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Hello from your Prez ...

Spring greetings to everyone! As I write this note, we look forward to a wonderful benefit recital with Chris Garofalo at his home on March 19. The String Festival has already taken place and its Honors Recital will follow on March 20. The Piano Festival is scheduled for April. We thank Mary Ellen Newsom (String Festival Chair) and Darlene Crilly and Eve Ciner (Piano Festival Co-chairs) for their excellent planning and implementing of these important events for the musical youth of our community.

A major topic addressed by your board recently has been the scholarship money offered by the family of Beatrice Chiswick. Bee's family has designated piano scholarship money as well as scholarship assistance for our high school awards. We are so very appreciative of this tribute to a dear musical friend who was a faithful member of Downers Grove Music Club for many, many years.

Many of us enjoyed a great afternoon of music as performed by the newly-formed Symphonietta Bel Canto, Sunday, March 13. We were honored as a club as this orchestra presented their program as a tribute to Downers Grove Music Club.

I urge each of you to attend the April program on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church. Not only will you enjoy a fine program of music for string instruments coordinated by Christopher Cox but, according to our bylaws, you will be asked to vote for three board officers.

You might want to check out the website <http://events.downers.us/> for the Village of Downers Grove. You will see some of DGMC's programs listed there, according to month. Remember that each of us bears a responsibility to increase the visibility of our club. We have lots of accomplishments about which we can be proud. So ... get the word out, invite a friend to a program, or share this newsletter with a neighbor.

Blessings to you all ...
Marilyn E. Wilgocki

April Program

Be sure to join us on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church for *Let's All String Along!* As you can see on page 2, program chair, Christopher Cox, has included a wide variety of stringed instruments and a wide variety of ways to play those strings in what is sure to be a great program.

String Festival and Competition

The String Festival was a great success! Thirteen students performed in the Winners Recital on March 20th, each playing his/her "best" piece on the hour-long program. All performers had earned a score of at least 95; those with scores of 99 or higher were awarded a medal. Two students achieved a PERFECT (110) score: Ellie Krick, Level 1 student of Catherine Crilly and Silas Luk, Level 2 student of Mary Ellen Newsom.

This was the first year in which we had a student enter the junior or senior division. Theresa Sterner (cellist) is a student of Dorothy Deen and attends Benet Academy and plays in the orchestra, as well as the pit orchestra for school musicals. In fact, you can hear Theresa again because she is playing in our April concert.

Mary Ellen Newsom deserves many thanks for organizing the string festival. Many thanks also go to the piano accompanists: Darlene Crilly, Megan Hassinger and Donald Newsom. We would LOVE to see increased participation by more local string teachers next year!

Piano Festival and Competition

The Piano Festival begins on Sunday, April 10th. Co-chairs Darlene Crilly and Eve Ciner have all the judges and locations in place, but they still need a few volunteers. Specifically, they need two hosts on April 10th and a few people to serve refreshments at the Honors Recitals on May 1st. To volunteer, call Darlene at (630) 968-0591.

March Program

Many thanks to Gloria Salazar, program chair, and Chris Garofalo, who assisted her in presenting us with an excellent "Rising Stars" concert in March. All who attended agreed that there was "a lot of talent" on that program.

Benefit Recital

Twenty-eight guests enjoyed a very special evening on March 19th when Chris Garofalo opened his home and shared his talent – all to benefit DGMC “Rising Star” scholarships! Ticket sales and donations totaled over \$800. Some pictures are on page 3. A full set of pictures will be posted on our website in the near future.

DGMC Notes

♪ We are so thankful to report that, as of our March 6th board meeting, the Beatrice L. Chiswick Scholarship fund contained \$730.

♪ As Marilyn mentioned in her letter, the Sinfonietta Bel Canto designated their March 13th concert as a tribute to DGMC. Thanks to Dan D’Andrea, founder/director, for this honor and hooray for Todd Diehl, Elizabeth Quaintance, Ted and Andrea Anderson, Jann Mochelle, Jim Stahulak, Barbara Keller and Brad West (son of Lynn West) – all Music Club members who sang so well in the opera portion of the program.

