as we lift up a wide variety of choral music which is fun and often touches the heart.

All sorts of exciting things are happening with our Downers Grove Music Club . . .

- **A brand new website has been launched.** Log onto www.downersgrovemusicclub.org and see what you think of its "new look." May I introduce our website guru and resoundingly thank Char Ewing for taking over the job of Communications Chair upon the resignation of Christopher Cox. The Communications Chair position now includes the task of Newsletter Editor, since Char has agreed to continue writing the newsletter.
⇒ Please note that our new website has a new address.
- **We are expanding our program schedule.** As VP in charge of programs, Todd Diehl has taken a new approach to his job. This summer Todd contacted every single one of you who is listed as "performer" in the directory. Then, to make the best use of the overwhelming responses he received, Todd organized all the programs for the entire season. He has some great ideas and our club has some wonderful talent. To accommodate everyone, we are adding some Saturday and Sunday afternoon programs to our regular Tuesday night programs. You'll see that our programs are at different venues in Downers Grove, so check that out carefully when you receive your new directory.
- **DGMC needs a little reorganization.** We feel that, as a not-for-profit organization, it would be wise to add a "business manager" position. The board feels this position should be a voting member of the board and has suggested it be called *Vice-president of Business Development*. Such a change requires an amendment to our by-laws. Please read the *Proposed By-law Revisions* on page 3 to obtain details of the board's recommendations. We will vote on these proposed revisions at the October 4th program.
- **New DGMC directories will be ready and waiting for you** at the October 4th program, thanks to the efficient efforts of Lorie Crnkovich.

Last year was a year of commendable progress and exciting accomplishments. I look forward to working with our board for the coming year, along with the hard-working chairpersons of committees. Please support the work of our organization. Not only are there many talented and dedicated musicians at our programs and other events, but we are a friendly, fun-loving group of people. Lots of networking can occur at our gatherings.

Finally, please note that the starting time for all Tuesday night programs is **7:30 p.m.** All Saturday and Sunday programs will start at 4:00 p.m. Got that? Hope so! See you all soon -

Blessings to you all ... Marilyn E. Wilgocki

Rising Star Scholarship Winners

Since our scholarship winners are not announced until after the May newsletter is out, we'd like to take this time to congratulate the six students who were awarded our Rising Stars scholarships last spring. The recipients from Downers Grove North were Meghan Lyda (cello) and Hannah Young (harp). The recipients from Downers Grove South were Carly Charles (French horn), Zachary Plata (clarinet), Michael Ruth (saxophone) and Lisa Salazar (viola).

In addition, two Madeleine Pedersen Vocal Scholarships were awarded to: Devin Collett, soprano, (DGN) and Erin Walsh, soprano, (DGS).

Changes to the Board

When the board considered the need for a "business manager," Rose Verona, with years of experience in the corporate world, graciously offered to support us in that capacity. Since she expects to have many tasks as this role develops, Rose resigned as secretary in August.

President Marilyn Wilgocki appointed Sarah Flanagan to complete Rose's term. We welcome Sarah as our new secretary and know she will do a great job.

If the proposed revisions to the by-laws are approved in October, Rose has accepted Marilyn's appointment to serve as Vice-president of Business Development until club elections are held at the April meeting.

DGMC Annual Membership Dues

With the start of a new season, it is time to collect annual membership dues. Please plan to pay your 2011-2012 dues at the October program or mail them to: DGMC, P.O. Box 551, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Checks should be made payable to *Downers Grove Music Club*.

Dues are: \$30 (Individual), \$35 (Family), \$10 (Student), \$60 (Ensemble or Organization).

If paying by mail, please mark "dues" in the memo portion of your check. If you have already paid your dues for this year, THANK YOU!

You will qualify as a patron if you contribute \$30 or more in addition to your regular dues fee. Now that we are a 501(c)(3) organization, patron contributions may qualify for tax exemptions, based on each person's tax situation.

String & Piano Festivals

The String Festival & Competition will be held on March 4, 2012, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Faith Methodist Church. The Winners' Recital will be held one week later, on March 18th at 12:30 pm.

The Piano Festival & Competition will be held on April 15, 2012, with the Honors Recitals two weeks later, on April 29th. Mailings have already gone out to piano teachers – mostly via e-mail.

All applications and detailed instructions can be obtained from our website: www.downersgrovemusicclub.org.

For questions regarding the string festival, please call Mary Ellen Newsom at 630-910-7170. For questions pertaining to the piano festival, please call Darlene Crilly at 630-968-0591.

