

Letter from the President

June 3, 2014

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

This has been another highly successful and very eventful season for the Woodbridge Music Club. Our club offers so much to the community and to each of our members – high quality music programs open to the public, numerous competitions and recitals for students, workshops and other learning opportunities for music teachers, performance opportunities (house concerts, the annual Members' Concert and solo programs), concerts highlighting our composer members – the list goes on and on. The concerts this year were top notch, and we ended the season with an exciting performance by the Attacca String Quartet at the Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Center. During the season we had three student recitals, engaged our students in the NFMC/VFMC Festival in February, and awarded over \$2500 to winners of our scholarship competitions - the Kiki Thomaidis Piano Scholarship Competition, the WMC Instrumental Competition, the WMC Vocal Competition, and the Senior Scholarship Competition. We celebrated the holidays with four Christmas in Occoquan concerts and a house concert in December. We will end the season with a house concert this coming Saturday at the home of Katie Largent (9413 Beauregard Avenue, Manassas). (This is the final performance function of the season. I know it is a busy time of the year, but I hope you participate in this event, as a performer or a listener, and keep these house concerts alive! RSVP Katie Largent at katieKT@verizon.net and remember to bring a food/drink item for our social hour following the performance.) All in all, the Woodbridge Music Club has offered much to our community this year, and we can be proud of our organization and its accomplishments.

I want to thank all those members who helped out and/or attended the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs (VFMC) Convention in May. The display that the WMC put up was fabulous, and the attendance at the programs and the meals was heartwarming. My husband, Paul, and I thank all of you who attended our concert. By and far, the “showing” of the WMC throughout the convention was tremendous. *(A little aside: I am also the Director of District II within that organization and hosted that event. The Woodbridge Music Club is one of the senior clubs in the VFMC and the NFMC and consequently you are all members of the VFMC and of the NFMC. The mission of this wonderful organization is to promote American music and musicians. They do this in many ways - by sponsoring Festival in February, the Mary Smart Competition in May, Young Composer's Contests, and numerous other competitions open to our students. It is beneficial to support the VFMC/NFMC to keep these opportunities available for our students and ultimately to keep music alive in our communities.)*

Looking to the future, it is that time of year to renew our memberships in the club. I have included the WMC Membership Application for the 2014-15 season below. You can also find it on the web site and print it off. The deadline for submitting dues without a late fee is July 1. I encourage you to submit your renewals as soon as possible - before the summer really begins - so that we have ample time to include your information in the WMC yearbook for next season. Many of you are members or directors of different performance groups. Please

spread the word about our club and encourage others to join. This is a music organization for anyone who loves music. Our membership includes professional musicians, music teachers, amateur musicians, and music lovers. We welcome and encourage all to join us. Also, I know we are all busy – so busy some years that we can't add another thing to our plate. However, if the time is right, and you can volunteer in some way, please consider doing so. A little help goes a long way, and a little help from a lot of people always leads to success!

I am thrilled to announce that we have a new slate of officers for next season, comprised of four terrific individuals – Dr. Rebecca Crowley, our current Vice President, will become our new President. Suzan Kiepper Krannich, one of our newest members this year, will be Vice President. Dr. Zuill Bailey has agreed to be treasurer, and Katie Largent will be secretary. Please come to the spring luncheon next Monday, June 9, and welcome them in as they are installed. If you can come, even at the last minute, please do. Advance notice is requested but not required. RSVP June Shuffett at musicnowornever@aol.com. (Luncheon location: Cheesecake Factory, Potomac Mills – 11:30 a.m.)

As we close the 2013-14 Season, I will complete my tenure as president of the Woodbridge Music Club. I have enjoyed serving as your president for the past six years and am proud to be a member of such a fine club. I am very grateful for all the support I have received from so many of you over the past six years, and I value the many friendships I have made during this time. As I look over the yearbooks since 2008, I am reminded of all who have stepped in to help, and who continue to be involved year after year, frequently in multiple ways. I congratulate each of you who has served as a chairman or a member of a committee – it was your hard work and commitment to the goals of the club that made us successful.

In particular, I would like to thank the members who have served with me as officers during my six-year tenure - Becky Crowley (2012-14 Vice President), June Shuffett (2008-12 Vice President), Pat Moler (Treasurer), and Betty McCary (Secretary). Your dedication to this club astounds me. Mucho kudos go to June Shuffett for all her hard work as events coordinator in arranging the many programs we have enjoyed over the past six years (and before that as well). Many, many thanks go to Bill Riski for setting up and maintaining our web site – our life line to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of the Woodbridge Music Club, and I extend best wishes for all of you as we continue to provide musical enrichment to the Woodbridge community in the future.

Musically,
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