♪ At the April 5th DGMC program we will have elections for the three offices with terms ending in May, 2011 (President, Secretary and Member-at-Large). The nominating committee, consisting of Edith Larson, chair, along with Barbara Dickerman and Abi Demirgian, will present a slate of officers specifically for these positions. Of course, nominations from the floor can also be offered.

♪ Chris Garofalo’s original choral work *Alleluia* will be one of the selections performed at the College of DuPage on **Thursday, April 28th at 7:30 pm.** *Alleluia* will be directed by Lee Kesselman. Also see page 4.

Happy Endings

As many of you know, Marilyn Wilgocki and Vivian Pearson Borrink enjoy performing two-piano music together. They needed to find a new location for their September 19th concert and decided Hendricks Pianos would work well. They mailed Hendricks a check for the \$75 rental fee – only to have the check returned. Why? By mistake, a Hendricks employee had told another customer they did not charge for using their recital facilities. Bill, the VP at Hendricks could not allow Marilyn and Vivian to pay when another party was getting it free and would not listen to any arguments to the contrary. To stop further discussion, he asked Marilyn “how about giving that money to the Downers Grove Music club as part of a scholarship?” And that is how DGMC has received a \$75 bonus!

Let’s All String Along!

**Tuesday, April 5 , 2011
7:00 PM**

Faith United Methodist Church
432 Fifty-Ninth Street, Downers Grove

PLUCK those strings

Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody
Brahms' Lullaby arr. Gail Barber
Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen, arr. Sylvia Woods
June Apple Traditional Scottish Reel, arr. Nancy Hurrell
Tapestry Harp Circle
*Cathy Eyberger, *Jan Gochenaur, *Marcia Hosni,
*Linda Steed, Marilyn Wilgocki, *Debby Williams

HAMMER those strings

Reflections in D Duke Ellington
Chris Garafalo, piano

BOW those strings

Vidui from "Baal Shem" Ernest Bloch
Clete Davis, violin
Prelude, Suite No. 1 in G Major, S1007 J. S. Bach
*Theresa Sterner, cello

PLUCK those strings

Shir Al Etz Traditional Israeli tune, arr. Cecile Corbel
*Jan Gochenaur, harp

STRUM those strings

Classical Guitar Solo by Willy Hann
Banjo/Mandolin Solo by Brad Wilson

PLUCK those strings

Rosin the Beau Old Irish Tune, arr. Nancy Hurrell
Tapestry Harp Circle
Greensleeves Traditional, arr. Kim Robertson
*Cathy Eyberger, harp & Marilyn Wilgocki, harp
Harps & Violin Variations on Simple Gifts Shaker Tune
Clete Davis, violin

STRUM, PLUCK, HIT & BANG those strings

Drifting and December
*Nick Alcantara, rhythm guitar

Program Chairperson: Christopher Cox

Benefit Concert Photo Gallery



Fun Facts: Which of the instruments featured in the *Benefit* (and pictured in this gallery) has the black and white key colors reversed?

Organizations and Events

Acappellago: Director, **Dennis Smith**, www.Acappellago.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.

The ACO presents soloists David Perry, violinist, and Elias Goldstein, violist, in a program of two Bach concertos and a Schubert Rondo for solo violin and strings. There will be two local performances of this concert, plus a live broadcast on Wisconsin Public Radio:

Saturday, Mar. 26 at 7:30 PM at Hinsdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak St., Hinsdale

Sunday, Mar. 27 at 12:30 PM: live broadcast on WPR.ORG of the program at the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison, WI.

Sunday, Mar. 27 at 7:30 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville

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 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

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

College of DuPage Student Concert: at the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage. For more information, visit www.AtTheMAC.org.

Thursday, Apr. 28 at 7:30 PM: Student Concert will include a performance of *Alleluia* by **Chris Garofalo**.

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 **Robert Holst**. Visit www.dgcs.org.

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.

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

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

Saturday, Mar. 26 at 5:00 PM: West Towns Chorus presents its Spring Show, *This Isn't Your Grandfather's Barbershop*, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville. The show features several outstanding guest quartets, as well as many selections from *The Student Prince*.

If 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. Dead-line for the next newsletter is April 15, 2011.

ANSWER (from **Fun Facts**, page 3)