

# DGMC Newsletter

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At the Open Board Meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we decided to send out a special summer newsletter to share some of the new information covered at the meeting and to give our president, Marilyn Wilgocki, a chance to highlight some noteworthy items from the club year which just ended.

## **Highlights from 2009-2010**

- Twelve new members joined us this year! Welcome to Josh Evanovich, Sylvia Wade, Catherine Crilly, Sharon West, Jim Stahulak, Michael Surratt, Chris Garofalo, Brad Wilson, Andrew Remillard, Clete Davis, Christopher Cox and Willy Han.
- The by-laws have experienced a complete revision. Many hours and much work have resulted in an up-to-date document, formally approved at the May program.
- We were able to award six \$200 scholarships to deserving high school juniors – three at Downers Grove North High School and three at South High School. These gifts will be used to further each student's musical education.
- Chris Garofalo presented a beautiful recital in his home, using clavichord, harpsichord and piano. This event served as a most enjoyable fundraiser for the club.
- Cindy Jensen, as treasurer, is pursuing the investigation of applying for 501(c)(3) status for our organization. Among other benefits, this status will allow us to receive monies which are tax-deductible for the donor.
- Both piano festival and string festival were successful, with many, many students participating – a worthy endeavor for all.
- We have lost two strong supporters of Music Club this year – Megan Jones and Elizabeth Jacot. Their contributions were substantial and they will be greatly missed.

## **East Meets West**

Our final program of the season was a great success! We were treated to a delightful program of Asian music from the Dong Fang Chinese Chorus, American music from the Upside Downers quartet and two 2009 DGMC Scholarship winners. Look on our website for pictures.

## *Hello from your Prez ...*

This has been a year of much work with many accomplishments. I am proud of the work which has been done by our dedicated, effective team: Sarah Flanagan, vice-president; Rose Verona, secretary; Cindy Jensen, treasurer; Gloria Salazar, member-at-large; Darlene Crilly and Eve Ciner, piano festival co-chairs; Char Ewing, newsletter editor; Mary Ellen Newsom, string festival chair; Todd Diehl, music education chair; Christopher Cox, communications chair; Lorie Crnkovich, membership directory chair; and Nancy Munding, who wears many hats as our historian (pro tem), social chair and publisher of the newsletter. What an amazing team of hard-working, intentional musicians!

Personally, I would like to see improved attendance at our monthly programs. They are well done, they are free and they deserve your attendance and support. Let's see if we can make the first Tuesday evening of the month a priority, beginning with this October. We thank both the Steinway Store and Faith United Methodist Church for hosting our programs throughout the year.

Happy Summertime to each of you. Check out the website from time to time ([dgmusicclub.org](http://dgmusicclub.org)); Christopher Cox is keeping us all up-to-date. If you have a musical friend who might like to join our club, invite him or her to view the website - a good way to get to know all about us.

*Blessings to you all,*

*Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

## **In Memoriam**

We were sorry to learn that a longtime DGMC member, Elizabeth Jacot, passed away at the end of April. Elizabeth was known to many of us as "Lib" and, among other things, will be remembered for the many times she accompanied us at Club events for sing-a-longs.

Recently, Marilyn Wilgocki visited with Ed Jacot (Lib's husband of 68 years) to present him with two books as a gift from the Music Club in loving memory of his wife. He was deeply touched that the club would remember her in such a way and was going immediately to present the books to the library at Fairview Village (where the Jacots live) for use by its residents. One book features brief synopses of operas with beautifully colored illustrations. The other book is a large sing-a-long piano/vocal score of many familiar songs down through the ages. Ed extends his deep appreciation to the Music Club for this wonderful remembrance of his dear wife.

## **High School Music Scholarship Awards**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the DGMC scholarships were presented at both Downers Grove high schools. Glenn Williams, the music department chair at DGS, awarded the following students: Alexandria Osborn (flute), Sherilyn Munoz (clarinet) and Elliot Bild (trumpet). Marilyn Wilgocki presented awards to the following DGN students: Caroline Sterr (soprano), Colin Ludlow (bass) and Isaac Stevenson (percussion). All six have outstanding credits and achievements in their areas of expertise.

## **Piano Festival & Competition**

You can view pictures of the recent Honors Recitals on our website. The date for the next Piano Festival has already been set: Sunday, April 11, 2011. The honors recitals will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011.

## **Organizations and Events**

**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.

**Wednesday, June 30 at 7:30 PM** performs Mozart's "Haffner" and "Clarinet Concerto in A Major" (with guest soloist Andrea DiOrio) and Rossini's "Tancredi Overture."

**Debe Welch Band:** with **Anny Moravec**. Visit [www.debewelch.com](http://www.debewelch.com) for details.

Performing at the DG Classic Car Show on: **Friday, July 30 at 7 PM** and **Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 PM**

**McNichols Studio for the Performing Arts:** presents an Open Mic Nights on the first Friday of each summer month. An accompanist will be provided – please bring sheet music. Cover is \$5, unless you are singing. Location is 5225 Main Street, DG. Call (630) 852-1957 for more info.

**Friday, July 2 and Friday, Aug. 6:**

**Session 1: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM** is for younger singers only, ages 11 – 14 (or middle school age)

**Session 2: 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM** is for all ages, 14 and up

## **Thank You**

Caroline Sterr, one of the scholarship winners from DGN writes:

*Dear Music Club,*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship! I'm so excited to be able to continue my voice lessons over the summer. It will definitely be essential in preparing for college auditions. And it's all possible because of you!*

*Thanks!*

*Caroline Sterr*

## **New Member**

We are happy to welcome a new member, **Willy Han**. Willy plays classical guitar at Faith United Methodist Church. Please add Willy's contact information to your directory:

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Woodridge, IL 60517  
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[wzhwilly@hotmail.com](mailto:wzhwilly@hotmail.com)

## **DGMC Notes**

♪ The Dues Schedule for the next (2010-2011) club year was set at the Open Board meeting as follows:

- Individual - \$30
- Family - \$35
- Student - \$10

♪ All board members and committee chairs please note: there will be a summer board meeting at 3:00 pm on August 8, 2010 at Rose Verona's home.