

DGMC Newsletter

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Hello from your Prez ...

Spring greetings to you all! And these are busy "performing months," aren't they? Those of us in school music, church music, community music and even private teaching have May circled as a "performing month."

In spite of all our busyness, do try to attend the last event of DGMC's 2009-2010 program year. "East Meet West" is an intriguing title - be sure to read further in the newsletter for more details. You're going to hear some musical sounds which will perk up your ears and put a smile on your face. Hope to see you **Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church.

Your board officers and committee chairs have been working very, very hard at their monthly meetings, taking care of the usual business, but also pursuing growth and new ideas for our club. By-laws revision is at the top of the list right now. We are also investigating becoming a 501(c)(3) organization which will allow us to do many exciting and new ventures and will also allow those who contribute to our club to appreciate a tax write-off. Stay tuned for this progress.

On May 18, DGMC high school music scholarship awards will be presented at both Downers Grove North and South High Schools. We can't yet publish their names but know they will certainly be deserving of the recognition.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is the announcement of new officers and a new committee chair. Check this out. These people deserve our thanks and our support in so many ways. Speak with them if you have ideas, suggestions and just say "thanks!"

Enjoy the beauty of the season. Enjoy music in special ways. Keep in touch.

*Blessings to you all,
Marilyn E. Wilgocki*

East Meets West

Our final program of the season, "East Meets West," features two very different ensembles. In addition, two students who, at the last minute, were unable to perform at the Rising Stars program will be on our May 4th concert.

The Choral Group of the Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts Association was part of our choir festival last year and volunteered to return to provide the "East" part of our program. The Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts Association exists to "perform Chinese music and arts and to foster a growing appreciation amongst all peoples." The entire association encompasses over 150 performers in 5 groups: chorus, dance theater, Chinese Opera and Chinese Variety Arts. Dong Fang is based in Naperville, but its performers come from all over the Chicago area.

To represent the "West," a quartet from The West Towns Chorus will entertain us with barbershop harmony.

April Program

Thank you to Todd Diehl, who chaired the April 6th program at the Steinway Store. It was an excellent and interesting concert. We hope you enjoy seeing some of its highlights on the picture collage on page 3 of the newsletter.

Benefit Concert was a Success

Kudos once again to Chris Garofalo for an outstanding "house concert" on April 11. Not only did Chris play beautifully, but he explained and demonstrated the three keyboard instruments in his home - clavichord, harpsichord and grand piano. It was a delightful afternoon, complete with yummy, yummy refreshments and a good time for conversation. It appears that our endeavors presented us with approximately \$450 of additional income. Thank you!

Piano Festival & Competition

The Piano Festival & Competition was held on April 18th at three different locations - Faith Church, Southminster Church and Marilyn Wilgocki's home. Over 122 students participated in five festival levels, plus two competition levels.

There will be three Honors Recitals on **Sunday, May 2nd** at **1:30 pm, 2:45 pm** and **4:00 pm** at Faith United Methodist Church. Please join us for an afternoon of piano music by very talented young students.

Winners of the senior competition are: Shannon Fu (1st place) and Sunameeka Panigrahy (2nd place).
 Winners of the junior competition are: Simone Ymson (1st place), Kevin Li (2nd place) and Emily Tsai (3rd place). Shannon and Emily are students of Donna Kovarik. Simone is taught by Lori Graves, Kevin by Jane Timmerberg and Sunameeka by Jean Taylor.

New Officers and Committee Chair

Elections were held at the April 6th meeting for three board positions. Cindy Jensen was re-elected Treasurer. Many thanks to Cindy, who has graciously picked up the extra work involved in moving our club towards 501(c)(3) status and is still willing to serve another term. Todd Diehl was elected Vice President. He will be replacing Sarah Jett Flanagan, who has done an excellent job in the term she is just finishing. We really appreciate her, as a relatively new club member, jumping right in and working so hard to make sure our monthly programs happen as scheduled. And we are very excited that our newest club member, Josh Evanovich, will be our Member-At-Large. He replaces Gloria Salazar, who has been a much appreciated part of the board. Gloria has volunteered to become our Music Education Chair. Thank you to Todd, who stepped in and filled the Music Ed position for the 2009 – 2010 season.

DGMC Notes

♪ **Congratulations to Sarah Jett Flanagan and Peter Flanagan** (both DGMC members) who were married on March 27, 2010!!!

♪ Mary McNichols is hosting “Open Mic” nights at her new studio (5225 Main Street), one Friday a month this summer. These Open Mic nights will consist of two sessions. The first session is for younger singers only, ages 11 – 14 (or middle school age). Session 2 is for all ages 14 and up. The Open Mic nights coincide with the summertime Friday Night Classic Car Shows in Downers Grove. The first Open Mic night is May 21st and then on the first Fridays of each month thereafter. Please turn to page 4 for more specific details.

♪ The Debe Welch Band, of which Anny Moravec is an integral part, will also be performing at the Friday Night Classic Car Shows – at 7 pm on July 30th and August 27th.