Village Voices

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

7:30 PM

Downers Grove Community Church

6600 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

- Everything's Coming Up Roses*** *Sondheim*
from *Gypsy*
- Remember My Song*** *Albrecht & Althouse*
Karen Dickelman, viola
- Mother Goose Madrigals*** *arr. Donald Moore*
- Hallelujah*** *Cohen*
Solo: Cathy Campbell Sanders
- Danny Boy*** *Traditional Irish tune; arr. Darmon Meader*
Solo quartet: Chris Lindstrom, Teri Harrop,
Dean Mehl and Allan Hins
- If We Ever Needed the Lord Before*** *Dorsey; arr. Stan Pethel*
James Van Camp, bass guitar
- Credo*** *Mark Hayes*
- Baby, It's Cold Outside*** *Loesser*
from *For the Boys*
Duet: Barbara Vaughan and Don Smit
- You Raise Me Up*** *Graham and Lovland*
Solo: Cathy Eyberger, clarinet
- The Bee*** *Francois Schubert*
Solo: Susan Shields, violin
Dean Mehl, accompanist
- Route 66*** *Troup; arr. Kirby Shaw*
Soloists: Terri Harrop, James Van Camp, Chris Lindstrom
and Cathy Sanders
- Bring Him Home*** *Schonberg*
from *Les Misérables*
Solo quartet: Deb Finnegan, Cathy Eyberger, Linda Dean
and Peggy Johnson,
- Sleigh Ride*** *Anderson; arr. Hawley Ades*
Barbara Vaughan, sleigh bells
- Amazing Grace*** *arr. Jack Schrader*
Cathy Eyberger, clarinet

Director: Marilyn E. Wilgocki

Accompanist: Sarah Flanagan

Be sure to visit our new website: www.downersgrovemusicclub.org

New Members

Please welcome **five** new members. Since three of them are *groups* rather than individuals, the board has suggested we add two new levels of membership: ensemble and organization. These additional categories have been included in the by-law revisions which are detailed in column 2.

- **Joseph Alotta** joined as a non-performing member but he is a piano student of Andrew Remillard and he plays occasionally for Businessmen's Fellowship. Joseph teaches Financial Planning and Financial Responsibility.

- **Elissa Metropoulos** is a pianist, accompanist, piano teacher, vocal coach and songwriter. She is also active as a worship leader at Christian Church of Clarendon Hills and at nursing homes and assisted living centers. Elissa and Sarah Flanagan played a duet at our May program; they are scheduled to perform for us again in November and April. Elissa has a B.M in Piano Performance from Saint Xavier University.

- The **Music Institute of Chicago** is a community music school which has opened a satellite location at Faith Methodist Church in Downers Grove. The institute specializes in piano and violin.

- The **Grant Street String Quartet** was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians: two violinists, one violist and one cellist. The quartet is based in Downers Grove. Its members perform with a number of area orchestras, including the Chicago, Milwaukee and Elgin Symphonies.

- The **Cantores Community Choir** is a non-audition singing group, open to anyone high school age and older. Its mission is to present concerts of varied choral works of the highest caliber and to provide educational outreach in schools and the community. The choir is directed by Belford Hernandez. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, from 7:00-8:30pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

DGMC Notes

♪ **In July, DGMC received federal acceptance of our 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt status.** Our treasurer, Cindy Jensen, has worked very hard for over a year to complete this process. Contributions made to DGMC are now tax-deductible (to the extent of federal tax regulations).

♪ **The 2011-2012 Membership Directory & Schedule** will be available at our program on October 4th. We hope you will be able to pick up your directory at that time. Otherwise, it will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

♪ **A big thank you to Christopher Cox** who has served as Communications Chair for the past two years. He got our website up and kept it running and we thank him for his effort and expertise.

♪ **Newsletter Publisher has been renamed Corresponding Secretary** to better describe all the tasks Nancy Mundinger has been doing in that position. Thank you, Nancy, for all you do for DGMC!

♪ **And finally, a big thank you to Tom Ewing** who has spent many hours guiding Charlotte through the development of our new website. He is the real "website guru" – the one responsible for all the cool features, such as the slide show on the home page and the site's search engine.

Proposed By-law Revisions

To accommodate some of the good changes happening to our club, the board has proposed the by-laws be revised as indicated below in green. To summarize, there are three basic changes: (1) add two new membership classifications to include groups to join as one entity (2) add a VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT position to the board (3) rename the existing VICE-PRESIDENT office to VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Article V – Annual Dues

Section 2 – Member classification for dues payment shall be as follows:

D. Ensemble Member or Organization Member – Any performing or non-performing group of individuals wishing to be part of the club as a single entity.

E. Honorary Member – To be determined by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 4 – Elections

A. The PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARY, and one (1) AT-LARGE board member shall be elected in the odd calendar years.

B. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT, TREASURER, and one (1) AT-LARGE board member shall be elected in the even calendar years.

Section 5 --Vacancies

B. If a PRESIDENT is unable to complete a term in office, the VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT shall become PRESIDENT for the remainder of the term and shall appoint a new VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT to serve until the next election.

C. If the VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT cannot fill the PRESIDENTIAL vacancy, a successor shall be appointed by the Board to complete the term.

Article VII – Officers

Section 1 - The officers of the club shall be PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER.

Article VIII – Duties of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3 - VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT

A. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT shall preside in the absence of the PRESIDENT at any regularly scheduled meeting.

B. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT shall oversee development and execution of the club's program year.

C. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT may select chairpersons for each program throughout the club year.

Section 4 -- The VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

A. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT shall be responsible for business matters as they relate to the declared vision, mission and strategies of the club.

B. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT shall lead the Board of Directors in the development of business opportunities to further the club in areas of:

a. membership b. funding c. visibility d. music education

C. The VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT shall enlist members as needed to assist with new business endeavors.

Section 5 – SECRETARY

Section 6 – TREASURER

Section 7 -- AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER(s)

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, visit www.Acappellago.org or phone (708) 484-3797 ext 2.

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.affinitymusicchicago.com for details.

Artists' Showcase West: Downers Grove Concert Association series. See www.dgconcerts.org or call box office at (630) 963-9093 or subscription manager at (630) 692-9099. Pre-concert conversations at 2:00 PM, concerts start at 3:00 PM. Concerts held in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG

Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3:00 PM: the Jerusalem Quartet (Israel's leading string quartet) performs Mozart, Kopytman and Shostakovich.

Barrage: "A high-octane fiddle-fest that features an international, multi-talented cast – performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance" is coming to Downers Grove for one night. Tickets are \$15. For tickets & information e-mail jmullen@csd99.org. To learn more about *Barrage* visit www.barrage.org.

Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 PM in the Johnson Auditorium at Downers Grove North High School, 4436 Main Street, DG. *Barrage* features six violinists/vocalists, one drummer, one bass player and a guitarist. Their performances offer a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and incredible performance vitality. The cast delivers the show with amazing energy and musical virtuosity that will take your breath away.

Cantores Community Choir: This non-audition group is open to anyone high school age and older who enjoys singing, wants to learn more about music and wants to perform a wide range of musical styles and genres. Under the direction of Belford Hernandez, this choir performs a wide variety of four-part musical literature and styles. **Cantores Community Choir** is a member of DGMC. For more information, call (630)-999-1190 or visit www.cantorescc.org.

College of DuPage Chamber Orchestra (CODCO): Director, **Dan D'Andrea**. For more information about orchestra openings or upcoming concerts at McAninch Arts Center, contact Dan at (630) 322-9187.

Next concert is ... **Monday, Oct. 24 at 5:00 PM**

Debe Welch Band: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.debewelch.com for details.

Downers Grove Arts Council: The DG Arts Council was formed in 2008 to promote not-for-profit Fine & Performing Arts in Downers Grove. Contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com or visit the council's website at www.dgarts.org for more info.

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director Dr. Amy G. Weller. Visit www.dgcs.org.

Grant Street String Quartet: This quartet was formed in 2010 by four professional musicians in the western suburban area of Chicago. It is based in Downers Grove and is a member of DGMC. For more information, please visit: www.grantstreetstringquartet.weebly.com.

Pianoforte of Chicago: President **Thomas Zoells**, Fazioli Pianos. Visit www.pianofortefoundation.org or phone Mr. Zoells at (312) 291-0000 for the many upcoming concerts. On the first Friday of every month, at 12:15 PM, listen to the *Pianoforte Salon Series at Columbia College Chicago* on WFMT 98.7 FM or enjoy the live performance at the Sherwood Conservatory.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Concerts held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Individual tickets are available at the door. Single tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors and \$5 Students under 21, Free – 6 & under. For more details, visit www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org or call (630) 384-5007.

Village Voices: This group was founded in 2006 by Director **Marilyn Wilgocki**. It includes 32 singers. Their music includes spirituals, gospel tunes, jazz, Broadway show songs, folk music and other light-hearted choral music. **Sarah Jett Flanagan** is their accompanist. For further information, visit www.villagevoicesdg.org or contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 PM: *Village Voices* will perform at DGMC's first program of the 2011-2012 season. See page 2 for all the details.

The West Towns Chorus: an international quality barbershop style men's chorus. www.westtowns.org

Future Newsletters

Whenever you have any items you would like included in the newsletter, please e-mail them to Charlotte Ewing at CharEwing@aol.com or call her at 630-985-8472. The deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, October 15.