

Letter from the President

May 10, 2010

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

Summer is just around the corner and with it brings the end of the 2010-11 year for the Woodbridge Music Club. It has been an active year and I am looking forward to next year.

I have included a copy of the WMC Membership Application below and also sent it as a separate attachment. This is a completely new form and includes questions that will enable us to better serve the members of the club. Please take the time to complete it and mail it in by **July 1** so that we can have sufficient time to prepare next year's WMC Yearbook and Directory.

The Woodbridge Music Club has continued to grow this year. We want to continue in this direction so that we have the resources to continue to bring in quality performing artists, provide teaching workshops, offer performance opportunities for our members in evening programs and house concerts, and provide more performance opportunities for our students. 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.

All of the officers have agreed to continue on in their present capacities for the next two years. As President, I am in the process of filling the different chair positions in the club. I definitely need your help to continue running this club smoothly and will be calling on some of you in the next few weeks. If you would be willing to help out in some capacity, please send me a note to let me know. This will help expedite the process. I really appreciate all the time and effort each and every one of you have put into this club over the past two years that I have been president and am hoping you will continue in the future.

Here is a listing of events that took place since the last newsletter.

- ◆ **The Saturday Evening Performance with John Schroeder and June Shuffett** took place April 17. The music was wonderful and the program was very well attended. We are so fortunate to have such musical talent in our club.
- ◆ **The Senior Scholarship Competition** took place on April 19. This competition is open to all music students regardless of instrument. There was stiff competition and 3 winners and 1 merit award winner were chosen. Congratulations to all.

First Place	Esther Quansah, piano	(student of June Shuffett)
Second Place	Haley Vaseghi, piano	(student of Lana Bailey)
Third Place	Leanna Smithberger, piano	(student of Elaine Brady)
Merit Award	Abigail Zadnik, piano	(student of June Shuffett)

- ◆ **National Music Week** took place this past week. Many thanks to Laura Riski and Terry Stackley for all the hard work and time spent in putting this entire week together. The week began with two recitals on Sunday, May 2 (the Gold Cup/Senior Scholarship Winners Recital and a Student Recital) followed by a performance at Westminster at Lake Ridge by the New Dominion Choraliers on Monday evening. On Tuesday David Crookston and Students performed a delightful harp program in the Atrium of the McCoart Building after which Corey Stewart, Chairman of the

PWC Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2-9 “National Music Week” and honored the Woodbridge Music Club. On Wednesday afternoon June and Robert Shuffett performed a program at Emeritus at Lake Ridge followed on Thursday evening by a performance of the SEAS Sanctuary Choir, again at Westminster. To end the week, Leslie Bennett presented a wonderful composition workshop for students. Thanks to all those club members who participated in any of these wonderful community events.

UPCOMING WMC EVENTS

- ◆ **Saturday Evening Performance - Attacca String Quartet - May 22 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (12975 Purcell Rd., Manassas). You won't want to miss an electrifying performance of this quartet from Julliard. *Please note the new date, time and place for this program, rescheduled from February.*
- ◆ **VFMC State Convention** – June 2-5 at the Crowne Plaza – Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA. The finals of the Mary Smart Competition take place on Saturday of this event. Members of our club are also members of NFMC and VFMC and therefore are welcome to attend this convention. See me for more information.
- ◆ **Spring Luncheon – Tuesday, June 15 at 11:30 am at Madigan's in Occoquan.** Installation of Officers will take place as well as a board meeting following the luncheon. *Note the new place for this event. Our originally scheduled place of meeting, Ospreys Landing, is now closed for business.*
- ◆ **House Concert – Saturday, June 19 at 5:00 pm at the home of Leslie Bennett.** This is our final house concert of the 2009-2010 season. Please think about performing and/or attending that evening to end our fiscal year. These concerts are intended to be an opportunity to perform pieces you are currently working on in a friendly, relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome to play or just listen. The result is always an enjoyable evening with friends and colleagues. A social hour will follow the performance. Donna Baldwin is unable to continue as House Concert Coordinator at this time. I will step in as contact person for this event even though I will be unable to attend this particular event.

Another upcoming community event has been brought to my attention by one of our members, Cathy Hill. Please consider attending. Her message to me read is as follows: *For our spring concert, the Celebrate Community Chorale is presenting a program of patriotic music at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle on Sunday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. This is an informal, “sing for the passers-by” performance, although I know many residents in our community will be there to enjoy our 40-minute performance in its entirety. The group is understandably thrilled, particularly since most of them are retired military. This is the day after Armed Services Day, which makes it even more meaningful, and the reason why we scheduled the performance at this later time in May, rather than during National Music Week. Since we are in WMC “territory”, I'd love it if some of our members were able to come cheer on this group of “newbies”. Some of our selections include: “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” (women), “Song of the Marines”, (a rousing song, not to be confused w/the Marine Hymn, sung by our 4 military guys!), a medley of service songs, and many other entertaining and well-known songs.”*

Musically,
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