East Meets West

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

7:30 PM

**Fellowship Hall
 Faith United Methodist Church**

59th Street and Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

<i>Pastoral Song</i>	<i>A Mongolian folk song</i>
<i>A La Mu Han</i>	<i>An Uygur folk song</i>
<i>Longing For Hometown</i>	<i>A Tibet folk song</i>

Dong Fang Choral Group

<i>You Don't Know my Heart</i>	<i>A Chinese pop song</i>
<i>Farewell, My Friend</i>	

Dong Fang Men's Quartet

Min Bao, Weiping Fan, Li Zhang, Yanbin Wang

<i>Se tu m'ami</i>	<i>Parisotti</i>
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**Catherine Krygeris, soprano
 Ingrid Mueller, piano**

<i>All My Loving</i>	<i>John Lennon & Paul McCartney</i>
<i>My Wild Irish Rose</i>	<i>Chauncey Colcott</i>
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Randy Newman</i>
<i>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</i>	<i>George David Weiss</i>
<i>Sh-Boom</i>	<i>Keyes, Feaster, Feaster, McRae & Edwards</i>
<i>Love Letters</i>	<i>Edward Heyman & Victor Young</i>
<i>Good Night Sweetheart</i>	<i>Calvin Carter & James Hudson</i>

Men's Barbershop Quartet
from The West Towns Chorus

<i>Concerto in E-flat</i>	<i>Glazounov</i>
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**Lauren Wood, alto saxophone
 Marilyn Wilgocki, piano**

<i>Peach Blossom</i>	<i>A Shan Xi folk song</i>
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Dong Fang Women's Ensemble

<i>Oh, Steppe, My Beautiful Home</i>	<i>A Mongolian folk song</i>
<i>Lullaby (in Chinese)</i>	<i>Music by Brahms</i>
<i>Jasmine Flower</i>	<i>A Jiang Su folk song</i>

Dong Fang Choral Group

Program Chairperson ~ Barbara Dickerman

♪ Village Voices, a vocal group founded and directed by Marilyn Wilgocki, is having their annual spring concert, *A Potpourri of Song*, on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., DG. Sarah Jett Flanagan is the accompanist.

♪ Thanks to Tom Ewing for providing us with *Fun Facts*. We hope you have enjoyed them.

Open Board Meeting

The final board meeting of the season is our Open Board Meeting. **ALL** members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held on **May 16th at 4:30 pm** at Faith United Methodist Church.

The newly elected officers begin their term of office at the Open Board Meeting, after all business for the 2009-2010 year has been completed. All officers and committee chairpersons must present a report of their activities for the past year, in triplicate, at this meeting.

By-Law Revisions

As Marilyn mentioned in her letter, revising our club's by-laws has been a priority of the board this year. A special board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27th to, hopefully, complete the revisions. We will then send all members a copy of our recommended changes before the May 4th program, at which time they would need to be approved for them to be in place by the start of the 2010-2011 club year. If you are currently receiving your newsletter by e-mail, the revisions will be e-mailed to you. Otherwise, the revisions will be mailed to you. Please take time to read the revisions and come to the May program to vote on them. You will be treated to a wonderful musical event as well.

Future Newsletters

Please e-mail any items you would like included in the newsletter to Charlotte Ewing at CharEwing@aol.com or call her at 630-985-8472. This is the last newsletter of the season. Deadline for the first one next year is September 15, 2010.



Pictures from April 6th program (above and left) and Benefit Concert (below) with Chris Garfalo.



Organizations and Events

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

Advent Chamber Orchestra: For more information, visit www.adventchamberorchestra.org, call 630-226-0686, or call **Elizabeth Quaintance**, 630-963-3813.

Roxana in Recital includes works by Rachmaninov, Brahms, Dinicu, Dvorak and Mozart, featuring violinist Roxana Pavel Goldstein and pianist Matthew Ganong. Two free performances:

- **Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 PM** at the Naperville Public Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., Naperville
- **Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 PM** at First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs. Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

Affinity String Trio: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit www.myspace.com/affinitystringtrio for details.

Artists' Showcase West: Downers Grove Concert Association series. See www.dgconcerts.org or call (630) 963-9093.

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 ... **Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 PM**

DGMC Piano Honors Recitals culminate the Piano Festival & Competition. All recitals will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 59th Street and Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove

Sunday, May 2 at 1:30 PM, 2:45 PM and 4:00 PM

Debe Welch Band: with **Anny Moravec**. Visit 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**

Downers Grove Arts Council: contact President **Jim Stahulak** at jimstahulak@yahoo.com

Downers Grove Choral Society: Director **Robert Holst**. Visit www.dgcs.org.

McNichols Studio for the Performing Arts: presents an Open Mic Night, celebrating the music of the 40's and 50's, as well as musicals such as *Grease*, *Hairspray* and *Bye Bye Birdie*. 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, May 21: "You're the One that I Want" will be presented in two sessions.

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

North Riverside Players present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Scheck Village Commons, 2401 S. Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside. Musical Director is **Jim Stahulak**. Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$13 Seniors/Students and \$9 Children under 12. For tickets and info: call Terri Gustafson at (708) 447-1297.

Performances: **Friday, Apr. 30 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, May 1 at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM; Sunday, May 2 at 2:30 PM.**

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. Every Friday 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 Sherwood Conservatory.

Salt Creek Sinfonietta: **Dan D'Andrea**, Director. Concerts held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 E. 1st. St., Hinsdale. 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.saltcreeksinfonietta.com or call (630) 415-2899.

Sunday, May 2 at 3 PM: performs Danzi's *Symphony in C Major, op 25* and Schumann's *Piano Concerto in A, op 54*, featuring Dennis Dorris, pianist

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, contact **Marilyn** at 630-971-1594.

Sunday, May 2 at 3 PM: presenting their annual spring concert, *A Potpourri of Song*, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St. DG. Admission is free.

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

ANSWER (from Fun Facts. page 2)

The average tension in a piano string is around 165 pounds. That makes the total string tension in a concert grand over Twenty Tons!